

Morris Arc honors area volunteers, civic groups

The Arc/Morris Chapter recognized more than 60 years of service at the annual meeting and awards night at the Frel-inghuysen Arboretum in Morristown.

More than 100 guests were on hand Wednesday, May 21, to recognize outstanding service to people with intellectual and related developmental disabilities.

The event honored nine individuals and organizations for their work in support of the non-profit organization, whose mission is the care, support and advancement of people with intellectual disabilities and their families, said a statement.

Award winners included Dr. Margery Mark for Health Care Professional, Adam DiLauro with the Bill Sackter Citizenship Award and Mary Giorlando with the Professional of the Year Award.

The Hanover Township Department of Parks and Recreation was also recognized with the agency's Distinguished Community Service Award. C.R. Bard and the Vanderbush Family received Best Friend Awards,

while Mary Ann Reilly received the Parent Guardian Award and Thomas Horn was given the 2014 Volunteer of the Year Award.

Frank Clancey of Bernardsville, was given the organization's highest honor for lifetime achievement, the Distinguished Service Award.

Volunteers and volunteer groups were also acknowledged for their contribution to the agency. They included local councils of the Knights of Columbus and the Masons, as well as other social and civic organization such as the Randolph Lions Clubs.

Local foundations and a number of area churches and schools were also acknowledged for their work with the non-profit agency. Individual volunteers were also thanked for the thousands of hours of time contributed to the organization.

Prior to the awards ceremony, the Arc held its annual meeting and elected Gwendolyn Utberg of Randolph as president, Katherine Cascioli of Montville as first vice president, Barry Levine of Denville as second vice presi-



Dr. Margery Mark of New Brunswick, middle, accepts the Health Care Professional of the Year Award from Thomas Baffuto, executive director of the Arc of New Jersey, right, and Carrie Schepisi of Chester.

dent, Wendy Abrahamson of Madison as treasurer and Tom Horn of Long Valley as secretary.

James Gallagher of Rockaway Township completed his third term as president and will serve as immediate past president of the organization. Four directors were re-elected to the board, including Peter Babits of Clifton,

Irene Hansen of Dover, Kathleen Hyland of Morristown and Philip Sheehy of Randolph.

Alan Adler of Morristown and Kathleen Ingargiola of Montville will begin new terms on the Board of Directors.

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