

Sharing the Journey

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A Message from the Chief Executive Officer



Fredrick W. Erlich

As CEO, it is my privilege to attend many functions with our staff and our supported individuals and it is the part of my position that I **LOVE** the most!

Inside this issue of Sharing the Journey, we will be highlighting our many functions and the fun that we, as members of the Living Resources family share. Please remember to check out our upcoming events and be sure to join us on our Journey.

I hope to see you all soon!

Program Participant Picnic





Living Resources Partners with SUNY Schenectady on New “Career Next” Program



(from left to right: Chris Greagan, Board President, Living Resources; Fred Erlich, CEO, Living Resources; Dr. Steady Moono, President, SUNY Schenectady; and Gary Hughes, SUNY Schenectady Trustee and member Schenectady County Legislature.

On September 11, 2018 **SUNY Schenectady County Community College** (SUNY Schenectady) and Living Resources Corporation signed an agreement that will bring their “**Career Next**” Program to the College.

The **Career Next** program offers young adults with developmental/learning disabilities the opportunity to take classes, engage in student activities, make life-long friends, and then transition to work and an independent life. The program will feature career track training at SUNY Schenectady in classes that will be sponsored by Living Resources. Graduates of the Career Next program will receive a credited certificate and/or a credited degree from **SUNY Schenectady**.

“At **SUNY Schenectady** we are all about empowering our students with solid career training and providing a great college environment that is accessible to all,”

said Dr. Steady Moono, College President. “We are pleased to be partnering with **Living Resources** on their **Career Next** program.”

“Since 2005, **Living Resources** has been providing educational opportunities in collaboration with The College of Saint Rose through our **College Experience** program and we are pleased to expand our program to **SUNY Schenectady**,” said Fred Erlich, CEO of **Living Resources**.

“Living Resources continually seeks for ways to enhance the independence of the people we serve. This new partnership with **SUNY Schenectady** exemplifies our commitment to developing new and meaningful opportunities to support the lifelong success of these members of our community.” stated Christopher Greagan, Board President, Living Resources.

The **Career Next** Program at **SUNY Schenectady** will begin in January 2019. Students participating in the program will also have the opportunity to live at College Suites, a student housing complex located next to **SUNY Schenectady**.

For more information about Living Resources Career Next program contact Colleen Dergosits at 518-218-0000 x 4625 or cdergosits@livingresources.org.



College Experience Move in Day



Fifteen new students moved into the **College Experience** dorms this semester, ready to start a new chapter of their lives. Met at the door to assist with moving belongings were the **College Experience** staff and 25 returning senior students. Freshmen utilized the morning to move in and get settled, and concluded with a gathering on the Saint Rose campus where all new students and their families could meet.



As parents said their goodbyes, the freshmen students began a two-week orientation period preparing themselves for the start of the fall semester.

Capital District Brain Injury Awareness Day



Capital District Brain Injury Awareness Day was held on Friday August 24, 2018 at Tawasentha Park in Altamont.

Our key note speakers were **Rob Korotitsch** from the Department of Health and **Jacqui Raumonos** from our ABI Department. Multiple vendors were on site.



This event is presented every year by the **Injury Acceptance Maturation (I.A.M.)** group to raise awareness for the survivors of brain injuries and their journey to recovery.





Staff Appreciation Picnic



We had a wonderful **Staff Appreciation Picnic** at Cook Park this summer. Mother Nature surprised us and let the sun out just for our picnic. Approximately 280 staff and their families came out to enjoy barbecue from Capital Q's BBQ, ice cream from an Ice Cream Truck, a bouncy slide, games, karaoke and so much more.

Thanks to the **Staff Appreciation Committee** for putting this together and all who volunteered to make this day such a great success!





Wheels For Resources



Our First Annual **Wheels for Resources Car and Motorcycle Show** was held in August. The day started with rain, but once the weather blew through, we were able to check out the amazing cars. The "**Motorcycle Petting Zoo**" was a great interactive experience for those of us who have never sat on a motorcycle. Even CEO **Fred Erlich** got in on the action! We look forward to seeing you all next year at the Second Annual **Wheels for Resources!**

Check out more photos by following the link on our Facebook Page:

<https://www.facebook.com/media/set/?set=a.2401781153184860&type=1&l=4b58d086fa>





Ninth Annual GOLF TOURNAMENT

Our **Ninth Annual Golf Tournament** was held on **Friday, September 21, 2018** at the **Colonie Country Club**. The event raised funding for the many programs **Living Resources** provides, including the **College Experience**. Many of our CE students volunteered their services for the day and answered questions about their experiences in the program.

After the game, we enjoyed a wonderful Buffet Luncheon and Reception. Golf Chairperson and Foundation Board President, **Mike Quaranta**, and WNYT/News Channel 13 reporter, **John Craig** served as emcees for the event. Chief Executive Officer, **Fred Erlich** greeted us.

One of the highlights of the event was listening to **David Lieberman**, a College Experience graduate, speak about the many lessons he has learned during his CE years and post-graduation. David was followed by his father, Aaron who spoke about his son's accomplishments over the years, as well as what the **College Experience** means to his family.

Congratulations to all our winners; in first place, the Nationwide team of **Joe Daley, Joe White, Ross Setlow and Anthony Russo**. In second place, the BBL team of **Rob Cutro, Mike Platt, Alex Wright, and Jeff Campbell**. In third place, our Mobile Air Transport team of **Lee Horton, John Ingemie, Phil Pfeiffenberger and Schuyler Tilly!** Our Longest Drive Winners were **Pat Neary and Jen Richard**. Closest to the Pin were **Mike Quaranta and Kathleen Hull**. The winner of the Putting contest was **Dave Guthain**.

Proceeds from the **Golf Tournament** benefit the many programs of **Living Resources** including the **College Experience Program**. So the biggest winners of the day were the individuals that we serve! Thank you all for your support of our programs!





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SAVE THE DATE!

Here's a list of Upcoming Events you don't want to miss

Friday, October 12, from **5:00 – 8:00 pm** **Pop Up Art Exhibit & Reception** at Living Resources Beekman Street Art Gallery, **70 Beekman Street, Saratoga Springs**. The exhibit will feature works by local artist Ginny Scavuzzo, who will also be doing a demonstration using alcohol based inks.

Tuesday, October 16, all day, **Boscov's Friends Helping Friends fundraising event**. We are selling **\$5 passes** (entire proceeds go back to Living Resources) which entitles the bearer to a **25% discount shopping pass for eligible purchases at Boscov's**, as well as fabulous "register to win prizes" such as shopping passes and a whole lot more.

Friday, October 19, from **noon – 2:00 pm**, **Living Resources Day Services Award Presentation, Village of Colonie Family Recreation Center, 2 Thunder Road, Colonie**. This event is so much fun and really highlights so many of our individuals and their achievements.

Sunday, October 28, from **1:00 – 3:00 pm**, we are hosting our first **Night of the Living Resources Trunk or Treat** at our headquarters at **300 Washington Avenue Extension, Albany**. Another free family fun event open to the public!



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