Welcome to The Advisory Council

As we enter into a new quarter, we are immensely excited to announce the growth of our National Advisory Council! This council is vital to the organization as it brings together individuals who are leaders in their respective fields and allows them to share their expertise and knowledge with our organization to enhance our ability to spread awareness and caregiving youth’s concerns.

We are excited for Richard W. Lindsay, MD, and Jodi O’Donnell-Ames to have joined our already esteemed list of Advisory Council Members.

National Listening Project

As the national conversation regarding youth caregiving continues...
Richard W. Lindsay, MD is Emeritus Professor of Internal Medicine and Family Practice and former Head of the Section of Geriatric Medicine at the University of Virginia Health Sciences Center in Charlottesville. Dr. Lindsay grew up in upstate New York, where his father was a family physician. He attended Cornell University and New York Medical College from which he received his M.D. degree and where he was a member of Alpha Omega Alpha. Dr. Lindsay, was a co-founder of the Institute for Innovations in Caregiving, which is now a part of Virginia's Senior Navigator. Recently Dr. Lindsay was honored by having the Institute renamed the Lindsay Institute for Innovations in Caregiving.

Jodi O'Donnell-Ames is a certified teacher, writer, member of Union Fire Co. and Rescue Squad, and tireless advocate for Lou Gehrig's disease, or ALS (Amyotrophic Lateral Sclerosis). She is also the founder and Community Outreach Director of Hope Loves Company, a non-profit organization committed to providing educational and emotional support to children and young adults who have had or have a loved one battling ALS in their lives. She lives with her husband Benton in Titusville, NJ. Their children, all young adults, have lost a parent to ALS before the age of 11. Jodi is the author of two books, *The Stars that Shine* and *Someone I Love has ALS*. She was chosen as People Magazine's "Hero Among Us" and is the recipient of many awards including the Russ Berrie Making a Difference Award, the AFP (Association of Fundraising Professionals) Founder's Award, the TIAA Difference Maker Award, the New Jersey Governors Jefferson Award, the TCNJ Alumni Humanitarian Award and the Princeton Mercer Chamber of Commerce Women in Achievement Award. In addition, she was invited to give a TEDx talk on Leading a Life with Purpose.

Tutor Pool

One of our current projects is to recruit additional tutors as the grade of many of our youth slipped during the final weeks of the last academic school year. We are focusing first on those who are entering high school along with those beginning their senior year to ensure that their overall grade averages can be address, and when needed improved. This past year our high school senior graduation was 100% bringing our six-year average to 98.3%! If you are or know of anyone interested in entering our tutor pool please feel free to email us at Info@aacy.org.

In The News & Raising Awareness

AACY, has made significant progress in bringing awareness of the organization and our cause and most recently we had two major articles conducted on youth caregivers, as well as our two of our youth had the opportunity to participate in a radio interview.

*Forbes: The Youngest Family Caregivers*

*More Than 3 Million Youth Play a Caregiving Role. They Need Our Support.*

*WLRN Radio Interview*

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During this time of limited in-person fundraising, we extend our special appreciation to five foundations whose recent grants are helping AACY accomplish its goal of improving the lives of caregiving youth and their families. They are:

- Boca Raton Regional Hospital Foundation
- The Cornelia T. Bailey Foundation
- Leslie L. Alexander Foundation
- United Way of Town Palm Beach

We are equally grateful for all of our individual donors and while we know we are important to you, we want to remind you that are important to us!