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**Welcome to the  
69th Annual Meeting  
Shore Community Services**

**June 15, 2020**

**Via Zoom**

## Agenda

1. Call to Order of 69<sup>th</sup> Annual Meeting  
Natalie Romano, Board President
2. Welcome  
India Alexis Ehioba, MNA, CFRE, CEO
3. Program Reports & Award Presentations  
  
Lisa Wright — Joseph Koenig, Sr. Training Center & Lois Lloyd Center
  - Personal Achievement Award — Candace Mills
  - Employer of the Year — Potbelly, Norridge
  - Personal Achievement Award — Jude Bator  
Uma Muppidi — Residential Services
  - Personal Achievement Award — Frank Lercara
  - Personal Achievement Award — Aditya Potnis  
Natalie Romano — Shore Community Services
  - Distinguished Service Award — James Dades
4. Final Words & Adjournment

***Thank you for joining us!***

## Our Heritage, Our Future

- The Campaign for Shore: \$2.2 Million by 2022 -

As we remain true to keeping our clients' evolving needs at the forefront, Shore recently embarked on Phase II of our comprehensive campaign, *Our Heritage, Our Future*. Building on the success of Phase I, we set an ambitious goal: raise \$2.2 million by 2022. These funds are critical to help strengthen and diversify the programs and services that our clients rely on daily. Among our campaign initiatives, which will preserve and enhance our existing resources while developing new opportunities, are: skills training and curriculum development for middle schoolers to young adults; behavioral therapeutic services; community integrated job development and training; redesign of facilities; and endowing programs to sustain growth and innovation. Please contact Sheri Lees at [slees@shoreservices.org](mailto:slees@shoreservices.org), or (847) 982-2030 x 216, to learn how to get involved.

## Mission Statement

Our mission is to improve the quality of life for persons with intellectual and other developmental disabilities through educational, residential, vocational and related programs provided with community integrated supports and services. We have been meeting the needs of nearly 400 children and adults with disabilities for over 69 years. Individuals served come from 18 Chicagoland communities, with facilities located in Skokie, Evanston and Morton Grove. Our tagline is "Guiding Individual Abilities," which aims to empower every individual to achieve greater independence and a higher quality of life. We envision a world where individuals, at any level of developmental, intellectual and physical ability, enjoy vibrant and fulfilling lives while engaging in the communities where they live, work and play.



## Aditya Potnis

Personal Achievement Award  
Potnis CILA

Above: Aditya keeping active in the community.

Aditya Potnis's transition from his school program in July 2019 to his in house day program with Shore has been an amazing success! He has accomplished so much. Aditya has enjoyed and flourished in the many activities that staff have planned and assisted him with. He is an active, athletic man. He enjoys swimming at the local pool, kayaking, bike rides and walks in the park. This winter he participated in daily walks at indoor walking tracks in the area. He enjoyed choosing healthy snacks from his own from health club vending machines. Aditya loves to be active in the community. He is rollerblading, biking, playing ball and taking long walks in the many forest preserves in the area. Staff who work with him are enjoying being more active with Aditya. One suggestion is that he should become a "personal trainer!" His progress has been wonderful to see!

## James Dades

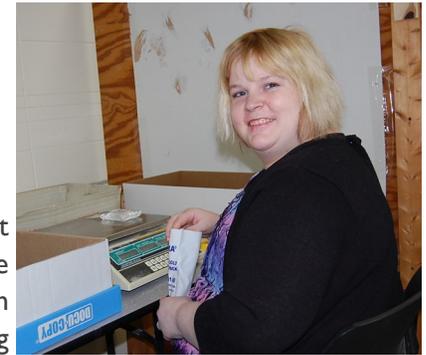
Distinguished Service Award

As of January, James "Jim" Dades retired from service on Shore's Board of Directors. Jim joined the Board in 2012. He served as Treasurer and was on numerous committees during his tenure. Jim was very instrumental in upgrading the agency's accounting software to QuickBooks, which replaced an outdated program that was used for nearly 20 years. In addition, his firm, James G. Dades & Co., Ltd. Certified Public Accountants, have been a tremendous help in creating program budgets that have staff input and have assisted the accounting department as needed. Shore thanks Jim for his dedicated service on the Board and for enhancing our mission to improve the quality of life for nearly 400 individuals who receive services each year.



## Candace Mills

Personal Achievement Award  
Shore Koenig Training Center



Candace got an internship last year at Mary Seat of Wisdom in Park Ridge through Teaching Together, a program that offers paid internships to young adults with developmental disabilities in faith based schools with the goal of sustained employment. Candace did an amazing job in her internship. Her duties included assisting during lunch and snack time; helping supervise the students during free play time; setting up mats for nap time; reading stories to the kids; and preparing materials for art and crafts. Following the successful completion of her internship, she was hired on and continued to assist in the kindergarten classroom and extended care weekly. The staff at Mary Seat of Wisdom are grateful for the work she does and the positive energy she brings to the classroom. We are so proud of Candace for how well she has done and how responsible and helpful she is in her position.

## Potbelly, Norridge

Employer of the Year



Potbelly of Norridge hired Mark in December of 2018. This past February they hired William, another individual Shore supports. Both Mark and William are thrilled to be working at Potbelly and look forward to going to work. Potbelly has been a great partner to Shore. They are easy to communicate with and supportive of our mission. We are so grateful for the meaningful work Potbelly has provided for two of our individuals and for embracing the developmental disability population as part of their diverse workforce.

## Jude Bator

Personal Achievement Award  
Lois Lloyd Center

While all of our clients at the Lois Lloyd Center have shown improvements, one who deserves special mention for his improvement is Jude Bator.

Over the past year, Jude has worked closely with his DSP, Syble Paden, to improve in several important areas. Before this year started, Jude was always a great help to Ms. Syble, often assisting with cleaning, coming along to activities, and doing his work while in attendance at the Center. This past year though, changes were suggested for Jude's outcomes. While Jude works very hard, he had past difficulties with adjusting to new routines. However, Jude and his support team welcomed new challenges, and he has exceeded expectations.

The most notable improvement is Jude's ability to communicate with sign language. He has learned several signs, such as hello, goodbye, sorry, bathroom, and coffee. In addition to this, he has shown a great ability to continue with his routine, even without his DSP, or if he has had to go to a different room for the day. Jude recognizes what his work looks like and goes to complete it, in spite of changes in his environment around him. His hard work makes him very deserving of this award, and we are all extremely proud of him.



Above: Jude and Syble, DSP.

## Frank Lercara

Personal Achievement Award  
Shore Homes

Frank has been a resident at Beuhler House/Shore Homes East since the programs opened in 1984.

Frank began the year in the hospital, engaged in a battle with pneumonia. He fought back and recovered, but not without the loss of his favorite niece and guardian Mary Ann. Then just last month, his best friend for over 30 years Bill Lister, was claimed by the current pandemic. He misses his girlfriend Mimi from Shore Homes West. Through all this, Frank has persevered.

Frank will not allow loss to consume him. He anxiously awaits his return to the Day Program at Lois Lloyd Center and vows to see his "Mimi" again, and soon. Frank has been a great trooper during this sheltering in place and also has had some choice words for the corona virus.

On May 21, Frank celebrated his 82nd birthday. He still retains the sense of humor, penchant for generosity, tenacity, loyalty, and passion for life he exhibited upon his arrival to Shore East, regardless of the obstacles life threw his way.



Right: Frank with his family.