



Corliss Institute, Inc.

"social, habilitation and employment services to deaf people with diverse disabilities and others with unique communication needs in an independence/empowerment-based model that facilitates living learning and working successfully as integrated members of the community."

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Corliss Institute, Inc. announces its first ***Wine and Cheese Tasting Event at The Cheese Plate*** – 54 State Street/corner of Water Street, Warren, RI on Tuesday, June 7 from 5 – 8 PM. Honorary Event Chair Sue Babin will open the festivities with introductions and highlights of Corliss' history.

Guests will have the opportunity to sample several wines and a host of cheeses and accompaniments for which ***The Cheese Plate*** has become legendary in the East Bay. In addition to networking and a brief overview of Corliss services, there will be a **Silent Auction** consisting of limited and select items that include original art, such as an oil painting by East Bay artist Thomas McAleer, a basket of delicacies, Wedge-wood plates and an Ipod Nano. All donations and sales will benefit The Corliss Institute, Inc. for the support of its programs.

Mary Edler, the President of the Corliss Board of Directors, states "There is no better way to promote the outstanding work of our Members and staff than to host a festive occasion for their benefit. We have all worked hard to make progress despite fiscal challenges here in RI, and we hope our friends and colleagues will join us to celebrate dedication, especially during tough times!"

A leader in services for deaf adults with additional disabilities in RI and the NE area for decades, Corliss has established a niche in Warren, the state and beyond for its neighborhood style of residences and programs. Adults served by Corliss are recognized in the local and statewide community for their involvement in Earth Day, Serve RI, Water Fire and other community events, and for participation in diverse paid employment, volunteering for Meals on Wheels, and for being good neighbors!

Founded in 1982 and established in Warren in 1985, Corliss Institute, Inc. is a nonprofit 501 (c) (3) organization that is licensed by the state, certified as a Disability Business Enterprise and a member of the East Bay Chamber of Commerce. Goals for the coming year include continuation of the Farmers Market at Burr Hill Park in Warren, development of small 'work crews' to provide cleaning and set-up to area businesses, and expansion of the group's Supported Employment program.

The Board of Directors and staff will be on hand to provide updated information. Copies of the Annual Report and a new service brochure will be available. ASL interpreters will be present to assure fluent communications during the socializing and the Silent Auction.

Guests are requested to contact Holly Williams (contact info above) for information, and to RSVP. Space is limited, and Corliss hopes to have a capacity crowd.

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