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Mr. John Viniello, President
National Fire Sprinkler Association
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Dear Mr. Viniello: *John*

On behalf of the Board of Directors of Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association, as well as the people the Agency serves, it is both a pleasure and honor to announce that you have been selected by the Awards Committee as a recipient of the Distinguished Community Leadership Award.

This recognition is awarded to an individual who has made an outstanding contribution on behalf of individuals in their community who experience disabilities by providing insight, enhancing active community collaboration and cooperation, and a genuine commitment to make the community a better place - a community where all individuals are afforded equal opportunities to live full and productive lives. This individual has given selflessly, tirelessly and has promoted the principles that enhance the lives of individuals who experience disabilities by providing opportunities that increase their independence, productivity and integration. This individual's personal commitment and leadership transcends personal gain. This individual's ability to motivate others, as well as provide a leadership role in philanthropy and community involvement exemplifies this person's dedication and service to the not-for-profit community that shares these values.

Mr. Viniello, you have been a friend to this agency since its inception. Almost twenty-five years ago we sat across a table to negotiate a lease, and as we look back we realize that we received so much more from the National Fire Sprinkler Association than just our first home; we were introduced to a friend and advocate who has been by our side helping us enhance our community by enhancing the quality of life for those individuals who experience disabilities. You have demonstrated dedication, compassion, understanding and a willingness to give quietly, yet significantly, to individuals who experience disabilities. You have always been available, and willing to use the respect you have earned from not only our community but from communities across this great nation, to "open" both doors and possibilities so that individuals who experience disabilities are given the greatest opportunity to become valued and participating members of our community. Your work and dedication to the Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association's Golf Event "Swing for Opportunity" is unprecedented and truly would not exist without you. Your continued support of this agency and the people it serves, as well as for other not-for-profit agencies, schools, and religious institutions, has enhanced the quality of life for our entire community.

As you know, Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association, a not-for-profit organization, has been providing services to the Hudson Valley region for over 22 years. The Agency was established in response to families, to meet their needs for specialized care within the community, and consequently a service delivery system was developed to ensure the highest quality of life for people who experience disabilities and for their families. These programs encompass the following areas: **Children's Services:** Early Intervention, Pre-School, Daycare, and Pediatric Clinical Services; **Adult Day Programs:** Day Treatment, Day Habilitation; and **Supported Employment:** Specialized Traumatic Brain Injury Programs; **Residential:** Intermediate Care Facilities, Individual Residential Alternatives, Supported Living opportunities; **Advocacy:** Service Coordination, Home Service; and **Clinical & Health Services** including occupational therapy, physical therapy, speech therapy, assistive technology, audiological services, mental health services, including psychiatry, psychology, behavioral therapy and counseling, as well as medical services including primary care and specialty medical care (physiatry, neurology, orthopedics, podiatry, cardiology, pulmonology), and specialized dental services. The Agency provides some of these services to members of the community who might not have the means to secure quality health care or other support services.

Hudson Valley Cerebral Palsy Association will be convening its Annual Dinner on Saturday, June 12th, 2010, at the Westchester Marriott in Tarrytown, New York. We wish to invite you and a guest to join us at a 7:00 p.m. reception followed by an awards dinner at 8:00 p.m. We look forward to sharing in this mutually exciting event so as to demonstrate the full measure of our appreciation. Please contact Melissa Kamin at (845) 878-9078 Ext. 4218, for any additional information and to let her know who will be attending the event.

Sincerely,

William R. Miller, III
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