27th Annual Golf Outing
The 27th Annual Golf Outing was held on June 11 at the Black Bear Golf Club in Franklin, NJ. The event welcomed over 100 golfers and volunteers and raised over $32,000 for the programs and services The Arc/Morris provides. We wish to thank the following sponsors for their generosity:

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And a big thank you to our Booster Club and our many door prize and silent auction donors! Hopefully, we will see you next year!

12th Annual Walk
The 12th Annual Walk will be held this year on September 20, 2015 at the Central Park of Morris County with registration at the F.M. Kirby Administrative Center. Visit www.arcmorris.org for more information or call (973) 326-9750, Ext. 211.

Above, right: Geoff McGarne
Above, left to right: Geoff McGarne, Bill Testa, Geoff Genovas.

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The Bill Sackter Award is given to an individual who has become an integrated, achieving member of his or her community and has overcome adversity to accomplish beyond the expectations placed on them. Our Best Friend Award is given to an individual or group that has stepped forward to support the mission of The Arc—the care, support and advancement of people with Intellectual and other Developmental Disabilities.

In early 2014, Geoff McGarne sent an email to Special Olympics stating that he had a request that might be a little unusual. He was looking to compete in a marathon while pushing a person with disabilities in a wheelchair, like the now famous Dick Hoyt did for many years with his son, Rick. Special Olympics referred Mr. McGarne to us and after a careful vetting process, it became quite apparent that Gary Genovas, a resident of the Ketch Road Supervised Apartments could be a great running mate—adventurous, enthusiastic and as many who know him would admit—fearless!

Needless to say, when approached about the possibility, Gary made it real clear that he was up to the job and wanted to immediately meet this guy. But it was also obvious that we were entering new territory and had a whole lot of work to do, especially in the area of medical clearances and liability.

But with the assistance of Geoff, Gary’s family, Debbie Bunk, the Manager at Gary’s Apartment Program, and a number of others behind the scenes, everything started to fall into place. A special racing chair needed to be built for Gary, so Geoff fully arranged for all of the specifics, logistics, and ultimately, Geoff and Gary m ade the trip to Boston and, on April 20, competed in the Boston Marathon. However, they didn’t just compete, they finished first in their division! Beyond this incredible accomplishment, a partnership and a friendship between two truly remarkable men was further strengthened.

Unfortunately, G ary Genovas w as one of the original residents of the Ketch Road Supervised Apartments when they opened back in 1993. Despite medical challenges, Gary refuses to be inactive. Thoroughly enjoying time out of his wheelchair and loving everything about sports— including competing himself. Active in Special Olympics, he is an avid bowler and won a Silver Medal last March at the state games. He also keeps a boxing dummy in his apartment and regular works out to stay in shape—it’s quite a site to watch him taking care of business on the poor thing when you visit Gary! But what really makes him stand out is his attitude and outlook on life. Gary is one of the most positive people you will ever meet and you can’t help but know that he truly embodies the spirit behind the Bill Sackter Award.

And if Gary has a kindred spirit, it is Geoff McGarne. A Randolph High graduate, Jeff received his undergraduate degree from NYU in economics and is currently pursuing a Master’s degree. As you would expect, he is, and has been, an avid runner for years. But what obviously sets him apart is his passion to participate in something as challenging as long distance running—and doing so by partnering with an individual who shares that passion for competition, but would otherwise never be able to compete.
Aft er more than three decades of being part of our annual awards event, I have seen hundreds of very worthy organizations, groups and individuals recognized for their commitment to our vision—the care, support and advancement of people with intellectual and other Developmental Disabilities.

As the professional of the year humbly accepted his recognition for a career that spanned 30 years, the audience was clearly taken aback by his heartfelt appreciation for the role others played in his success.

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Following this inspirational award was the recognition of a remarkable group of committed volunteers making up one of the strongest Special Olympics areas in the state.

And we were just reaching our stride! A middle school teacher in Chester, who had actually attended the very school she now teaches in, was her father—a Lutheran Minister herself.

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