



Winter 2019

## ROI Holiday Party **Brought Fun for Everyone!**

On December 14, many of the individuals we serve, their family members, and ROI staff came out to celebrate the holidays and share in the fun at ROI's annual Holiday Party at the Kalamazoo County Expo Center. Festivities on hand included face painting, dancing, balloon twisting and a holly jolly visit from Santa Claus himself. Special thanks go out to everyone who attended and helped make the event such a success.

*Becky, Gabe, Lori, Santa Claus and John, Chelsey, Bonnie and Pam all enjoyed the festivities at the ROI holiday party!*



## ROI Cruise Set to Sail!

Just under 100 individuals we serve (including family members and ROI staff) will set sail in February to exhilarating ports of call in Costa Maya and Cozumel. Stay tuned for an exciting update in the next edition of the ROI newsletter!



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We had a wonderful event on November 8th to wrap-up our celebrations for ROI's 40 years of service to the community. We had a delicious, gourmet dinner at Cityscape Event Center and a room full of guests, with whom we shared ROI's story. The most touching portion of the evening was a panel discussion regarding ROI's impact on the three lives of four of the individuals we serve. Two moms, a sister and a staff told their stories. I only got teary eyed once during the night (okay, maybe two or three times) as I listened to the impact ROI has had on people.

**Imagine...** allowing a Mom to "just be Mom". It is powerful. No longer is Mom a 24-hour caregiver, a case manager, a bus driver, a nurse and a behavior plan specialist. She can be Mom, with all the wonderful responsibilities and activities that go along with that title. And that only happens when you truly trust the staff and the organization taking care of your adult son.

**Imagine...** living a few states away from your sister with significant disabilities who lives with your Mom and Dad, then getting the phone call that you have to take over her care, which is a 24-hour per day responsibility. That is instantaneously life changing. Kalamazoo Community Mental Health and Substance Abuse Services (KCMHSAS), along with ROI, came to the rescue, and the sister with disabilities is now

happily living in an ROI group home getting the help, care, and support she needs. It is a place she truly calls "home."

**Imagine...** having a beautiful baby who doesn't develop as quickly as the other children her age and learning after a couple of years that she has autism. You don't know what to do, how to help her grow and learn, or who can help. Then Mom and Dad found the Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research (GLC). To hear Mom tell the story about how her daughter blossomed as a result of the one-to-one tutoring she received at GLC made more than just my eyes teary.

**Imagine...** working for ROI for over 30 years, starting as a direct care staff and working your way to a variety of promotions as you watch (and help) ROI grow, change, evolve, celebrate accomplishments, and mourn a few failures. Telling the story of ROI's evolution with the foundation of Core Values that have remained the same and been implemented every day throughout the organization's history just makes you proud. And that is why she has stayed for over 30 years.

**Imagine...** what the next 40 years will bring!

Scott Schrum  
Chief Executive Officer





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# ROI HOLE STROLL

## SAVE THE DATE!

Friday, June 14, 2019

[www.holestroll.com](http://www.holestroll.com)

### Partnership Opportunities

### 2019 ROI Hole Stroll Benefits

Presenting  
**\$5,000**



Includes 8 golfers. Company banner at clubhouse. Company signage on tee. Speaking opportunity at dinner event. Acknowledgment plaque. Recognition in all promotional literature. Logo on website.

Platinum  
**\$3,000**



Includes 4 golfers. Company signage on tee. Recognition at dinner event and in promotional literature. Logo on website.

Gold  
**\$1,000**



Includes 4 golfers. Company signage on tee. Logo on website.

Silver  
**\$750**



Includes 2 golfers. Company signage on tee. Logo on website.

Bronze  
**\$500**

Logo on website.

Foursome **\$400** Individual **\$100**



Join the fun and support a great cause! Form a team, join a team that needs another player, or create your own team with three other friends.

8:30 a.m. Shotgun Start

Lunch | Live & Silent Auction | Prizes & Raffle

**Heritage Glen Golf Club**

29795 Heritage Lane | Paw Paw, MI | 49079

### Mission

ROI partners with children and adults with disabilities and their families so they may live more meaningful, healthy and independent lives in their homes and communities.

Your financial support of the 2019 ROI Hole Stroll impacts over 500 individuals whom ROI serves through the Independence Fund. The Independence Fund offers financial assistance for quality of life items, such as: medical co-pays, prescription assistance, dental care, eye glasses, YMCA memberships, athletic and concert tickets, community activities, furniture, clothing and much more!

### Accepting Sponsorships and Individual Golfers through June 7, 2019:

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### DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, ROI served over 700 individuals and provided over 80,000 days of care in the following areas: Group Homes, Supported Living, Affordable Rental Housing, Representative Payee Services, and Intensive and Outpatient Autism Services.



