Celebrate 30 Years of Caring!

2010 Annual Report to Donors & Friends
Celebrate!

Pathfinder Village’s 30th anniversary in 2010 was a year-long celebration that heralded the achievements of our residents and the continued growth of our remarkable community for those who have Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. The entire Village and our friends – near and far, old and new – shared in the excitement and energy that permeates life every day here at Pathfinder.

There was much to celebrate in 2010, but I would like to share with you what I get to celebrate each day as the CEO of this special community:

• Watching Ted pouring his coffee and chatting with the "regulars" each morning in the Village Bakery;
• Seeing Tressica come off the ski lift at Windham Mountain for the first time with a smile that melts the snow;
• Having Margaret sneak up behind me with a hug, which is followed by a warm greeting and a light kiss on the cheek;
• Receiving a neatly written "to-do list" from Susan which keeps me focused and attuned to our residents’ concerns;
• Recognizing the 15 staff with a combined 120 years of service at our annual Employee Recognition Luncheon.
• Experiencing the daily thrill of seeing our beautiful Village revealed as I crest the hill during my commute.

There are countless other celebratory moments in any given day, and I am sure that many of you have experienced "Pathfinder moments" that have led to new realizations. In making our Village better for the residents, we ourselves are made better and are blessed by a more-complete sense of humanity.

I would be remiss if I failed to celebrate our friends and family members, and I extend my thanks for your contributions through three amazing decades of growth and fulfillment. Together, we have created a community that celebrates the uniqueness of each individual, and I am grateful for your sustained encouragement and support.

With warm regards

Paul C. Landers
President and Chief Executive Officer

During 2010, we celebrated "30 years of caring" at Pathfinder Village and the wonderful sense of community that has developed through three decades. It was a year in which we honored our past, reassessed current programs, and plotted exciting new directions for our residents who have Down syndrome.

The year’s highlight was the Anniversary Dinner at The Otesaga Hotel on October 1. Parents, donors, former Village executives, and board members reflected on their personal ties with Pathfinder and expressed confidence in its future. Guests were captivated as they listened to keynote Andrea Roberts, the founder of Reece’s Rainbow, an adoption ministry that connects children with Down syndrome in third-world countries with "forever families" in the U.S. There was a moment of stunned silence, then thunderous applause, when donors Jane Hamilton Warriner and Edward Klees announced the $1 million gift they were establishing to initiate a new Village elder care endowment.

The ensuing Family Day at Pathfinder Village was a heart-warming reunion, where CEO Paul Landers outlined the Village’s
Strategic Plan. Our newest family member, a tawny labradoodle pup named Cooper was introduced (a gift from Patrice Paddington and family). The residents and their families enjoyed presentations, great food, lively dancing, fireworks, and skits by our talented "Pathfinder Players."

Another major event was the 28th annual Otesaga Hotel Seniors Open and Pro-Am in September. Tournament host and Hall of Famer Jim Rice met the residents during a Labor Day tour, and gave a great televised interview about his visit. A new event was held concurrent with the Pro-Am, the Pathfinder Village Tennis Invitational; together these benefits garnered $55,000+ for the Village’s Scholarship Fund. Another new event was a "Village Cruise-In," where members of the Walton Cruisers Car Club raised funds for Special Olympics.

Through the outreach activities of the Kennedy-Willis Center on Down Syndrome, other visitors learned about our lively community throughout the year. Sherry Skramsted, author of "Wendy's Wisdom," held a book signing at the Center and shared her experiences of growing up with a sister who had Down syndrome. Other guests attended a Life Planning Seminar that featured NYSARC’s Paul Kietzman, and Patricia Johnson and William Coombes from the state’s Commission on Quality Care and Advocacy for Persons with Disabilities.

Pathfinder has a tradition of encouraging young people to visit and learn more about people who live with developmental disabilities. The SUNY IT swim team joined our students for a holiday gingerbread workshop. Colgate University Fellow Phuong Nam Kieu documented Pathfinder life with his camera over the summer. Colgate freshmen Griff O'Shea and Jennifer Viera worked closely with our school staff and students during Spring Break. High school varsity teams from Edmeston and Sherburne-Earlville came here for basketball and volleyball clinics.

