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Greystone Programs Finishes Challenging Year Under Covid-19

Reports No Fatalities Among Staff and Residents

HOPEWELL JUNCTION, NY—It's been a long harrowing year for health care professionals like Greystone Programs' Director of Nursing, Kim Mulpeter, who heads a team charged with keeping more than 300 staff and 102 service recipients of Greystone's 16 community residences safe from the scourge of Covid-19.

With promising vaccines finally making their way into people's arms throughout Upstate New York, Ms. Mulpeter is almost ready to breathe a sigh of relief. Almost. With new, more virulent variants of the disease beginning to take root in America and many citizens relaxing their guard, perhaps prematurely, the threat remains.

Nonetheless, Ms. Mulpeter is proud that the stringent steps—necessary testing, quarantining, masks, and face shields—they established during the early days of the disease have minimized its impact upon staff and the service recipients, who are particular susceptible to Covid due to comorbidities such as obesity, hypertension, diabetes and advanced age.

"We're very pleased with the outcomes so far," said Ms. Mulpeter. "Although we've had incidences of both staff and residents contracting the disease, we've had no serious complications and, thankfully, no deaths."

Greystone Programs CEO Skip Pryce praised the work of Ms. Mulpeter and the team of dedicated professionals that helped keep hundreds safe from Covid. "Their work has been nothing short of draining and difficult over this past year. I'm proud of the work they've done," he said of the challenges faced in staffing and caring for autistic and developmentally disabled individuals in residences located throughout Dutchess, Ulster and Orange counties.

Mr. Pryce also thanked community philanthropic institutions for generously donating funds to the Hopewell Junction-based nonprofit to help offset the costs associated with the purchase of personal protective equipment (PPE) necessary for all staff. In all, Greystone received six grants totaling \$14,326 from Community Foundations of Orange & Sullivan, Dutchess Responds Community Foundations of the Hudson Valley, Stewarts Shops, and Ulster Savings Bank. "These fine philanthropic foundations rose to the occasion and helped us absorb this unforeseen cost at a time when nonprofits like Greystone were faced with significant unanticipated expenses and other financial challenges. We are grateful for their community engagement," said Mr. Pryce.

Greystone Programs provides exceptional services and life-enriching opportunities for children, adults, and families living with Autism and other developmental disabilities. As a recognized human services provider, Greystone offers certified residential programs and community-based /non-residential programs that include habilitation services in a five-county region of the Hudson Valley, New York.

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