**All golfers receive: 18 holes of golf, light breakfast and buffet dinner, gift bag**

# WISH LIST

## Clothes

Girl's Shirts (3T-M), Girls Pants (3T-M), Boys Shirts (3T-L), Boys Pants (3T-L), Kids Socks (S-L), Women's Shirts (S-XL), Women's Pants (S-XL, 8-12 jeans/pants), Men's Shirts (XS-L), Men's Pants (XS-L), adult socks, Pull-ups (size 5), Boys underwear (new packages, sizes 5-8).

## Art Supplies

Paint, paint brushes (small and large), smocks, colored paper, crayons, markers, child-sized scissors, glue sticks, foam stickers, popsicle sticks, stringing beads and thick strings, pipe cleaners, tissue paper, colored pencils, chalk, cotton balls.

## Toys

Farm/zoo/jungle animal sets, squishy non-fabric toys, dollhouses/furniture, dolls, action figures, costumes/pretend play items, doctor sets, vacuums, puzzles, noisy/musical toys, pop up toys, mardi gras beads, board games, books, play-doh, play-doh sets, jumbo blocks, early learner cause/effect toys, STEM toys, play tunnel sparkly/spiky bouncy balls, light up wands, fidget toys, hula hoops, hot wheels cars and tracks.

## Outdoor Play Equipment

Playhouses, soccer balls, soccer net, kick balls, cones, baseball gloves, scooters, two bicycles w/ training wheels (individuals around 5' tall), two adult tricycles, A-frame swing.

## Electronics

Tablets (Android/iPad, no kindles please), protective covers for tablets, Bluetooth speakers, MP3 players, headphones, Wii-U games.

## Office Supplies

Binders (1, 2, 3 and 4 inches), color printer.

## Misc.

Tabletop bubble machines, bean bag chairs, vacuum cleaners.



# 2019 Youth Hockey FIGHTS FOR KIDS WITH AUTISM

The Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research (GLC) will once again be partnering with the Kalamazoo Optimist Hockey Association (KOHA) and Southwest Michigan High School Hockey League (SWMHSHL) for the 7th annual Youth Hockey Fights for Kids with Autism event on Saturday, February, 16, 2019 at Wings West from 1:30-9pm. Funds raised will assist families of children who receive autism services in the Outpatient program at GLC. Approximately 250 hockey players from kindergarten through high school will be playing throughout the day to raise funds and increase autism awareness in our community. Event sponsors include DTE Energy, Consumers Energy, Wings West, Kalamazoo Optimist Hockey Association (KOHA), Southwest Michigan High School Hockey League (SWMHSHL), Kingscott and Miller Johnson. For information on how to become a sponsor, go to our website at: <http://www.residentialopportunities.org/about-us/news-events>





# 40th Anniversary Celebrated in 2018



**Celebrating  
40 Years  
Founded 1978**

In 1978, ROI was formed with a specific goal in mind: to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities (IDD) come home from State institutions, rejoin their community, and experience fuller and more enriched lives. Today, people with an IDD live alongside all of us. They live in group homes, apartments, and their own homes with flexible supports to help ensure their successful participation within our Greater Kalamazoo community. Today, our focus is to help the Individuals we serve pursue their goals, dreams, and desires by supporting what a meaningful life looks like to them.

We are truly grateful to everyone who partnered with us to share in the milestone celebration of our 40th anniversary throughout the past year. The celebration was launched with commemorative 40th anniversary t-shirts for staff, birthday cakes delivered to various program sites by ROI Board members, and a final evening of celebration hosted by Cityscape Event Center which included a gourmet dinner and panel discussion by Larry Zerbel (longtime ROI staff), Dana Boyd (sister of an Individual served in Specialized Residential), Mary Beth Lyons (mother of an Individual served in Supported Living Alternatives) and Kelly Pasch (mother of a child who has graduated from the Great Lakes Center for Autism Treatment and Research).

## ROI ANGEL TREE

The ROI Board of Directors hosted the 3rd annual Angel Tree initiative to gather gifts for many of the individuals we serve during the holidays. Over 100 gifts were collected and distributed to 30 individuals served in our Specialized Residential and Supported Living Alternatives programs. Gifts included winter coats and hats, clothing, movie passes, stuffed animals, gift cards, arts and crafts supplies, and much more! Our sincere thanks goes out to the ROI Board of Directors for their amazing generosity.





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### **Mission**

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### **Vision**

ROI will be recognized as the regional provider of choice for people with disabilities and a model of excellence for improving quality-of-life outcomes.

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## **Leaving a LEGACY**

### **MAKE AN IMPACT** with Planned Giving

Through planned giving, you can create a lasting impact on your community and make a difference for future generations to come. Contact Dana Deluca at 269.250.8234 for more information.

Donate online at [www.residentialopportunities.org/how-help](http://www.residentialopportunities.org/how-help)