



**ACCESS:**

**SUPPORTS FOR LIVING**

Rewarding lives. Healthy communities.

**2014 Annual Report**



# Welcome

Welcome to an agency that is passionate about supporting the families and communities of the Hudson Valley.

We assist people with behavioral health challenges, people with intellectual and developmental disabilities, those who live with vulnerabilities, as well as others in recovery.

Our diverse services range across the life span and focus on improving access to housing, employment, and healthcare – keys to helping individuals attain the healthiest and happiest life possible.



## History

January 1, 2015 we became a new entity, incorporating the talents and passions of four separate agencies. The reputation for innovation that Occupations, Inc., earned over five decades has been enhanced by Stony Ford Foundation's pioneering efforts in independent living, the success Family Empowerment Council has enjoyed in promoting the family perspective, and the unyielding efforts of New Dynamics Corporation in broadening opportunities for employment.

Today the agencies launched by parent groups have transformed in name to **Access: Supports for Living** - a valued resource to the people, families and communities across nine counties in New York. As many as 8,000 individuals now receive widely varied services each year, the spirit and initiative of the founding families is honored in a shared commitment to promoting the independence, health and happiness of every person the agency serves.

# Message from CEO & Board Chair



We are an agency with a simple goal- to support the families and communities of the Hudson Valley by helping people live the happiest, healthiest, and fullest life possible. We summarize our worldview in four words: Rewarding Lives, Healthy Communities. This means we work towards a world in which no one is marginalized. We envision richly diverse communities that are welcoming to all.



On January 1, 2015 our four separate agencies became one, **Access: Supports for Living**. Our new name honors our past but commits us to the future as we innovate today to support people in the years to come. In 2015 our mission remains the same as it did in 1963; we exist to support people. We respect and understand each person on their own terms, and work hard to tailor supports to individuals' goals and potentials. That has remained true through many decades and will always be at the heart of what we do each and every day. This is so despite the fact that the world around us is changing. In past eras, organizations like ours helped create treatment centers, residences and special programs for people. These have been dramatically successful, but now we are at the threshold of a new generation of innovations that increasingly support people where they live. The experiences of the people we support in our beautiful affordable apartments in the Town of Walkkill and Thompson are wonderful examples. Our mission focuses both on quality of life for people affected by disabilities or behavioral health issues and embraces the well-being of the communities of the Hudson Valley.

We have a critical role to play in enriching and strengthening the places we live and work. Our commitment to the people we support motivates us to remain ever curious, agile and open to new approaches. As managed care is adopted, and as communities are asked to strengthen supports of people with vulnerabilities, we will be the resource the entire Hudson Valley can rely on.

We support individuals and families with very different needs, from those with significant medical or behavioral issues, to others who live independently with minimal help. We do not believe in short cuts when it comes to supporting people and families and communities in living with the diverse challenges we encounter every day. We put our faith instead in the abilities of people.

Our leadership does not depend on what we can accomplish alone but how we can leverage our skills and knowledge by connecting, collaborating, and partnering with others. We're proud to partner with individuals and businesses that have shared values- to truly make a difference. Those attributes start with caring—the compassion and desire to make a difference unites us all. They extend to dedication and commitment—this is a learning organization constantly motivated by the desire to do more and do better.

In sum, the pride that binds the people of this organization together comes from the motivation to do what we do with skill and sensitivity and the joy that comes from helping others in the most important of all personal quests: to live the healthiest and happiest life possible.

We are grateful to our dedicated employees, current and future partners, volunteers, donors and community friends. Please join us in our efforts to reward lives and provide a healthy community for all to live.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amy Anderson-Winchell".

Amy Anderson-Winchell, LCSW  
President and Chief Executive Officer

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Todd A. Kelson".

Todd A. Kelson, Esq.  
Board Chair

# Access to Coordinated Care

- Care Coordination
- Service Coordination
- Self Direction

Thoughtful coordination has many components which ensures that each person gets the services they need. Coordinators provide outreach, advocacy and referrals to help link the people they work with to the most appropriate services, whether related to health, housing or employment.

Some of our services support a variety of populations including medically fragile children, those with a traumatic brain injury, people with physical disabilities and the elderly. In addition to providing services, our agency supports people who are seeking community inclusion, self-direction and family assistance.

