

# HAPPENINGS HERO EDITION



WHEN **COVID-19** STRIKES  
SEE OUR **ESSENTIAL SERVICE PROVIDERS**  
STRIKE BACK!





COVID-19 has been impacting Americans for over 377 days. During that time, Ability Partners, Inc., has employed over 600 frontline and essential employees who have worked vigorously to keep individuals safe and healthy while providing them with the clinical, educational, residential, and community services they need, want, and deserve. Donors, staff, volunteers, and our resilient individuals all came together to show that we can overcome any obstacle - even a global pandemic! Programs transitioned to virtual activities, clinical services moved to telehealth, fundraising events went online, and through it all, our individuals' health, safety, and happiness were at the forefront. Going forward, we will continue to celebrate our helpers, *our heroes*.

**Darrell Whitbeck, Chief Operating & Pandemic Safety Officer** states, "As essential service providers, CP Rochester and Happiness House held onsite vaccine clinics and successfully distributed nearly 500 vaccinations to individuals, their caregivers, and employees of Happiness House, CP Rochester, and Rochester Rehabilitation who met the COVID-19 criteria for eligibility."



Our residential managers and direct support staff have ensured that throughout the pandemic our most vulnerable population was safe and having fun. Spirit days, visits from SportsNet, crafts, and donated meals all contributed to keeping a lively atmosphere.





In response to the coronavirus, Ability Partners, Inc. launched Acts of Kindness and Holiday Giving Campaigns. Since March of 2020, we have raised over \$40,000 in monetary and in-kind donations including PPE, meals/crafts for our residences, holiday gifts/meals for our families, and phone cards for our telehealth participants.

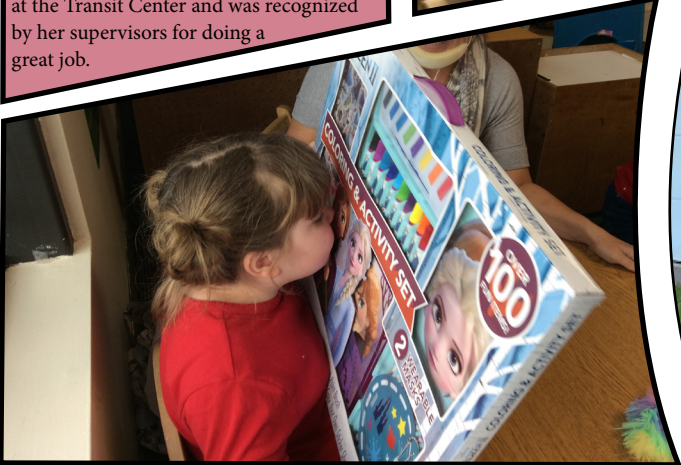
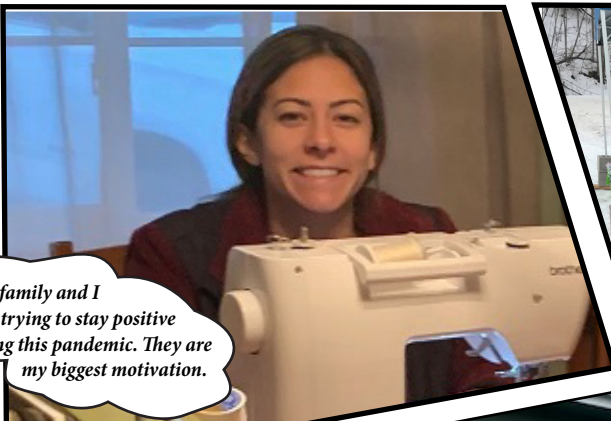


Ashley (right) is a participant of the Ventures PROs program at Rochester Rehabilitation and credits the staff (left) and donors with helping her navigate the pandemic.



*My family and I are just trying to stay positive during this pandemic. They are my biggest motivation.*

Chasity works in the janitorial department at the Transit Center and was recognized by her supervisors for doing a great job.



Volunteers, like Tony, in our Adaptive Workshop logged over 800 hours designing and installing 90 custom-made sneeze guards and plexiglass barriers to ensure our preschoolers and Day Habilitation program participants were able to safely return. Our volunteers, like they often do, came to our agencies' rescue!





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Saturday, April 24, 2021



Saturday, May 1, 2021



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