The Village School was as busy as ever in 2010, and graduated five young adults – Michael Adams, Ian Campbell, Chelsea Lippa, Ted Ratcliffe and Chris Sullivan – during a ceremony that packed the gymnasium. The school’s prevocational "Just Roots" program also had a banner year, developing markets for its all-natural products while providing students with valuable job skills. Adult residents also enjoyed new activities and programs in our local communities. Frank Stohlman appeared as a professional actor for the Orpheus Theatre production of "Our Town," and Village artists were showcased at several exhibits at The Arc-Otsego’s Center for Self-Expression.

Our Village Bell Choir maintained an active schedule, as did our Pathfinder athletes, who excelled in area and state Special Olympic games in basketball, bowling, soccer, swimming and track.

New opportunities for independence were provided to residents through the ongoing commitment for private rooms and expanded living options. A new attached independent living apartment was finished at Unadilla House, and a four-bedroom addition was designed for Wharton House. An access ramp was built at Delaware House so that its oldest residents may be unencumbered as they enter or leave their home.

Late in the year, the Village received final approvals and held a ground-breaking for its 11th home, Gilbert House. Pathfinder also successfully closed on its purchase of an 80-acre adjacent parcel just after the New Year. This important event completed a continuous buffer...
around the Village to ensure compatible development and enhance resident safety. The purchase fulfills a long-held dream of the Board and previous administrators, and will provide ample room for

Plans were also finalized for an addition to the Village Commons (expanding the art room and green house, adding a vocational room), which will offer greater opportunities for all residents.

Administratively, the Village worked to streamline operations and expand its outreach. A new residential team approach was adopted and has proven an effective means for house management. Through a grant by the Scriven Foundation, a major upgrade was made to the Village’s technology network, and has helped secure data and maximize server resources. A new Director of Admissions, Kelly Meyers, was hired to work with families considering the Village for residential placement, and a major marketing campaign was instituted through the support of the Warner Family Foundation.

As an evolving community, change is inevitable and it is necessary to "bid adieu" to old friends. Several key members of retired from our Foundation Board of Trustees this year, Albert Pylinski, Jr., Christopher Taft, and former chair S. Joseph Meelan. We thank these leaders who gave freely of their time and talents to further the goals of the Village for over nine years.

Along with celebrating happy achievements, the Village also had to say good-bye to several who helped our community through the years. We extend our great sympathies to the families of Carol Closson, John R. Kennedy, Jr., and Daniel C. Raasch, resident parents who passed away in 2010. Pathfinder Village would not be what it is today if it had not had the involvement of these generous donors.

Mr. Kennedy was not only a supportive parent, but was also a leader in the paper industry and a philanthropist who gave support and advice for every major initiative at the Village since the early 1980s. Mr. Kennedy provided the main gift to build the Village’s outreach and education center, and named it in honor of his father and father-in-law.

Mr. Raasch was the first chair of the Pathfinder Village Board of Directors and helped the Village take root in the late 1970s. A visionary who could inspire others, Mr. Raasch was served on the Board for over 25 years and was awarded the Village’s Lifetime Achievement Award in 2000.

We are grateful to these dear friends for their innumerable contributions through the years, and are indebted to them for sharing their wonderful children with us. Their commitment to the Village was exemplary and will long be celebrated.

Pathfinder Village always welcomes the contributions of young people, and we enjoy sharing how they can make a meaningful difference in our residents’ lives.

Last September, Joshua Harris, a senior at Manlius-Pebble Hill High, near Syracuse, started raising funds for horticultural programs for the residents. Joshua and his “foreign exchange brother,” Jung Woo Choi, South Korea, made and sold cupcakes through the year, and donated $500 to Pathfinder. Joshua is the son of Dianne and Chris Harris, a member of the Foundation Board of Trustees.

In December, Cody Blencowe, Bradford, New York, ran candy sales at his dad’s workplace to raise funds for Pathfinder. Through sales and additional contributions, Cody was able to raise $280. Cody is the son of Clyde and Nancy Blencowe; his brother Jesse lives at Unadilla House and attends the Village School.

