

**2008**  
**Mary Frawley Memorial Grant Recipients**  
**NYSADSP**

- 1) **Mountain Lake Services** – Central East Region – Awarded \$680.00 for the purchase of a computer for “The Mountain Weavers Guild”. This program encompasses all aspects of the industry approach to building skills and community connections. This will be done through the development of the fiber arts studio where consumers will plan, develop, implement and evaluate their goals and activities towards building relationships in the community on the basis of personal interests and abilities, rather than disability. Their progress will be assessed on a quarterly basis using evaluation tools. The consumers will have the ability to participate in fiber arts workshops and classes with professional artists and crafters year around.
- 2) **Block Institute** – NYC Region – Awarded \$500.00 for the purchase of equipment to take studio quality photographs of community persons and their families who would normally never have this opportunity. This grant titled “A Picture is Worth a Thousand Words” will have consumers going into shelters, nursing homes, veteran’s hospitals and food distribution centers. In addition, part of this project is to also take photographs of various social service agencies and areas of interest in their community to be put on display at local banks and libraries. This project will promote community inclusion and volunteerism.
- 3) **Crystal Run Village, Inc. Open Vistas-** Southeast Region- Awarded \$575.00 for the purchase of equipment to create a resource library and videos for program participants to teach vocational skills needed in order to obtain and maintain employment. Classes will include topics related to job readiness, assessment, vocational goal development, career exploration, development of interpersonal skills and work skills.
- 4) **The Arc of Schuyler** – Western Region – Awarded \$300.00 to make “Rice Therapy Bags”. Consumers will make the therapy bags and donate them to programs such as Hospice, The Cancer society, Schuyler Hospital and Office for the Aging. The consumers of this project are primarily Senior Citizens who want to give back to the community after losing a dear friend to cancer.
- 5) **Queens Center for Progress** – NYC Region- Awarded \$675.00 for “Clayworks”. The grant money will be used to purchase a potter’s wheel and supplies to teach pottery to consumers. These art pieces will then be given to isolated, lonely individuals in nursing homes. Consumers will provide a friendly visitation to nursing home to donate these items. They will also visit local art museums to learn about pottery and various forms clayworks.
- 6) **People Inc-** Western Region – Awarded \$1390.00 for the purchase of Powerlink Control Units and Airlink cordless Switches for the grant titled “Nourishment From the Heart For the Soul”. The project asserts that technology can overcome the barriers that subject people to limitations based on their differences that have been used to define them. It will involve a relationship with the Food Bank, and a site greenhouse used to grow vegetables and herbs that will be used to make sauces and marinades as well as soap, lotions and body sprays. The technology

- will be used to make switches and communication devices to assist with this project through recipe development, label making and equipment (mixer) usage.
- 7) **Genesee County Chapter of NYSARC-** Western Region- Awarded \$850.00 for the purchase of an industrial sewing machine for the project of “Buddy Beds & More for Our Four Legged Friends” which will have consumers making environmentally friendly pet beds by measuring the cages and sewing the beds, they will also make personalized items such as toys with catnip and doggie treats. These items will be delivered upon their volunteer trips to the shelter.
  - 8) **Saratoga Bridges-** Central East Region- Awarded \$750.00 for a keyboard for the project titled “One Voice” Music Group. This group is comprised of consumers from several day hab programs and one volunteer member who plays the guitar. The group has singers, dancers, guitarist, drummers, percussionist and a keyboard/pianist. They have performed their original and various artists’ songs in the community events in Saratoga Springs throughout various seasonal events.

All of these great ideas will be presented at the annual Symposium this year to be held at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in November. For a further review of these grants and all the other great proposals this year and previous years, request these manuals from the Video and Resource Library. This year we had a total of 30 applications. This is the most ever received and all were great, creative ideas. Thanks to all of those who submitted these grants.

Submitted by,  
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Staff Recognition