

A Look Inside



CHAPTER THREE
Growth and Expansion
1980s

Background artwork by Cindy Deso

MILESTONES

1980
Philip Hoffer becomes Executive Director
County funding helps Early Infant Intervention Program survive reduction in state aid

1980
Transportation becomes a formal department

1981
First day treatment program opens at Franklin Building

1982-1984
Three Supportive Living Apartments (SLAs) open

1985
Sharon Avenue facility acquired and renovated; day treatment program moves there
Infant program renamed Early Education Program

1986
Richard Minogue becomes Executive Director
Church Street Intermediate Care Facility opens
Family Support Services begin

1986
Supported work program, forerunner of Workforce Network, begins

1987
Sharon Avenue facility is formally dedicated as Merritt Memorial Center

1987
ARC purchases Industrial Boulevard building

1988
Respite Home opens on Lakeshore Road
Merritt Center adds Senior Services
Cardinal Village SLA opens
ARC offices and Champlain Valley Industries Sheltered Workshop (CVI) move to 9 Industrial Boulevard

1989
Name changes from Clinton County Association for Retarded Children to Association for Retarded Citizens
Quality Assurance Department established by Mike Conine






Clinton County ARC: Past & Present

The first time we visited Clinton County ARC's offices and facilities, we were struck by the amazing art all around. It had been created in painting classes by the individuals with developmental disabilities whom the agency serves. We asked if we could reproduce some of these beautiful pieces. The answer was: "Of course, if the artists and their families agree."

We unframed several paintings and photographed them professionally. The agency obtained the permissions. Each chapter features a different painting and an inset photo of the painter as well. They are very proud to be published artists.

And because this is a fairly short book at 88 pages, every square inch counted. So each chapter opening spread also contains that decade's Timeline.

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