Coordinators help make sure that offerings are integrated so that the person receiving the services gets the greatest possible benefit.



# Coordinated Care Highlights 2014



When Access was first introduced to **Keith Unbehagen**, he yearned to live independently in the community in his own apartment. After receiving services through the Community Habilitation Support Team, Keith was able to move to an apartment of his own. His neighbors regard him as a trusted mentor. Keith has developed a strong network of peers and friends that he refers to as his "family."

While at work, Keith attained confidence in his supervisory role. Keith, once burdened with fear and anxiety, today is an empowered man. In partnership with our team, he created goals for himself around money and household management. His personal life has been deeply enriched and through his new self-confidence, Keith found himself falling in love. His most recent act of independence was his engagement to his lovely fiancé' Noreen.

Although falling in love wasn't in his written planned goals, it was definitely written on his heart. Congratulations Keith and Noreen!

## Care Coordination helps the Family

At the age of 4 months, **Marcelo** was in crisis. Born with a fatty oxidation disorder called LCHAD deficiency\* (Long-chain 3-hydroxyacyl-CoA dehydrogenase), his family needed services, support and help in coordinating his care. Our Early Intervention Services team helped pave the path for Marcelo and his family. Marcelo, now 10 years old, enjoys playing the piano and going to school. His mom has a partner to work with through the many stresses she encounters in his journey and has confidence, trust and gratitude for the people who have helped identify and support his needs.



*"It can be very overwhelming having a child with a disability. It's reassuring to know that they can pick up the phone at any time and get some help" ~ Lisa Marcetti, parent*

\*LCHAD deficiency is a rare condition that prevents the body from converting certain fats to energy, particularly during periods without food (fasting). He is missing an enzyme to help break down long chain fats that produce energy.

# Access to Behavioral Health Services for adults, children and families

- Care Coordination
- Counseling
- Living Skills
- Supported Housing
- Psychopharmacology
- PROS (Personalized Recovery Oriented Services)

## MOBILE MENTAL HEALTH TEAM

The first place to call TOLL FREE

Connect with a trained counselor any time of the day or night when stress, depression or other mental health issues create a personal crisis.

- Suicidal Thoughts
- Emotional Trauma
- Serious Mental Illness
- Anxiety
- Depression
- Family Crisis

Our team can respond to an urgent issue in the community, at home or in school at no cost to you. Our service includes people who can relate through their own experiences. Together we make sure plans are carried out.

## Behavioral Health Highlights 2014

*"When your child is diagnosed with a mental illness, you don't know where to turn. We needed someone to help us through this. With help from Access: Supports for Living, we were able to find a solution, get our son the treatment he needed and bring our son back home."*

~ Becky Vanderloop

**Becky** received a call from the State of Florida that her son, Ryan, was in crisis. In order to bring him back home, they needed not only the professional facilities available to help their son, but a clear plan of action that would meet the needs that were being presented. With the help and support from the Mobile Mental Health team and the professional staff at Access, Becky and Scott were able to transfer their son back home under Access's auspices with an adequate treatment plan to help with his recovery and his journey to living an independent and healthy life.



# Behavioral Health Highlights 2014

Over 50 years ago **Leroy** was suffering from mental illness and entered a system in search of structure. He sought hope to help him find a purposeful life. In describing his experience 50 years ago as he began recovery, Leroy stated, "I was working, but that was it – I was only existing." Leroy wasn't active nor was he meeting any of his life's goals which included volunteering in the community and a social life. Leroy felt that he was only "maintaining"; he didn't feel he was part of anything nor did he feel he was moving forward.

*Then Leroy was introduced to the PROS program at ACCESS.*

Having been a part of the PROS program, Leroy had the opportunity to set his own goals and work towards recovery as it meant to him.

**PROS** (*Personal Recovery Orientated Services*) is a relatively new model of mental health treatment with one goal – a productive life for everyone with mental illness. Today Leroy understands his symptoms and has self-esteem and confidence- and his gratitude is evident in his sentiments. "Recovery is the main emphasis- recovery from mental illness."

