



YAI Network Honors Kelley Drye with Community Advocacy Award

April 11, 2012

On April 21, the YAI Network will present its Community Advocacy Award to Kelley Drye & Warren LLP at its Annual Family Dinner Dance. This honor recognizes the pro bono work for the people served by YAI.

Kelley Drye has represented YAI on a pro bono basis since 2010. The firm recently represented YAI, when its landlord threatened non-renewal of its lease for one of YAI's oldest and largest Manhattan residences for developmentally disabled adults. As a result YAI's residents were at serious risk of losing their home at the height of the economic downturn. After approximately two years, and following long and arduous negotiations, Kelley Drye finalized an agreement with the landlord which will allow the residents to remain in their secure home for the foreseeable future. Kelley Drye partners **Frederic S. Nathan** and **Robert E. Crotty** negotiated the final agreement with YAI's landlord.

The Annual Family Dinner Dance theme is "Opening Day for Team YAI - celebrating spring and new beginnings."

Date:

Saturday, April 21, 2012

Time:

6:30 p.m. - VIP Cocktail Reception & Awards Ceremony

7:00- 10:00 p.m. - Dinner and Dancing

Location:

Terrace on the Park
5211 111th Street
Flushing Meadow Park
Queens, NY 11368

Tickets:

\$75.00 or \$130 for Friends & Family

More information:

www.YAI.org or (212) 273-6551

Founded in 1957, the YAI Network is one of the largest and most well established non-profit organizations in the New York metropolitan area dedicated to providing education, vocational training, healthcare and assistant living services to people with a broad spectrum of developmental disabilities. Today, its network comprises eight, renowned not-for-profit, independent health and

human services agencies with a reach that extends throughout the greater New York metropolitan area, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, as well as to countries throughout the world.