

Gateway Community Industries, Inc.

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The Gateway Mission

Gateway Community Industries, Inc. assists people in choosing, acquiring, using, and maintaining the skills and supports necessary to achieve success and satisfaction in their lives. We accomplish this through integrated vocational, therapeutic, residential and business services.



Vision:

To be a leader in supporting individuals as they strive to achieve a hopeful, satisfying, active, and contributing life.

Hope

Recovery

Respect

Teamwork

Excellence

NYSID William B Joslin Award Winner PETER CRAVEN



Award winner Peter Craven (left), Peter and his sister Jackie (center) Peter and Françoise Dunefsky (right)

Welcome to the Fall/Winter Edition of the Gateway Community Newsletter

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Congratulations, **Peter Craven** for being named one of the Outstanding Performers for 2012 by NYSID, (New York State Industries for the Disabled). Peter is a multi talented gentleman who resides in his own apartment. Peter first came to Gateway in 1978, and was one of Gateway's first Supported Employment participants. He began his journey with Gateway working in the shipping and receiving department. Peter is a man of many talents, including record keeper, office clerk, inventory worker, janitor, tax processor, and handyman. In 2008, Peter was hired for Gateway's Custom Cleaning enclave to work on the prestigious NYSID DEP (Department of Environmental Protection) contract. Peter quickly acclimated to the physical

environment and work demands. Peter takes pride in each task that is assigned to him. He also likes to make suggestions to help improve and make tasks easier. These ideas are welcomed by supervisory staff and at times incorporated into the workplace. He also is considered a mentor for new Custom Cleaning staff. He has stated that his 'overall' vocational goal is to continue his current position with Gateway and work on any additional NYSID contracts. More than anything Peter wishes to be recognized for his accomplishments and efforts. Françoise Dunefsky, President and CEO of Gateway, presented Peter with his award at a celebration in his honor in the Gateway Café on Monday, September 24, 2012 complete with all his peers and cake!

2012 Worker Awards

Kingston January 2012 to June 2012



Michael York



Outstanding Workers

Jonathan Drobnicki



Karin Goedecke, Most Improved



Sherrie Wygant, Outstanding Worker

New Paltz
January 2012
to
June 2012



Barbara LaRosa, Most Improved



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Dear Friends,

So many great things have happened at Gateway Community Industries since I wrote my last letter to you. Achievement and Success certainly come to mind and together with much thankfulness we feel blessed as the Holiday Season is upon us. Most non-for-profit organizations have had to meet new challenges in a turbulent economic environment and we are no exception. Despite a difficult job market we successfully supported many individuals facing barriers to employment. In December we will complete the second year of our OMH supported work center transformation. We developed new corporate partnerships in order to broaden work opportunities in the community, as well as hired workers as Gateway staff.

We celebrated the first anniversary of the expansion of the Ulster County Supported and Supportive IRA program. In Dutchess County we added Homeless Veterans beds. Our PROS program is about to complete its second year reaching near capacity of the program. Of course, none of this would be possible without the commitment of staff, service of Board members and volunteers, and support from our community.

On behalf of the "Gateway Family" I send you our wishes for Happy Holidays.

Fondly,

Françoise

Annual Fall Dance at The Old Dutch Church



The annual Gateway Fall Dance was held on Friday, October 26, 2012 at the Old Dutch Church in uptown Kingston. As in the past it was Halloween themed and many wore costumes. We had someone dressed as a photographer, a super hero and no Halloween party would be complete without someone dressed like the grim reaper!

Darcy McCourt, Residential Director donated the use of her professional size popcorn maker and all the fixings that popped enough popcorn for an army. Thank you Home Plate Deli for the donation of the huge subs and Di Bella's for donating the pizza. Thank you Gateway Café for also providing subs for the night's event. Everyone enjoyed the wonderful food. Thank you to Frank Banks, as usual the music was great which showed by the number of people on the dance floor. Thank you to the Old Dutch Church, we could not do this yearly event without your support and use of the Church hall.

Thank you to all the volunteers who donated their time for a wonderful yearly event that all our workers look forward to. Hope to see you all there next year. A special thank you to Christina Fabbie for organizing the dance this year, great job!

••••• "Disability is not a brave struggle or 'courage in the face of adversity.' Disability is an art". Neil Marcus •••••

Gateway and Community Partners, Shaping the Future!

The Solar Energy Consortium (TSEC) Partnership

Gateway was approached by **TSEC** in June to lease space we had available in our New Paltz facility. **TSEC** is an industry led not-for-profit founded by Vincent Cozzolino in 2007, headquartered in Ulster County and serving the Hudson Valley. As Founder & CEO, Vince spearheads the organization which has grown to include 95 industry and academic partners.

Gateway Industries is proud to be partnering with **TSEC** on two high-tech projects involving the assembly and testing of new LED lamps and the retro-fitting and upgrading of florescent fixtures to LED fixtures. They started leasing the space in August, where they plan to install a solar environmental testing lab, conference room and office. The lab will be a unique resource for many manufacturers of solar products state wide and will bring new and exciting ideas and products to the Hudson Valley.