*Quoting a poem of Robert Browning, Leroy shared these thoughts about his recovery,*

*"A man's reach should exceed his grasp... Or what's the heaven for," Leroy continued, "I've reached my heaven somehow and I have another grasp to go to."*



## Helping People . . .

In late 2014 our DSS Special Case Management team began working with **Clifford**, a single parent. He was living in a shelter with his teenage son while his two other children were living with a family member. A job lay off left Clifford homeless. Up to this point, he always had stable work and a home for his children. Despite his homelessness, Clifford was able to secure a job and was saving money for an apartment. Unfortunately, his teenage son engaged in some risky behavior and they were removed from the shelter.

Clifford, still employed, used his savings to pay for a motel room, but when the money ran out he could no longer afford to live there. Left with no other choice, Clifford dropped his son off at a youth shelter and found himself living on the streets. Clifford was devastated. "I felt frustrated when I dropped my son off, like I didn't deserve to be a parent and I couldn't take care of the basic needs of my children". Clifford worked nights, and during the day he found his meals at local soup kitchens. It left him exhausted. After being caught sleeping on the job, he lost his job and was temporarily living in a men's shelter. Clifford, a proud man, was embarrassed that he could not provide for his family or himself, and was determined to get his life back in order.

Today, Clifford is renting a room, has regular visitation with his son and is working towards getting an apartment for his family. When asked, Clifford describes his experience as "I feel like I am still at the bottom of the totem pole, and it's going to be a while before I can get the kids back, it seems far out, but I am on the right track." Clifford has gratitude for our staff, "Without your help I would still be at square one".

# 2014 Highlights - Supports for Children & Families



Tiana Walker, 7 years old, is excited to go to school today; she loves her teacher and is learning at her pace with the help of a special education teacher. That was not the case when Tiana first enrolled for kindergarten. Tiana has some learning and cognitive delays that her mom, Tishyla Nelson, sought to address upon registering her in a public school. She felt the requests regarding her daughter's educational needs were not being seriously considered after being told her only option was to home-

school. After failing to get the school's help and attention Tiana was entitled to and deserved, Tishyla reached out to Carmen Vega of the YESS program to help advocate for her daughter's needs. With Carmen's assistance, Tiana was able to obtain Independent Evaluations, the appropriate special education program and related services. Tiana is currently doing very well in school and receiving all the supports that were needed educationally.

*"Before meeting with Ms. Vega, I was overwhelmed and grieved with stress, feeling violated and bullied by the school district. I was losing hope. With Ms. Vega advocating for me as a parent, I received peace of mind, order and justice."*

~ Tishyla Nelson, parent

## Access to Supports for Children & Families

- Service Coordination
- Family Assessment
- Respite
- Family Support Network
- Foster Care Services
- Early Intervention
- YESS (Youth Education Support Services)
- Support for Medically Fragile Children
- Child Welfare Services



# Access for Families with Children at Risk

- Child Welfare
- Healthy Families
- Foster Care

The Foster Care program supports the aspirations of young people in two group homes (one for girls and one for boys) with intensive therapy and training in independent living skills. Young people between 12 and 21 are able to connect to the community while working toward their own goals, whether that is to rejoin their families, live independently or continue their education.

Robin Weygant is the site supervisor and together, with the collaborative efforts of our multi-disciplinary team, provides trauma informed care and support to the youth that call the beautifully renovated Route 52 house their home.



*"I encourage people to stop and think about these kids; they are human beings. They need love and they need us."*

~ Robin Weygant  
Site Supervisor

Thanks to our generous community supporters, our Route 52 home opened in September 2014.

## ACCESS TO HOPE AND A FUTURE



Patricia began working with the Transitional Support Services (TSS) program in May of 2013 when she learned of her pregnancy. She was introduced to TSS from her experience in the Foster Care Program at Access.

As an eager mother who looked to build a future for her unborn child and herself, Patricia worked with the TSS staff to help her achieve some planned goals. One goal was to obtain suitable housing for herself and her child. When that goal was realized, she began attending Orange County Community College.

Wanting the best health and support for her child as a parent, Patricia was referred to the Healthy Families Program. In this program Patricia received educational support for Pre and Post-Natal Care. In December 2013, Patricia gave birth to a healthy baby boy named Messiah.

While attending school and working a part time job, Patricia continued to be a part of TSS and Healthy Family Services. She shares her story and provides educational support to others through the TSS Peer Mediation group.

