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Dear Friends:

"My goal over the past 14 years was to live independently, and I've done it! My next goal is to get a job. I've worked to accomplish what you have taught me. I look forward to doing even more in the future. Thank you for my new life! Everyone who supports ARI is making it possible for another one of my friends to achieve their dreams. Please be as generous as you can. It really makes a big difference!"



These comments were taken from Rickey Denes' remarks at the ARI Fall Ball, where he received the *Always Reaching for Independence Award*. Rickey is one of the many individuals we serve who have achieved their dreams as a result of the services and supports they have received from ARI. The realization of these dreams is possible because of the dedication and generosity of so many people like you – our *dreammakers*. You have given your time, talent and treasures to fulfill our mission *to enrich the lives of the people we serve by enabling them to achieve their fullest potential*.



ARI has intentionally remained one of the smaller providers in the state because we strive to provide flexible, individualized services to meet the needs of those we serve. We also believe that this smaller, family-like structure creates an environment that is caring, compassionate and truly dedicated. Our intimate model of service works well for the people we support as well as their loved ones, who have chosen and depended upon us to provide these services.

But remaining small has its' downsides. We manage with a smaller pool of staff and resources to meet the day-to-day demands of our mission. Thus, we continue to depend on the generosity of individuals like you to pick up where limited state funding cuts off.



Be an ARI *dreammaker*! We need your generous support today. Please consider a personally significant donation to ARI's Annual Appeal to enrich the lives of people with disabilities and their families. You can make your donation either online at www.arict.org or by mailing with the enclosed pledge card to ARI of Connecticut, Inc., 174 Richmond Hill Avenue, Stamford, CT 06902. All of us at ARI thank you for your generous investment, partnership and support.

With gratitude,



Peter A. Buck
Chairman



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