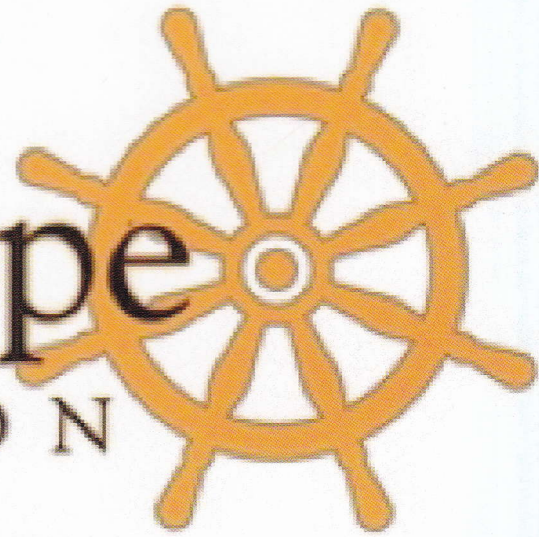


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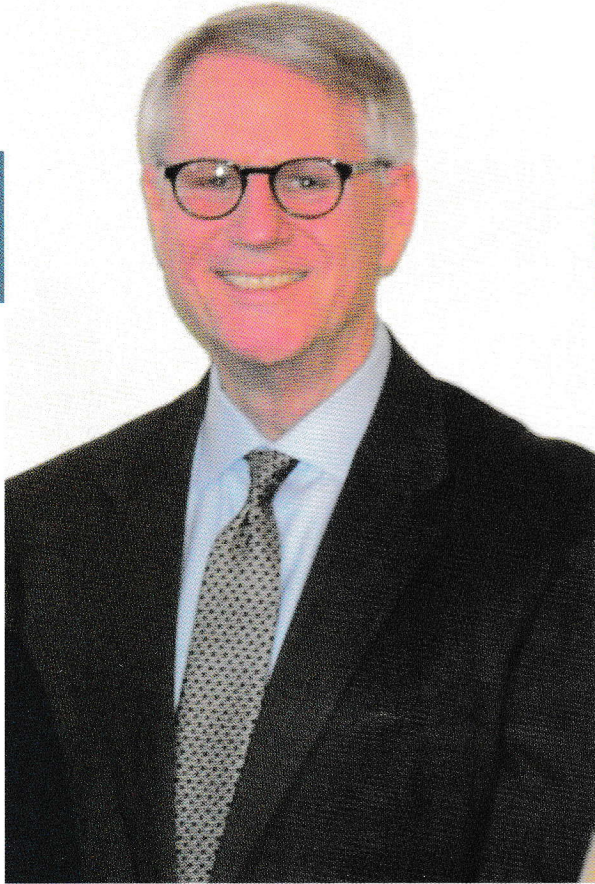
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President's Message

What an honor it is to transition from being a member of the board to serving as its president. It is clear that I have big shoes to fill in succeeding Beth Beasley. I'm grateful for her leadership in guiding our mission through our formative years. Thank you, Beth!

Looking ahead, there are so many reasons to be encouraged. First, we have laid the groundwork for securing a house in 2020.

Through the financial and operational stewardship of the board, we are well-positioned to open the doors to the nation's first school district-based therapeutic boarding option for families.

Second, our Annie Awards continue to be a source of pride within school districts. Past recipients have told us that they display their Tiffany & Co. crystal hearts in places of honor in their homes or offices and point to these awards as symbols of significant professional achievement.

Finally, we are planning to launch an additional means of supporting families who are raising children with autism and related brain disorders. Inspired by Phil's Friends, a non-profit foundation based in Roselle, IL that provides care packages to those undergoing treatment for cancer, we are working to meet the needs of families which typically go unmet. It's an exciting opportunity to engage our volunteers in reaching out to parents and siblings who need support, yet are too frequently overlooked.

In the coming months, I hope you'll join me and the entire Chasing Hope Foundation family in supporting our work. Through your time, talent, and treasure, we are charting a new course in community-based wellness.

The best is yet to come!

Thank you,

Eric Fridman - President Board of Directors

The Chasing Hope Foundation created an annual recognition of excellence in special education. Inspired by Anne Sullivan's pioneering work with Helen Keller, the Annie Awards, affectionately known as The Annies honors those educators who are the 'miracle workers' in the lives of children and their families.

The tradition of having those who nominated each recipient join us for the awards ceremony allows for a unique and significant moment of recognition in the presence of family members and peers.

The Class of 2019 includes:

Classroom Professional

* Laura Hastings, Champaign County Unit School District 4

Support Champion

* Sandy Selig, Felicity School, Deerfield
Brooke Whitted Administrative Leadership

* Nilufar Rezai, SEL Specialist, Chicago Public Schools

State Senator Laura Fine (9th) gave the keynote address, where she shared the numerous legislative efforts underway in the Illinois General Assembly to enhance the lives of families raising children with autism and related brain disorders.



From left: Susan Laue, nominator of Brooke Whitted Administrative Leadership winner Nilufar Rezai, Support Champion Sandy Selig and Classroom Professional Laura Hastings





From left: Molly Stamer, Christine Walker, Michelle Sheedy, Laura Fine, Chuck Lawless, Eric Fridman and Dave Walker. Not pictured: Beth Beasley and Linda Burkley.

We are thrilled to welcome two new members to the Board of Directors!

Michelle Sheedy of Winnetka is a senior director of digital supply chain solutions for Pfizer. Michelle brings a strong background of management information systems to the mission of the foundation and holds an MBA from DePaul University. Michelle has been instrumental in the re-launch of our online presence and is the mother of two daughters.

Ohio native Molly Stamer brings her unrivaled gift of sales and marketing to our mission. Molly's professional achievements have taken her from New York to Chicago for leaders within the food and beverage industry. Molly is a graduate of Miami University and studied at the Sorbonne. For the past 15 years, Molly has called Winnetka home with her twin teenage sons.

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Thank you, donors!!

Our ability to bring our mission from vision to reality would simply not be possible with the generous support of our benefactors. We are humbled by their faith in our efforts and are committed to being impeccable stewards of their valuable resources.

In 2019, we would like to recognize this select group of individuals who have shared with us their time, talent and treasure:

Meg Annett & Steve Poma

Linda Burkley

Este Brashears

Andrea Carolus

Amy Hess

Tom & Vicki Hofstetter

Chuck & Jenny Lawless

Bobbie Olsen

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Eric Fridman, President
Chuck Lawless, Treasurer
Linda Burkley, Secretary
Beth Beasley
Michelle Sheedy
Molly Stamer
David Walker, Ex Officio
Christine Walker, Founder

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