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The Fafard Family: Recipients of the Partner in Philanthropy Award from The Association For Community Living

The Fafard Family was recently announced as a 2007 recipient of the Partner in Philanthropy Award, from THE ASSOCIATION FOR COMMUNITY LIVING. The award is given for generosity in support of The Association For Community Living, and was presented at The Association's 54th Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony.

Therese Fafard, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, accepted the award on behalf of her family. The mother of Robert Fafard, of East Longmeadow, Andre Fafard, of Southwick, Marie Fafard, of Springfield, and Louise Travka, of New Jersey; Therese and her family and friends are dedicated supporters of the Family Support Division.

The Herve H. Fafard Memorial Emergency Fund for family emergencies was established by The Association's Board of Directors in honor of Therese's late husband using donations made in his memory. The fund has been integral in aiding families with developmental disabilities facing crises situations in Western Massachusetts over the past several years.

A Partner in Philanthropy Award was also accepted by Kathleen Rogers, of Hatfield, Massachusetts.

The Association For Community Living's 54th Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony was held at The Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House, 500 Easthampton Road, Holyoke, beginning at 5:00 p.m., with a sit-down dinner at 6:00 p.m.

The Association For Community Living was founded in 1952 by five mothers of children with mental retardation. Headquartered in Springfield, The Association has satellite offices in Athol, Easthampton, Greenfield, Northampton, and Pittsfield. For more information on The Association For Community Living visit our website at: www.theassn.org.

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Pictured L-R: Former Commissioner of the Department of Mental Retardation, Gerald Morrissey bestows The Association For Community Living's Partner in Philanthropy award, accepted by Andre J. Fafard, Therese Fafard, and Robert J. Fafard at The Association's 54th Annual Dinner and Awards Ceremony, held June 18, 2007, at the The Log Cabin Banquet and Meeting House in Easthampton, MA.