

**NYSADSP
Mary Frawley Memorial Grant
2006 Winners**

The Mary Frawley Memorial Grant was originated by the association in 1995- so we have been providing funds to members for over 10 years. We have awarded over 70 grants totaling over \$51,000. 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.

The 2006 winners are;

Orange County AHRC Day Habilitation Program- Southeast Region- titled “It’s Show Time” – the funds will be used to purchase a small PA system as well as building props, back drops and puppets to enhance the community activity of singing to groups. This project serves as an educational tool for adults and children to learn about living with a disability. The consumers develop the skits and puppets who have a disability, and go to community groups to sign and show the skits.

YAI –Bayside Day Habilitation Program - NYC Region- titled “Keep the ARC Afloat” – the funds will be used to purchase equipment for the consumers to make items which will be sent to the ARC of Greater New Orleans who was destroyed by hurricane Katrina. Some of the items that will be made are mats that the children can sit on for circle time, smocks and aprons, song books as well as books on colors, shapes and animals, personal supply kits, etc.

Saratoga Bridges Day Habilitation Program – Central East Region- titled “In My Shoes”- the funds will be used to purchase video equipment to assist as a visual aid by the consumers when they present educational training to community groups. The presentations provide information on disabilities and accessibility issues in the community.

North Star Industries Day Treatment Program- Central East Region- titled “Together We Sing” – funds were provided to purchase the raw materials for the manufacturing of musical instruments by inmates at Ray Brook Correctional Facility. The instruments are used by consumers when they perform in the community such as car shows, picnics and fund raising for the Salvation Army by singing Christmas Carols.

Opportunities Unlimited Day Habilitation Program – Western Region- titled “Music Therapy for People with Disabilities”- funds were provided to purchase a PA system and microphones for group performances by consumers who entertain others with their musical talents at nursing homes and the mall as well as at the talent show at a local high school.

We congratulate these winners, and encourage everyone to attend their presentations at the Symposium. We had 22 applicants in all, we also wish to encourage all the other applicants on their creative ideas, and hope they pursue the great ideas they have. These applications can be reviewed in the Video Library for ideas for your program.