



Honoree Spotlight

Carolann Garafola

Executive Director,
Mt. Bethel Village

Carolann Garafola, Executive Director of Mt. Bethel Village, is a former Speech Pathologist, graduate of Kean University and Syracuse University. She worked in the public schools as a speech pathologist, then as an administrator for many years, and at the same time worked in various nursing homes in Middlesex and Somerset Counties with stroke patients. She took an early retirement to move into the administration as Executive Director at the Children's Therapy Center, then became the Principal of Horizon High School, a school for children with multiple disabilities, again with traumatic brain injuries. She subsequently took on the opening of Mt. Bethel Village residential and day program community, which includes adult with brain injuries as well as autism and developmental disabilities.

She was formerly the President of the New Jersey Speech and Hearing Association, and presently serves as an elected official in Warren Township, N J (24 years) of which six were as Mayor. She is married to Ralph Garafola, portrait artist.