Patricia is planning to graduate with her Associates Degree in Liberal Arts in the spring of 2016. She continues to live independently with her son and is excited about their future.

# Supports for Adults with Intellectual & Developmental Disabilities

## 2014 Highlights

- Service Coordination
- Day Habilitation
- Promoting Independence & Community Integration
- Residential
- Self Direction
- Community Habilitation



*"As a staff member at Irving, it is easy to take a great deal of pride in the progress of our guys. I have been in this field since 1987. I have watched the ebbs and flows and seen all the changes, good and bad. In all that time I have never seen a group of men move toward independence so fast or so well."*  
~ Pat Byrne, DSP 4, Site Supervisor, Irving Road, Greene County

When Iran first came to Irving he never had a thought about independence. His past weighed him down and he was stuck. His physical disability became a mental one. Iran has worked with staff very diligently towards his independence. He now spends an unlimited amount of time alone and in the community, and is an active social member of the local fire department. He has control of his money now and receives coaching only to help him budget. He now cooks for himself, and occasionally makes dinner for everyone. All of this because Iran wants to live on his own.

Despite **Willy's** profound deafness, he had an ability to communicate and we needed to learn his communication language. In his seventies, Willy developed his own gestures as his form of communication. Willy was enrolled in classes and made weekly trips to American Sign Language Classes in Newburgh. Soon he and our staff learned to communicate together. Willy continued to learn and still practices his signing.

A man with passions for both working and cooking - Willy enjoys cleaning and doing dishes. Willy's passion for gaining independence shows that one who has a disability can have independence.



# Supports for Rewarding Lives and Healthy Communities

- Affordable Housing
- Employment Services



**Kelly Young Simmons** attends the PROS (*Personalized Recovery Oriented Services*) program in Poughkeepsie and is working on achieving his personal goals, one of which is to be employed in the community. Because of his hard work, and with the support from Access staff, this goal was achieved. Now employed at The Grandview in Poughkeepsie, New York, Kelly is thriving and continues to work on all of his goals.

*"Working makes me feel magnificent, positive and energetic. I am able to be more independent and responsible. I'm thankful to be given this opportunity to work in this community. I feel good about myself."*

~ **Kelly Young Simmons**

*"Working with organizations that help those with disabilities has been a great resource for the Hudson Valley. You get individuals who are excited to come to work. Without a doubt we have dedicated people to bring life and energy to do jobs that we have a hard time filling otherwise. We are proud to employ them, and they're proud to work here."*

~ **Michael Bonura**

Bonura Hospitality is one of many local businesses that partners with Access to provide employment opportunities for people with disabilities.



*"Working is important. It helps folks belong to the community ... that's why it's a great next step."*

~ **Melissa Arenas-Dewitt**, Director of Rehabilitation Services

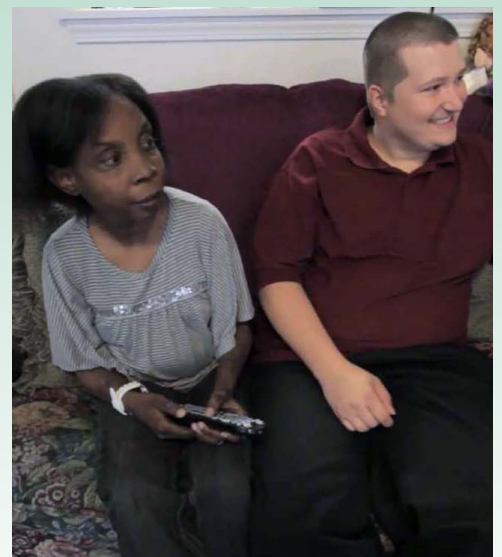
From the time she was 20, **Linda** came to Access for support to help negotiate multiple medical appointments she needed while dealing with many medical issues and surgeries. She also needed help to live and work independently. In 2010, Linda met Brian while working together in the work center. Soon a relationship began and in July of 2011 they were married at a memorable ceremony with their family and our staff present. Not long after, they applied for affordable housing and were excited that Sunrise Garden Apartments became their new home. Together they built a very rewarding life as a happy husband and wife.

