

More than 200 members of the Association of Contracting Plumbers of the City of New York Inc. (ACP) and their guests participated in its' Annual Charity Golf Outing, which was held on May 5, 2008 at the Sleepy Hollow Country Club in Westchester.

The ACP selected the Association for Children with Down Syndrome (ACDS) as this year's recipient of the proceeds of the Annual Charity Golf Outing. Over \$100,000 was raised to help ACDS provide resources of exceptional quality and innovation to individuals with Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities, and their families.

**ACP RAISES
\$101,400 FOR
ASSOCIATION
FOR
CHILDREN
WITH DOWN
SYNDROME**



(l to r. – ACDS - Tim Michel, Bd. President; Michael M. Smith, Executive Director; Leslie Granger, Development Director; Ralph DeMartino, Chair, Charity Golf Outing and Vincent Aspromonte, ACP President)

ACDS provides a continuum of year-round programs and services that include diagnostic evaluations and treatment, early intervention, day care/ nursery, preschool, special education and clinical services for children, from infancy to age 5; individualized residential services (IRA) for adults, age 21 and over; and evening and weekend recreation and socialization services for children, age 5 and over. The agency also provides nursery/day care programs in an integrated setting, with typically developing children. In addition, ACDS is expanding its summer camp which, in just its second season, served 33 children in 2007.

“Families that have children with Down Syndrome are faced with great hurdles everyday,” stated ACP President Vincent Aspromonte. He continued, “we wanted to make sure they are not alone in their challenge.”

As Long Island's leading service provider for children and adults with Down Syndrome and other developmental disabilities, ACDS advocates that early prevention is essential to help children live full lives. Since 1966, ACDS has served thousands of children.

ACP's Charity Dinner for ACDS was attended by over 200 members and guests.

CHARITY OUTING



Ralph DeMartino, Chairman of the ACP's Charity Golf Outing Committee commented on the ACP's involvement, "When we explained to our members the charity that was selected, our members, associate members, manufacturers and supply houses opened their hearts and their wallets – and we raised more than double last year's effort. We are proud to recognize the important work being done at ACDS."

ACDS Executive Director Michael Smith was grateful for the ACP's efforts. Smith said, "We believe it is crucial that families know they have a support system to rely on when they turn to us – it is nice to know that we have organizations, like the ACP supporting us and who believe in our mission."

The Association of Contracting Plumbers of the City of New York, Inc., is a trade association dedicated to the improvement of public health through the proper and adequate installation of sanitary systems. The Association fosters the enactment and enforcement of sanitary laws and regulations for the protection of public health. The Organization encourages the highest standard of ethical practices in the industry and directs its efforts to furthering good relations with the public at large, with trade unions and with all segments of the vast building construction industry.



Outing Participants at Sleepy Hollow Country Club's 16th green overlooking the Hudson River.

The Association of Contracting Plumbers, founded in 1881, is the oldest organization of its kind in the country. Over the years its members have installed the sanitary systems in the great buildings that have made New York world famous.

To learn more about The Association for Children with Down Syndrome or to make a contribution, please visit www.acds.org.