



RESOURCES FOR  
INDEPENDENT LIVING, INC.

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**The Salem County Chamber Executive Committee**  
**is pleased to announce the**  
**2023 Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award**  
**was presented to longtime Salem County volunteer,**  
**Patty Bomba.**

Over the past 27 years Patty has dedicated numerous hours to benefit almost every non-profit in Salem County including:

- Hospice Volunteer, Memorial Hospital of Salem County
- Founder & Advocate for "A Place for Sami", the first 100% accessible playground in the State of NJ
- Habitat for Humanity of Salem County Board of Directors
- The ARC of Salem County Volunteer

- Resources for Independent Living Board of Trustees
- Volunteer for Meals on Wheels of Salem County
- Salem County Vocational Technical School & Salem County Special Services School District Board Member
- County of Salem Disability Advisory Board
- Volunteer for Darryl's Wheels - providing special transportation for the disabled community
- Member, St Gabriel the Archangel Parish

Patty has always been a leading advocate for special needs children and area residents with cognitive and motor challenges.

Her and her husband Pat have been married for 56 years. They have three children and are proud grandparents of six. They are lifelong Salem County residents.

Patty received her Distinguished Citizen of the Year Award Thursday, December 7, 2023 at 5:30 pm at the Grove at Centerton.

Congratulations Patty!

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Resources for Independent Living (RIL) is a community-based organization serving people with disabilities. Our core services are independent living skills training, information and referral, transition, peer support, and advocacy. Membership is open to all people with disabilities, their able-bodied friends, and supporters. We promote personal growth, empowerment, self-determination, education, skills development, and networking opportunities. RIL provides people with disabilities the means for self-choice, self-direction, and self-reliance in an inclusive society that offers equal rights and privileges to all.