

## **Ability Beyond Gala in April to Benefit More Than 3,000 Individuals With Disabilities**

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There may not be any fairies or magic beans at the annual Ability Beyond Gala, but it does have the power to fulfill the dream of a better life for more than 3,000 individuals with disabilities.

The “2019 Enchanted Forest” Gala will be held on Saturday, April 27 at the Amber Room Colonnade in Danbury.

— *an announcement from* [Ability Beyond](#)

This is Ability Beyond’s largest fundraising event, attracting close to 500 guests each year. The money raised will allow the nonprofit organization to continue to provide critical supports to clients in Connecticut and Westchester, Putnam and Dutchess Counties in New York.

The black-tie evening will feature both silent and live auctions, raffles, dinner, dancing and awards. Musical entertainment will be provided by The Eternity Band.

For over 60 years, Ability Beyond has led the way in providing independent housing, day programs, and award-winning employment initiatives that support and honor the dignity of people with developmental, intellectual, autism spectrum and mental health disabilities.

“The charitable contributions of everyone who attends creates opportunity, independence socialization, and joy in the lives of the people we serve,” said Jane Davis, president and CEO of Ability Beyond. “Above and

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beyond our direct care services, Ability Beyond is an innovative force for all people throughout the health and human services arena.

John Loehr and the Ridgefield Sunrise Cottage leadership and directors will receive the Robert S. Young Humanitarian award. This prestigious recognition honors the positive contributions the recipients have made to improving the quality of life of individuals living with development disabilities in the community.

The gala will be held at the Amber Room Colonnade located at 1 Stacey Road in Danbury from 6:30 to 11 p.m.

**For ticket information**, please contact Stephanie Goncalves at (203) 826-3101 or [Stephanie.Goncalves@abilitybeyond.org](mailto:Stephanie.Goncalves@abilitybeyond.org).

**To donate an auction item**, place an ad in the program book or learn more about the gala and other opportunities for involvement, please contact Stephanie Goncalves at 203-241-8220 [a different number from the paragraph just above] or [stephanie.goncalves@abilitybeyond.org](mailto:stephanie.goncalves@abilitybeyond.org).

The co-chairs of this year's event are Joe and Sandy Clouse. The gala committee chair is Meghann Smith.

The evening is made possible thanks to the generosity of many fine businesses, including Diamond Sponsor Maplewood Senior Living, Platinum sponsors Aramark, Bedoukian Research, Mercer, Mulvaney Mechanical, Rose and Kiernan and Willis Towers Watson, plus many Gold, Silver and Bronze level sponsors.

**About Ability Beyond**

With programs in Norwalk, Bethel and Chappaqua, New York, [Ability Beyond](#)'s services and resources profoundly impact the quality of life for more than 3,000 people with disabilities each year in Connecticut, New York and throughout the U.S.

For over 60 years, Ability Beyond has led the way in providing independent housing, community-based day programs, award-winning employment initiatives and creatively-adapted communication devices—all to support optimum well-being and honor the dignity and pride of people with developmental, intellectual, autism spectrum and mental health disabilities.

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Ability Beyond is a 501 (3) organization headquartered in Bethel and Chappaqua.