Gateway is proud to have an up and coming high tech not-for-profit sharing its facility.

Gateway Providing Employment Candidates

SourceCorp is an international Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) and consulting firm that offers solutions and industry expertise to assist clients in transforming their business processes and accelerating business performance. In December, 2012, **SourceCorp** will be opening an office in Ulster County to perform data processing services for the New York State Department of Taxation and Finance.

SourceCorp is partnering with Gateway Community Industries to employ individuals with disabilities to meet their staffing needs.

SourceCorp plans to employ, at minimum, 45 full time workers with disabilities. To insure all eligible individuals have an opportunity to apply for these positions, Gateway is partnering with various agencies in Ulster County, including ACCES-VR, Ulster County Office of Employment and Training and the Department of Labor, to recruit individuals for the **SourceCorp** positions. A team of employment specialists from Gateway are pre-screening applicants to assess their ability to meet the minimum requirements of the data entry jobs...30 words per minute with 98% accuracy. Applicants who meet the minimum standards are referred to **SourceCorp** for an interview and an online typing test. As of mid-November, **SourceCorp** has offered positions to 68% of the pre screened applicants.

By December 1, **SourceCorp** plans to be operational. To support individuals who obtain employment at **SourceCorp**, Gateway will provide onsite job coaching services. For further information, please contact Helen Edelstein, Director of Vocational and Therapeutic services at 845- 331- 1261 extension 221 or email at

hedelstein@gatewayindustries.org.



New Facility in Ulster County



Spotlight on our Community Partners!

A Gateway Success Story

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. In recognition of this specially designated month, the Mid Hudson Employment Alliance each year holds an Awards Ceremony to honor employers in our community who have made special efforts to employ and support individuals with disabilities.

In 2012, Gateway nominated the Law Office of Thomas J. Minotti in recognition of their “going above and beyond to be flexible, supportive and accommodating” to an individual the law firm hired through Gateway’s Dutchess County Employment Services. This nomination resulted in the Law Office of Thomas Minotti receiving the 2012 Statewide National Disability Employment Awareness Award.

During the awards ceremony, Mr. Minotti and his staff were cited for being a “commendable employment partner in providing the accommodations and supports needed by their employee”. These supports and accommodations included adjusting the employee’s work schedule, creating a distraction-free work space, providing step by step directions to accommodate learning style, paying for the employee’s required law classes to reinstate his license and assisting the

employee with transportation. In addition to the work site accommodations, Mr. Minotti also assisted the employee in renting an apartment within close proximity to the law office and supplied the employee with a moving van to assist with his move. The law office also supplied the employee with a computer and internet access to allow him to do research at home, thereby, creating a flexible schedule for the employee to work nontraditional hours.

Gateway Community Industries congratulates the Law Office of Thomas J. Minotti, PC on their receipt of the 2012 Statewide Award.

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for strengthening the
Communities we live and work in!***

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The mission of the Gateway Foundation, Inc. is to provide Gateway Community Industries, Inc. with financial assistance to support its rehabilitation programs and ancillary services, and to provide an endowment fund for Gateway Community Industries' future viability and independence.

The 20th Annual Doug Maloney Memorial Golf Tournament

was held on Sunday, September 30, 2012 at the Rondout Country Club in Accord, New York. This event is held in honor of our friend and former Vice President, who was a long standing supporter of this event. His love of athletic pursuits, and most importantly his commitment to serving people with disabilities, left a legacy that inspires us all. Fun was had by all! The event was very successful with proceeds of \$9,445. Thank you to our Event Sponsor Empire Merchants North and the Eagle Sponsors, Command Credit Corporation, Health Stream Medical Associates, P.C., Med World, Rose & Kiernan and Ulster Federal Credit Union. A special thank you to Jay Andretta for his generous donation of \$25,000 to Gateway at the event.



Françoise Dunefsky, Brian Ginty and Gary Bellows Greeting the Golfers



Gateway Foundation Celebrates 55 Years of Service at the Annual Black, White & Green Masquerade Ball



The Gateway Foundation hosted its annual Black, White & Green Masquerade Ball on Saturday, November 3rd at the Wiltwyck Country Club. Our Emerald Anniversary celebrating 55 years of providing services to people with varying abilities in Ulster and Dutchess Counties. Honoring Mr. John Mizerak, Lifetime Achievement Award, Dr. Steven Silverman, Sub Rosa recipient and Mr. Marshall Beckman and Mr. Frank DeSiervo, Special Recognition Award. The event was sponsored by Ulster Savings Bank. A lifetime benefactor of the Gateway Foundation. The evening was filled with heartfelt speeches, music by Hot Rod, a mask contest and great food!



M. VanWyck, J. Miness and Honoree John Mizerak



Frankie & Sue Wallace enjoying the evening!