Bob and Rosie Stubbs spoke from a parents’ perspective about the strengths of Pathfinder Village during the 30th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on October 1 at The Otesaga. Other speakers included Daryl Forsythe of NBT Bank, former Village CEOs Marian Mullet and Edward Shafer, and Trustees Albert Pylinski and S. Joseph Meelan, Parent Bill McCord, Board Chair Bill Streck, Reece’s Rainbow Founder Andrea Roberts, and Donors Jane Warriner and Edward Klees.
These scholarship endowments have been established by generous donors to aid residents who require help with their annual tuition. These funds have grown over time so they play a significant role in establishing security for residents and their families.

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- Adam Ullman
- Utica National Group Foundation
- Henry B. and Mildred R. Whitbeck
- Carrie M. Wilkins
- John P. and Barbara A. Woods
- Howard E. and Barbara E. Zimmerman

Village endowments have been established in tribute to the following to assist with operational costs.

- Barbara J. Allen
- Wells P. Allen, Jr. Chair
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In 2010, the Village Foundation was able to award $90,125 in residential scholarships. Over the past five years, more than $489,000 has been used to assist our residents who need help with tuition payments. We are grateful to all who help our residents through gifts to our scholarship endowments.

**2010 Scholarship Sources**

- Scholarship Endowment Distribution
- 28th Annual Seniors Open Proceeds
- Pathfinder Village Tennis Invitational
These endowments have been established in tribute of the following people and organizations by generous donors so that the Village’s outreach and education center may assist families and professionals who seek hands-on education, counseling, or research information on Down syndrome.

- At-A-Glance
- Rose Dorrance Baldwin
- Frederick and Carol Bernstein
- John A. and Barbara M. Buch
- Robert G. and Eleanor F. Burlingham
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**In Memoriam**

It was our sad duty to say good-bye to residents Larry Bernstein, Camille Colucci and Mamie Levine over the past year. They led full and fulfilling lives at the Village, and brightened our days. They were pioneers, part of a great movement for acceptance and greater opportunities for those who live with intellectual disabilities.

Larry Bernstein 1954 - 2010  
In Residence since 1955  
_A music lover and a true Yankees fan_

Camille Colucci 1946 - 2011  
In Residence since 1992  
_She loved to bake and visit her family and friends_

Mamie Levine 1957-2010  
In Residence since 1960  
_Shopping, crafts and music were her loves_
Services: Founded in 1980, Pathfinder Village is a private, non-denominational, community and school that specializes in the support of individuals who have Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. Along with quality residential and health services, the Village offers individualized educational, vocational, recreational, and spiritual programs to foster independence, fulﬁllment, community inclusion.

Population: Pathfinder presently serves 94 children and adults who have Down syndrome and other disabilities.

Location: The Village is located in Edmeston, 20 miles west of Cooperstown. It is comprised of 11 residential homes, along with a school, gym, bakery, greenhouse, chapel, ofﬁces, and outreach center, the Kennedy • Willis Center on Down Syndrome.

Staffing: The Village has 150 full-time staff, plus 36 part-time staff.

Oversight: The Village is licensed by the New York State Departments of Health, Education, and the Ofﬁce of People for Developmental Disabilities.

Lists of 2010 Donors and an electronic version of this report are available at www.pathfindervillage.org. Printed copies of donor lists are available on request by emailing jmahon@pathfindervillage.org or calling (607) 965-8377, ext. 114.
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30th Anniversary Fireworks!

Jane Warriner and Ed Klees at the 30th Anniversary Dinner

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Upcoming Events:

Aug. 6 15th anniversary reception for the Kennedy-Willis Center on Down Syndrome

Sept. 6 29th annual Otesaga Hotel Seniors Open & Pro Am, to benefit Pathfinder Village

Sept. 6 Chobani Tennis Invitational, Cooperstown Country Club, to benefit Pathfinder Village

New Friends Andrea and Reece Roberts of Reece’s Rainbow and Resident Lee Oliver at the Village Holiday Show