*"I'm working, I'm married, I have a beautiful life ahead of me."*

~ Linda Smith

Sadly, Linda recently passed due to medical complications. To honor Linda, a memorial has been placed at Sunrise Gardens.

*We remember Linda for the joy she brought to those she met and the gratitude she had in her heart.*



# AFFORDABLE HOUSING

It takes careful planning and thoughtful support to make independent living a reality for people with challenges. It all pays off when individuals who might once have been restricted to supervised residences are able to sign their own lease and receive the key for a home of their own.

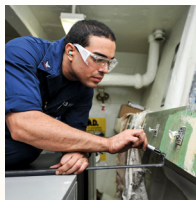
Our beautiful **Sunrise Gardens Apartments** consists of 78 attractive and affordable apartments that were created in partnership with developer Jonah Mandelbaum's Warwick Properties. The Sunrise Gardens Apartments give people with special needs the opportunity to live independently in a safe but barrier-free environment. The **Oak Ridge Complex**, a second partnership with Warwick Properties, designates 15 of the 78 apartments for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Both apartment complexes have one, two, and three bedroom apartments with rents based on the income level of occupants and are located in Middletown, New York.

**Golden Ridge Apartments**, in Monticello, New York, opened in October of 2015. The 81 unit apartment complex created in partnership with developer Jonah Mandelbaum, offers affordable workforce apartments and includes 20 units specifically reserved for individuals working towards their independence and mental health recovery. These beautiful apartments are financed through Governor Andrew Cuomo's NYS Homes and Community Renewal project and supported by the State Office of Mental Health. Golden Ridge residents are just a short trip away from popular venues and entertainment such as Bethel Woods Center for the Arts, Monticello Gaming and Raceway and the upcoming Montreign Casino as well as local health care services.



# Our Employment Solutions are Good Business

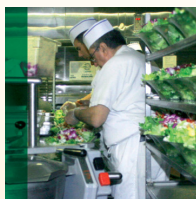
Our agency has led the way in assisting people who contribute to society despite challenges — individuals who are valued employees and the creators of products and perform services of the highest quality.



## TOTAL FACILITIES MANAGEMENT

Our facilities management services are tailored to the needs of our customers.

The goal is always to provide cost effective solutions, ensure safety, and improve the life cycle management of buildings and equipment.



## FOOD SERVICES

We have provided full food service operations for the past 14 years, a testament to our dependability and the value we represent to our Government customers.

The loyalty of our customers is a testament to the dedication of our well trained staff and the organization's commitment to consistently excellent service.



## CUSTODIAL SERVICES

We have been providing custodial services for almost a quarter century. Our highly trained team meets the diverse needs of 32 Government customers throughout the Hudson Valley.

- Full Service Office Cleaning
- Total Floor Maintenance (waxing, stripping & buffing)
- Carpet Cleaning
- Window Cleaning
- Pre-occupancy Preparation
- Post-construction Cleanup



**Access: Supports for Living** provides employment opportunities in product and service contracts for more than 225 people. The federal and state service contracts consist of a variety of positions in several lines of business such as custodial, food service and total facilities maintenance. The contracts span four counties; Orange, Dutchess, Putnam and Westchester. Contract employees earn a competitive wage and can elect transportation to and from their work site. Our manufacturing centers offer opportunities for individuals to assemble staplers, stencil sets and hearing protection items. These items are supplied to both military and commercial customers. We have expanded our hearing protection line through our partnership with 3M™ Corporation and look forward to increasing jobs and our product line through this relationship.

**Access: Business Solutions**, a partner and resource for the Hudson Valley  
Learn more at [accessbusinesssolutions.org](http://accessbusinesssolutions.org)

# Agency Highlights



During 2014, we supported 197 people in their goal to obtain successful employment in the community.



Our Mobile Mental Health Team responded to 4,756 crisis calls in 2014.



Our two counseling centers together served 3,108 people in 2014 assisting each person with their personal goals for mental health recovery.

Care Coordination supported over 1100 people in 2014.



We currently have 28 homes for individuals with intellectual developmental disabilities, 3 children's group homes and 1 home for individuals in mental health recovery. These homes are staffed to provide the supports people need to live a healthy and rewarding life.

