

# Richard D. Tenenini Foundation (RDT) February 2010 Newsletter

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- Giving in 2009 -

**2009 was a remarkable year for the RDT Foundation. Please read on to learn about what RDT was able to accomplish in 2009 because of YOUR support.**

## CINCO DE MAYO

On May 2, 2009, RDT held their big fundraiser of the year, *Cinco de Mayo*, at The Crossings of Colonie. What a success! A deluxe assortment of Mexican appetizers, desserts, and drinks catered by Classé Catering helped to get everyone in the Mexican spirit! A fabulous variety of items were put up for silent auction and raffle, a 50/50 raffle, and even a piñata made for an enjoyable, festive experience. Assemblyman Bob Reilly attended and offered kind words of support to RDT. Thank you, Assemblyman, for your support!



THROUGH THIS EVENT

RDT RAISED OVER \$6000!

Special thanks to: Frank Jaklitsch, Keith Barney, & Bobby Long for setting the stage through music  
Patrick Terry for his magical entertainment  
Our many friends who braved asking businesses for raffle/auction donations  
Brian Palazzolo, owner of Classe Catering for his accommodating spirit  
Staff at the Crossings of Colonie for their kindness and flexibility  
The Times Union for being *Cinco de Mayo's* sponsor

## HOLIDAY HEROES

For the 2<sup>nd</sup> year in a row, RDT was able to support the Parsons Child and Family Center's "Holiday Heroes" program. Eight special children who reside at or receive services from Parsons were given many reasons to have an unforgettable and happy holiday season. Thank you for helping RDT to put shiny smiles on eight deserving little faces! In turn, our bigger faces are smiling just the same! ☺

## \*A CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS\*

In order for RDT to continue making a difference in the lives of local people recovering from mental illness, we need your help! If you are interested in volunteering – there is a place for you at RDT. If you would like to volunteer for the 2010 Event Planning Committee, please contact RDT at [rdtfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:rdtfoundation@gmail.com). Together we can make a difference!

## 3 SCHOLARSHIPS

RDT has never been so proud! In 2009, RDT awarded 3 deserving young adults recovering from mental illness with substantial **scholarships**. The **scholarships** supported these individuals in working towards their academic, vocational, and life goals. This is what RDT is all about!

### April Mevoli - \$2,000

April has enrolled in Hudson Valley Community College's physical therapy assistant program. April attended the Cinco de Mayo fundraiser to accept her award. Thank you, April!

### Neil Hellman School Senior - \$2,000

Another young woman is pursuing studies at Hudson Valley Community College.

### Colonie High School Senior - \$2,000

A young man is currently attending The College of Saint Rose, majoring in Communication Sciences and Disorders. CCHS is Rick's Alma Mater.

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LOVINGLY  
BY THE  
FAMILY,  
FRIENDS,  
COLLEAGUES  
AND ADMIRERS  
OF  
RICK TENENINI

THIS  
FOUNDATION  
CELEBRATES  
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**CREDIT & THANKS:**

Website Updates

Jody Morgeneegg – Professional web designer ([www.customwebcare.com](http://www.customwebcare.com)) continues to update the Foundation website with information on events past and future along with pictures and anecdotes

Entertainment & Support

Frank Jaklitsch & Friends: People who communicate love, support, celebration, and fun through their musical talents

Guidance

Laura LeClair – A friend at the Times Union who provided advice and generous support

Exposure

ClearChannel - Communications for public service announcements

Legal Advising

Greg George – RDT's pro bono tax accountant and advisor

Pam Tindall-O'Brien – RDT's pro bono attorney and advisor

*- Giving in 2010 and Beyond -*



**FRANK JAKLITSCH**

Our biggest supporter? He may be! Frank has been the musical genius present at RDT events. Rick was Frank's boss, but more importantly Frank was Rick's friend. Frank has been an amazing ally to this Foundation from the start. The proceeds of many of Frank's events are donated to a variety of Frank's philanthropic interests. RDT is among many Foundations that Frank cares about, including Shaker Vet Save-A-Pet Program and the Alpha Pregnancy Care Center in Albany. Thank you Frank,

**GOLF OUTING**

Two volunteers, Bob Haskin and Therese Shady, "stepped up to the tee" and organized a golf tournament to benefit RDT. It took place on September 20, 2009 at Apple Creek Orchard Golf Club. A fun time was had by all! THANK YOU, Bob and Therese, for taking the time to organize such a successful event!



**THROUGH THIS EVENT, RDT RAISED OVER \$700!**

**WELCOME TABLE**

St. John's St. Ann's Church in Albany's south end responds with compassion and care to all neighbors in need. They provide food, furniture, outreach, referrals, and holiday & summer programs through the generous efforts of dedicated volunteers. Twice a week, the "Welcome Table" invites their community to a full, free meal – no questions asked. The Church provides space in its center for this to take place. On October 3, 2009, RDT hosted a "Welcome Table" consisting of ham, coleslaw, baked beans, sweet potato casserole, mixed vegetables, carrot cake, rolls, and a beverage.

The room and flow at each "Welcome Table" is set up in a restaurant-style, with volunteers as waiters. The respect and understanding felt unanimously throughout the room was enough to take your breath away. Thanks to Price Chopper Supermarkets, Prinzo's Bakery, Sweet Treats Bakery, and McDonald's on Holland Avenue in Albany for donating many of the necessary items! It was a treat to serve the local community with good food and warm hearts. Thanks to all of our volunteers who helped on this memorable day. Another proud RDT accomplishment!



*SAVE THE DATE*

**\*Festa Italiana\***

April 24, 2010 will be our big fundraiser of the year! *\*Festa Italiana\** will be held in the evening at the Western Turnpike Golf Course Clubhouse, managed by the Mallozzi Family. Mexico was a place that Rick liked to visit, but Italy is the place where Rick's family is from! Another perfect theme for an RDT event. There will be Italian-focused food, drink, and fun. Frank Jaklitsch will be our Italian musician for the evening. Get ready for the Tarantella! So, mark your calendar...Grazie!

**Foundation Mission:**

**To celebrate Rick's life and continue his legacy of helping individuals recover from mental illness**

