

Mary Frawley Grant Winners
2007

The Mary Frawley Memorial Grant was originated by the association in 1995- we have been providing funds to members for over 10 years. We have awarded over 70 grants totaling over \$57,000. This grant was named in memory of Mary Frawley who was a dedicated member of our association and board member. The grant was developed as a means to promote creativity in our day services and provide funding to develop these ideas. In addition, in order to share this valuable information with the members, the winners of these grants present their idea at the annual symposium each fall.

- 1) **Culinary Arts Cooking Class** - Genesee County Chapter of NYSARC (Genesee ARC) - Western Region- recipient of \$1000.00 to purchase equipment for a the Prep for Life program to teach consumers food preparation skills including, healthy choices and selection of recipes, purchasing menu items in stores, practicing personal hygiene skills for safe food handling, preparing and distribution food items to community sites according to order size and portion and providing services to the food pantry. This skill development is important for future employment and social inclusion.
- 2) **Stage Performances**- Epilepsy Foundation – Long Island Region- recipient of \$1000.00 to purchase a collapsible stage to enhance the performances by consumers for their comedy routines, plays, songs and reading poetry for peers, staff and family members. In order to put together these performances, the program utilizes several aspects of the community for resources including the library to borrow CD's and videos and record stores to purchase the music. This program has greatly improved consumers self esteem and communication.
- 3) **Lunch Time Community Arts**- Heritage Christian Services – Western Region – recipient of \$800.00 to purchase art supplies for consumers to develop art/craft work and to produce an informational flyer to encourage community participation in a lunch time art/craft activities hosted at the Pieters Family Life Center. These items will then be donated to local charitable organizations.

- 4) **Photography Club** – Yates ARC- Western Region – recipient of \$550.00 to purchase a digital camera and tripod to replace the used one they have for a photography group that meets twice a month to learn photography techniques and to record events important in their lives, it also has shown improvement in their self esteem and has developed their social and communication skills.
- 5) **Writers Group and Art Center-** Saratoga ARC- Central East Regions- recipient of \$1000.00 to help towards the purchase of a computer, printer and graphics program for use in their classes in painting, drawing, sculpture , papermaking, fiber arts, writing and music. This program has a budding relationship with Skidmore College whose students attends the group meetings and work with consumers in writing and reading poetry.
- 6) **Nimble Fingers-** HeartShare – NYC Region – recipient of \$800.00 for a printer and laminator to create sign language communication using an artistic methodology or approach. Consumers will produce greeting cards, bookmarks, note cards and other stationary type items that have greetings in both English and sign language depictions. This will help educate the community. These items will be sold to help support this project.
- 7) **Training Can be Fun and Informative for Staff** – YAI- Southeast Region – recipient of \$800.00 for the purchase of supplies to create original staff training activities. These activities are used to teach staff on topics in an engaging, fun, and memorable manner. The consumers are involved in all aspects of production of the training activities. Some of these topics are Abuse Prevention, Community Safety and Incident reporting.

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