

AWARD-WINNING **Able**

THE NEWSPAPER *POSITIVELY* FOR, BY & ABOUT THE DISABLED

HEALTHCARE HEROES

Alzheimer's Center CEO Honored By LIBN



PHOTO BY JEANNE NEVILLE

Mary Ann Malack-Ragona (fourth from right), executive director/CEO, Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc., displays the award she received at the Long Island Business News' Health Care Heroes Awards ceremony.

Also pictured, left to right, are Board Member Katie Dawson; Dir. of Programs Caroline Fitterman; Past Pres. Larry Peters; Vice Pres. of Programs and Services Robin Lombardo; Lori Catapano, Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. Board Members Roger Daisley and Anu Lamba; and Dir. of Business Relations, Dignity Home Care Jerry D'Andrea.

Malack-Ragona joined what is now known as the Alzheimer's Disease Resource Center, Inc. (ADRC)

in February 2003 and, in 2004, opened The Neuwirth Family Care Centre within the agency's Ronkonkoma office. In 2011, she moved the agency to a 9,000-square-foot facility, adding The Mickey & Felice Neuwirth Care Center as a critical care component to the new Resource Center.

Malack-Ragona, in conjunction with her colleague Robin Lombardo, successfully launched a college-accredited Alzheimer's Disease training program for professional caregivers. This curriculum has trained more than 600 professional caregivers.

In 2008, she was appointed by then-New York State Gov. David Paterson to the Alzheimer's Disease Coordinating Council.

Malack-Ragona has raised funds and awareness.