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Dear Friend:

**Enriching** the lives of people with disabilities and their families ...

That's our mission . . . that's our passion . . . that's our calling!

We often talk about the services and supports that we provide, which are very important. We need to make sure that every individual served by ARI is well cared for, learning new skills, healthy and safe. But there is much more to life than this. None of us would be happy with our lives if all we could expect is health and safety.

Our mission calls us to go beyond basic health and safety needs and to *enrich* the lives of the people we serve. It requires that we develop an in-depth knowledge of each individual we serve and strive to enhance the quality of their lives by developing individualized, meaningful programs and activities for them. This is one of the benefits of being one of the smaller providers in CT. We truly can get to know each person and help work toward their potential. This past year we helped many of our consumers fulfill a dream. Latoya went to three concerts and went swimming for the first time in many years. Francine competed in Special Olympics and read the "oath" at the opening of the bocce tournament. Members of our Self-Advocacy committee planned an awesome formal dinner/dance. Medical supports were enhanced so that Tim could return home from the nursing home. The list goes on and on.

Our mission inspires all of us to go even further. The best way we can do that is to ensure we are providing quality services. One parent recently said, "Thanks for all you do. I don't know what we would do without you!" Another said, "Thank you. Our Cinderella had a wonderful time at the ball!" In a note that arrived after a hospital stay and intense recovery period at home, another family member wrote "The staff I saw in action these last 4 weeks are intelligent, kind, committed, excellent and a team. The difference this has made for my sister is immense and I am deeply grateful."

We can't accomplish any of this without your generous support. Please consider a personally significant donation to ARI's Annual Appeal so we can continue to enrich the lives of people with disabilities and their families. All of us at ARI thank you for your generous partnership and support.

With Gratitude,

Peter A. Buck Chairman Susanne D. Kuligowski President & CEO

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