

## The Envable Life Ball Raises \$250,000 for ACLD

Adults and Children with Learning and Developmental Disabilities (ACLD) honored Summit Manufacturing and Splashes of Hope at its Envable Life Ball held on October 8, 2015, at Oheka Castle in Huntington. The gala raised \$250,000 to benefit ACLD.

Summit Manufacturing, a Bay Shore-based leader in the retail fixtures and display industry, received the Corporate Leadership Award in recognition of its position as a leading employer in ACLD's Vocational Program. Awards were presented to President Louis Marinello and Partners Richard Rickman and Arthur Landi.

"Our goal for 2016 is to really spread the word with the vendors we do business with," Mr. Marinello said. "We're going to start to educate them on this incredible program, and I'm hoping next year one of our vendors is here to receive the 2016 Corporate Leadership Award."

"Summit has learned ACLD's individuals make great employees and are dedicated to their mission," said Joseph J. Ortego, President of ACLD's Board of Trustees.



"We are honored to recognize a business that is giving back to our organization."

Splashes of Hope, a Huntington-based non-profit organization, received the Humanitarian Award for creating art that transforms spaces, enriches environments and facilitates healing. The award was accepted by Splashes of Hope Founder Heather Buggée, who unveiled a new mural created for ACLD's Kramer Learning Center in Bay Shore.



The Envable Life Ball also featured the debut of a video from Producer/Director Katie Dellamaggiore about ACLD and its work. Carmen Pumo, one of the individuals featured in the video, thanked Ms. Dellamaggiore on behalf of ACLD and all those it supports.



NBC 4 New York Traffic Reporter Lauren Scala served as the evening's emcee, and music was provided by That 70's Band and the Bethpage High School Jazz Combo. The Summit Manufacturing employees who are supported by ACLD were provided with fashions by Flair Designer Boutique and Men's Wearhouse.

"Helping others is what ACLD is all about," Robert C. Goldsmith, Executive Director of ACLD, told an audience

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# Italian Welfare League Helps ACLD Make a Difference



Imagine knowing help is available for your child who can hardly eat, but you have no way of affording it. Or having a child whose leg braces have to be held together by tape because your insurance won't cover the cost of replacing them. Or perhaps wanting to send your child to camp, but knowing you simply can't pay for it.

Unfortunately, such stories aren't the stuff of imagination, but with the help of a \$12,000 grant from the Italian Welfare League (IWL), ACLD is making a real difference in the lives of families with stories like these.

Through the IWL grant, 4-year-old Max has received feeding therapy and a socialization skills program that his family couldn't pay for on their own.

Now, Max is eating a wider variety of foods, is putting on some much needed weight and is taking part in an age-level skills program through the Mid-Island YJCC.

Eighteen-year-old Aliza has a physical condition that causes weakness in her feet and lower leg muscles, leading her to drag her feet when she walks. Braces help provide her with support and stability, but the braces are expensive and they don't last forever. Without the support from the IWL, her family would still be taping her broken braces together to help her maintain her mobility.

In addition to the tremendous impact the IWL grant has had on Max and Aliza, the grant also is helping 10

children attend the Great South Bay YMCA Summer Day Camp through ACLD's vacation program. Some of these children will even have the opportunity to be counselors in training.

ACLD is grateful for the support of the IWL. If you would like to follow the IWL's lead in making a difference for young people supported by ACLD, please contact ACLD's Office of Development and Community Relations at 516-822-0028, ext. 139 or visit [www.acld.org](http://www.acld.org). ✂



## Won't You Help?

Every day ACLD is helping children and adults with autism, learning and developmental disabilities to pursue enviable lives, increase independence and foster supportive relationships within the community - *but we need your help to help them.*

By taking part in ACLD's 2015 Annual Appeal, you will be helping to make a difference for more than 3,000 Long Islanders. Some live in ACLD residences, some take part in ACLD day service programs and some are part of Long Island's largest supported employment program - but whatever their program, every individual who turns to ACLD for support can benefit from the gift of a donation you make today.

Just fill out this form, cut it out and return it to us at ACLD, 807 South Oyster Bay Road, Bethpage, NY 11714, Attention: Development - or if you prefer, donate right now online at [www.acld.org](http://www.acld.org).

Either way, we thank you for making a difference for ACLD.

Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution to ACLD to help individuals with special needs in their pursuit of enviable lives (check made payable to ACLD):

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