

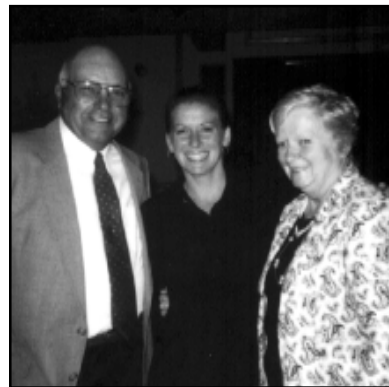


Gala Dinner Dance

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Proudly, a celebration was held for PRIDE's thirtieth anniversary on October 1, 1999 at Benjamin's Restaurant in Taunton. The evening provided a chance to look back on PRIDE's accomplishments and its progression from the beginning on the grounds of the Taunton State Hospital to the current multi-service, community-based organization which PRIDE has become. Award presentations, a silent auction, dancing, and dinner were all part of the evening.



As Alison Mikelson, past president of the Board of Directors for PRIDE, so aptly said that evening, "PRIDE holds a place in the heart of Taunton. It serves a purpose for over 100 adults with disabilities and personal challenges. Families depend on our programs and services. Companies like to do business with us. We gather together to honor the people who make PRIDE work, day in and day out... And we look forward to working together as a team for many years to come in the new Millennium."



Mayor Robert Nunes presented employee recognition awards to fourteen PRIDE employees. Harold Bolster was honored for his volunteer service. During the evening PRIDE also received certificates of recognition for its thirty years of service from the Massachusetts House of Representatives and the Senate. A silent auction was conducted with items which had been donated by local businesses.



The gala event brought together all of the different groups of people who have been involved with PRIDE over these years: the participants in the program, their families, employees, volunteers, customers, members, and representatives from PRIDE's funding sources. Our success over the years has been due to the contributions of each of these groups. We thank all the companies and individuals who made contributions to the event. The high level of participation and the robust spirit of the event bodes well for PRIDE's next thirty years.



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