

FROM OUR LEADERS

Your Support Changes Lives

In my nearly twenty years with Hillside, I've seen first-hand how our programs and services restore family connections, strengthen individual lives, and create pathways to brighter futures for youth and adults in need. I'm proud of what our organization continues to accomplish—and all of us at Hillside are so grateful for your support that makes these successes

possible.

The stories in this issue of *Hillside Highlights* offer a glimpse into our recent activities and achievements. On behalf of the students and families of Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection—and every Hillside program—thank you for your commitment to our mission.

Roderick Green
Executive Director
Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection

A Great Day “Fore” Hillside Programs

After a one-year absence due to the pandemic, Hillside's annual charity golf tournament returned June 14 to Monroe Golf Club in Pittsford, NY. After an early rain delay, the participants enjoyed beautiful weather and exceptional course conditions.



Presenting sponsor **KeyBank** brought two highly competitive teams (pictured below). Each finished with the tournament's lowest scores, earning the top prizes—including an overnight stay at Turning Stone Resort and a round of golf at Atunyote, the resort's championship course.



The event raised over \$100,000 for many vital Hillside programs and services—a true demonstration of the power of philanthropy.



Maria Cristalli (below), Hillside President and CEO, said the goal of the day was “to have fun, and celebrate the long-awaited return to public gatherings with colleagues, friends, and family.”



We thank **Monroe Golf Club** and our sponsors who made this year's event an overwhelming success. (A full list of sponsors is at the end of this email.) **We hope to see you all again next year!**

Celebrating the End of an Unusual School Year...!



The school year's end is as universal as the transition from spring to summer—and Hillside's programs are no exception in 2021, even with students and teachers still adapting to the COVID-19 pandemic.

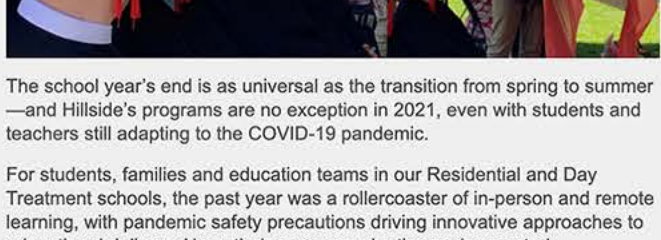
For students, families and education teams in our Residential and Day Treatment schools, the past year was a rollercoaster of in-person and remote learning, with pandemic safety precautions driving innovative approaches to educational delivery. Nevertheless, our graduating and promoted students closed out the school year as they should—by celebrating their achievements at the end of a challenging year.



Meanwhile, in districts throughout New York State and in Prince George's County, Maryland, Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection students and staff celebrated the year's end with virtual and in-person Senior Celebrations honoring our soon-to-graduate participants—including the first-ever HW-SC graduating classes from the Binghamton and Union-Endicott school districts.

Congratulations to every Hillside student who overcame this year's challenges and earned their advancement!

Donor Highlight: Ted Kuzniarek and Upstate Pharmacy, Ltd.



Ted Kuzniarek and his company, **Upstate Pharmacy, Ltd.**, have been generous supporters of Hillside for nearly two decades. During that time, the company has been a significant sponsor of the Hillside Golf Tournament, benefiting Hillside Work-Scholarship Connection students. Their generosity has also helped youth served by Hillside programs to attend sports camps, theater and the Camp Possibilities day camp in Henrietta, NY.

Beyond their significant financial support, Kuzniarek (pictured above, with pharmacist Sarah Schultz) and his team have built a close bond with Hillside's Nursing program that provides healthcare services and support to youth in residential treatment programs. This partnership has been invaluable during the pandemic, as Upstate Pharmacy has vaccinated more than 200 Hillside youth and staff and another 2,500 individuals in the community, including Hillside foster families.

All of Hillside thanks these visionary leaders for their generous support of our mission, and for a partnership with enormous community impact.

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