Thanks to donations from the community and the Hudson Valley Food Bank, our *Food Pantry* provided meals to over 630 individuals and families in 2014.





**Access: Supports for Living** has a passionate staff of 1,184 people, 185 of whom work on our employment contracts and 86 are employed in our sheltered workshop.



We provide supports and services in 9 counties throughout the State of New York

**Below is a consolidation of the 2014 Financials for Occupations Inc., Family Empowerment Council, New Dynamics Corporation and Stony Ford Foundation**

**Income**

Medicaid, Medicare & Other Insurance	\$42,196,179
Industrial Sales	\$14,613,336
Orange County DSS & OCFS	\$5,682,696
OPWDD	\$5,248,607
OMH	\$2,524,908
Entitlements SSI Food Stamps	\$2,514,817
Orange & Dutchess Mental Health Depts.	\$1,297,857
Contributions Restricted/Non Restricted	\$1,224,627
ACCESS-VR	\$385,360
Other Income*	\$641,029
Federal and State Grants	\$420,795
Participant Providers	\$631,433

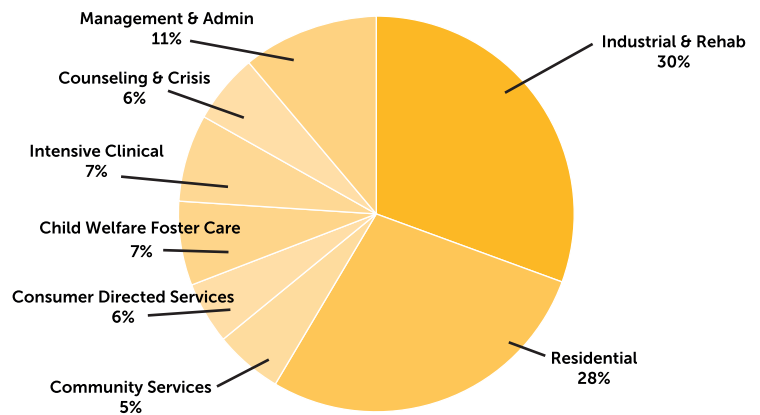
**\$77,381,645**

**Expenses**

Wages & Benefits	\$52,788,177
General Operating	\$ 15,770,851
Occupancy	\$4,260,514
Transportation	\$1,964,012
Emergency Assistance	\$1,070,909

**\$75,854,464**

*Does not include management fees received*



**Foundation Financials 2014**

**Income**

Contributions Restricted/Non Restricted	\$365,457
Investment Income Gain (Loss)	33,604
	<b>\$399,061</b>

**Expenses**

Wages & Benefits	\$ 1,762
General Operating	57,666
Transportation	191
Equipment	1,845
Fundraising	108,027
Administration	13,996
	<b>\$215,574</b>

Occupations, Inc.; Family Empowerment Council, Inc.; New Dynamics Corporation; Stony Ford Foundation and Occupations Foundation are fully qualified, tax-deductible, not-for-profit organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

# Donors

The Access: Supports for Living Foundation is committed to creating a future where people with special needs are supported by high-quality services assisting in their ability to live fully, enjoying all this community has to offer. We do this with the help of funding from health insurances, New York State, industrial sales, and contracts with counties and the federal government. But the funding we receive is not enough. Tremendous need for services has exceeded the government's ability to reimburse us for the services we provide. Our need for support from the community to fill the gap is critical. The support we receive through generous donations and special events is an important factor in shaping our future, and of every child, adult, and family we serve.

## VISIONARIES (\$10,000 and above)

Bruderhof Communities  
Melissa Cobuzzi  
Comfort Zone Mechanical  
Dana Distributors, Inc.  
Granco Construction  
iHeartMEDIA  
Johnstons Toyota  
Jonah Mandelbaum & Donna Applegate  
Kaplan Family Foundations  
Relph Benefit Advisors  
Sterling National Bank  
Warwick Savings Foundation  
WEL Foundation  
William and Elaine Kaplan  
Family Private Foundation

## BENEFACTORS (\$5,000 - \$9,999)

Advance Testing Company, Inc.  
Empire Merchants North, LLC  
KeyBank  
ProBuild  
Safina Office Products, Inc.  
Seely & Durland, Inc.  
TD Banknorth, N.A.  
USI Insurance