Gateway Foundation Donates New Laptop and Projector to the PROS C.R.E.A.T.E Program

The Gateway Foundation has once again answered the needs of Gateway Community Industries with their recent donation for the purchase of needed equipment. At their July meeting, the Foundation Board of Trustees approved the purchase of a new laptop computer and projector to be used for C.R.E.A.T.E. classes in the PROS program. The equipment will enhance the learning experience of students in this program and expand the teaching materials available to our facilitators. Stephanie Turco PROS Clinical Manager quoted "the projector and laptop have allowed us to access the rich library of online resources to enhance our services. For instance, we have been able to add morning guided meditation to our schedule. Many of our program participants find this practice calms them and begins their day in a more mindful way." Some of the participants have said, "The projector is nice because we get to see things, not just hear them or read information out of books and articles". "I really like my groups, especially now because we get to watch movies and clips. It's fun to have it for the morning Meditation and Relaxation, it give us a break from reading so much. I feel like I pay attention more sometimes, which is benefitting my mental health in a good way". "The projector is so cool. It is like adding variety to program, which I already enjoy but it makes it more fun and easier to concentrate on some of my issues when things are seen, not just heard from others".



Shining Stars

The annual **Employee Recognition Dinner** was held on Friday, October 19, 2012 at Stone Hedge in West Park. This year was a Hollywood theme complete with stars, popcorn and even a “**red carpet**”. There was delicious food, good company and lots of dancing. Françoise Dunefsky, President and CEO presented awards to staff with employment mile stones of 5 to 35 years. The highlight of the evening was Mary Ann Hildebrandt receiving her award for **35** years of service. Thank you to Stone Hedge for providing a wonderful venue, a delicious dinner and especially the Hollywood themed cake! Also thank you to Frank Banks (BOSS systems) for providing great dance music.



Artist “C.R.E.A.T.E.S” Art Show for PROS C.R.E.A.T.E Students



Matthew Lyndon Wells has been a budding artist since he was seven years old and over the years his art work has evolved into many forms. He helped “C.R.E.A.T.E” the first Art Show for the students of the PROS C.R.E.A.T.E University at Gateway. A showing of nineteen artists with 42 pieces, including paintings, drawings, and photography was held on Friday, November 9, 2012. Matthew was quoted saying “the show speaks for itself”. The show and reception was attended by many with light refreshments provided by the Gateway Café and live entertainment.



Above a sample of the pieces from the C.R.E.A.T.E. Art Show
Bottom right: Helen Edelstein presenting Matthew with his certificate of appreciation for all his hard work and dedication.

Calvin Wright

MIS Employee



Calvin Wright has been named Employee of the 1st Quarter for 2012

Calvin has been with Gateway since October of 1997. He was chosen as Employee of the 1st Quarter because he always cheerfully assists others when needed. Many times he goes above and beyond his responsibilities in MIS. Calvin is always pleasant and patient; never leaving a job incomplete. He has made dealing with computer problems a very efficient process.

Calvin always keeps a good sense of humor even if the computer he is working on is not cooperating. His work is much appreciated. Calvin is an asset to the MIS Department, as well as Gateway Industries.

Congratulations Calvin!

United Way Day of Caring 2012

Eight volunteers from Gateway went to People’s Place on Broadway in Kingston. They took part in several different volunteer duties, including working in the pantry, vacuuming, and adding a fresh coat of paint to two huge walls and if time permitting another back wall. Lucille Ruggieri one of the volunteers said “the group was in competition with itself to see all three walls completed. It was like a ballet, trimming out the walls, working with the ladders and maneuvering around the customers and other volunteers, but we got it done!”



Gateway Volunteers

Bank of America and the Facility Maintenance team from Gateway worked on two landscaping projects. One was at the Certified Apartment program, which involved removing old shrubs, planting some new donated shrubs, and enlarging and mulching the plant beds.

The second project was the ‘Paver’ project at Gateway Manor Residence. In the courtyard, volunteers placed engraved pavers to honor those who contributed time and resources to Gateway. Thank you to Bank of America for volunteering at Gateway. Everyone had a great time at all the projects and Su Marcy from the United Way was quoted saying “Gateway always has great projects”.

2011-2012 GATEWAY FOUNDATION HIGHLIGHTS

**With the support of local businesses, the Foundation raised over \$41,000.00 in 2011.
This success is only possible with the dedication of our volunteers
and the steadfast support of our community.**

Here are a list of things that the Gateway Foundation has been able to provide:

New wheelchairs for safe emergency evacuation of our facility were purchased

A Holiday Bonus for all Workers was provided in 2011 and 2012

The 2011 & 2012 Annual Fall Dance (see article on page 2)
and Annual Worker Picnic expenses were also offset by the Foundation!

A laptop and projector was purchased for the PROS C.R.E.A.T.E. program.
(see article on page 6)



Rich Donofrio, PROS Facilitator,
using laptop and projector
to teach class.

**All of this would not be possible without the
support of our donors!**

Thank You!



Greg Christnacht enjoying
cotton candy at the
2012 Worker Picnic!

2013 Foundation Events

**15th Annual
Gateway
Raffle
Friday, March 15th**

**Donor Recognition
May 2013**

**21st Annual
Doug Maloney
Memorial
Golf Tournament
Sunday, September 29th**

**Annual Gateway Gala
A Black & White
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