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2019 HONORARY GALA CHAIRS

Dr. Sandra Gold and Christine Ordway invite you to

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Adler Aphasia Center's **ANNUAL GALA**

TUESDAY, JUNE 11, 2019

6:00–9:00 PM

SEASONS

644 PASCACK ROAD, TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON, NJ

HONORING

2019 Mike and Elaine Adler Humanitarian Award

Winifred M. and George P. Pitkin Foundation

2019 Karen Tucker Advocacy Award

Dr. Audrey Holland

2019 Shining Star Award

Avi Golden

2019 KAREN TUCKER ADVOCACY AWARD

DR. AUDREY HOLLAND



Dr. Audrey L. Holland currently serves as Adler Aphasia Center's Director of Research. Mike and Elaine Adler learned of her expertise in the field of aphasia when they were researching the idea of opening an aphasia program in NJ, long before 2003, when the Maywood program officially opened. With Dr. Holland's expertise in the field and the Adlers' passion to establish a Center, the three became a team to build a program in NJ for stroke and brain injury survivors living with aphasia, using the Life Participation Approach to Aphasia.

Dr. Holland is an internationally-renowned expert in the area of aphasia assessment and intervention. She has had a long and productive career in Speech and Hearing Sciences, where her major efforts have been concentrated in language disorders in children and adults, with an emphasis on the development of innovative approaches to understanding and treating individuals with aphasia and dementia. She is the Regents' Professor Emerita of Speech, Language, and Hearing Sciences at The University of Arizona. Before moving to Arizona, she was Professor of Otolaryngology, and Associate Professor of Psychiatry at the University of Pittsburgh, where she also previously taught in the Department of Communication Disorders.

She continues to consult and write in the area of aphasia during her retirement. She's the author of several assessments and five books, numerous book chapters, and over 170 clinical and research articles. She has served on various review committees and advisory boards for the National Institutes of Health, the Veterans Administration and the National Center for Medical Rehabilitation Research.

2019 MIKE AND ELAINE ADLER HUMANITARIAN AWARD

WINIFRED M. AND GEORGE P. PITKIN FOUNDATION

Accepting award is Frances Hoffman, Ph.D. and Joseph L. Basralian, Esq., trustees of the Pitkin Foundation

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The Winifred M. and George P. Pitkin Foundation was founded by Drs. Winifred and George Pitkin, who were pioneers in the field of anesthesia. Dr. George Pitkin was an internationally known surgeon credited with introducing spinal anesthesia to surgery. He was a celebrated New Jersey physician, renowned medical author and prominent researcher. He was one of the physician-founders of Holy Name Hospital in 1925. Dr. Winifred Pitkin attended medical school at Oxford University in England and became a professor of neurology at Columbia University in 1931.

Dr. Frances Hoffman and Joseph P. Basralian, Esq. both serve as the trustees of the Foundation. Dr. Hoffman spent her career working at Columbia University in chemical research and scientific administration. Mr. Basralian is President of the law firm, Winne Banta Basralian & Kahn, P.C. The Foundation was established after Winifred's death. The Foundation's areas of interest include education, health care and the environment, having made contributions to area colleges, hospitals and the newest medical school in NJ.

A prominent donor to the Adler Aphasia Center, the Foundation has been contributing to the Center for the past six years, helping to ensure that the legacy that Elaine and Mike Adler created for people with aphasia will continue to thrive. Recognizing the need to support the Center's efforts to serve a wider aphasia community, the Foundation has also had particular interest in the Center's own successful education, training and advocacy programs to ensure that all stroke and brain injury survivors with aphasia and their caregivers are aware of, and have access to, the best possible post-rehabilitative treatments.

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2019 SHINING STAR AWARD

AVI GOLDEN



Avi Golden was a Critical Care Flight paramedic in both the US and in Israel when his life took an unexpected turn. In 2007, at 33, Avi was admitted for routine surgery for a mitral valve prolapse (MVP) repair. He thought his recovery would also be routine. However, during the surgery, Avi experienced a left brain stroke, leaving him with aphasia.

Avi's aphasia frustrates him more than his other post-stroke residuals. He understands what people are saying and can read, but he has difficulty speaking and writing. This can be devastating for any friendly, outgoing person, let alone a certified paramedic who needs to communicate accurately and effectively to do his job. Avi refused to let aphasia get in his way. He still works (and volunteers his time) as a paramedic and, more importantly, he has embarked on a new mission of “aphasia advocate” educating others about aphasia and its impact.

Avi is now involved in many aphasia-related projects. He is an active contributor to the “Aphasia Awareness Training for Emergency Responders Project,” for the National Aphasia Association. He participates in the Center's weekly Advocacy Group in which he trains visiting medical residents and students and other health care professionals about aphasia. He established the New York City Outdoor Disability Group, now with close to 700 members, where others with disabilities can meet for activities such as snowboarding, horseback riding, hiking, hand cycling, sailing, scuba diving and more. He has also made a name for himself touring the country and speaking about living with aphasia to university students studying communication disorders and healthcare professionals.

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