## PATRONS (\$2,500 - \$4,999)

Advantage Title Agency, Inc.  
Affinity Group LLC  
Alders Wholesale Florist  
Amy & Paul Anderson-Winchell  
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2014 ProAm Champions



2014 Vision of Hope Award Recipients



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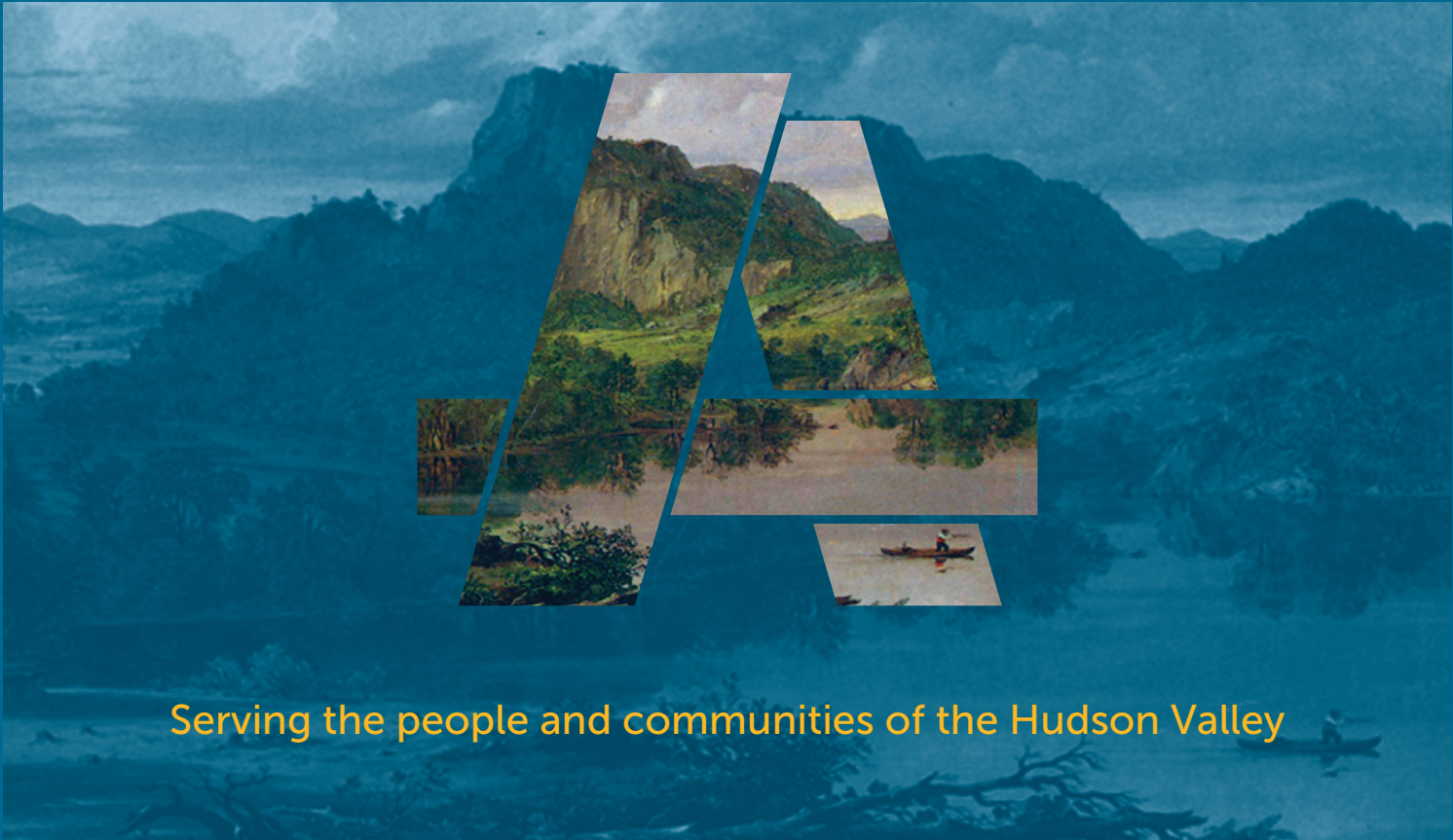
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