

## **Bridgeway Celebrates Recovery and Resilience at 2025 Achievement Awards**

Bridgeway Behavioral Health Services proudly hosted its 2025 Achievement Awards on December 3 at Galloping Hill Caterers in Union. The event brought together persons served, families, staff, leadership, and Board members for a joyful afternoon celebrating progress, perseverance, and community.

This year, 29 individuals from across Bridgeway programs were recognized for their achievements. Each honoree received a certificate and a 50-dollar Amazon gift card, acknowledging their hard work, personal growth, and commitment to recovery.

One of the most meaningful aspects of the celebration was the heartfelt introductions shared by the staff who nominated and recognized each individual. Their words reflected the strength of the relationships built across Bridgeway programs and highlighted the unique journeys of those being honored.

### **Spotlight on Achievement: Daniella Storno**

Among this year's honorees was Daniella Storno, nominated by PACT 7, where she has been an active participant since 2016. Daniella's journey is a powerful example of growth, independence, and sustained commitment to recovery.

Daniella earned a Bachelor's degree in Biology from Rider University and has demonstrated significant personal development over the past year. She takes an active role in managing her wellness by consistently attending medical appointments, maintaining her medication regimen, and engaging in weekly individual counseling sessions with her Licensed Wellness Clinician. Her commitment extends beyond herself, strengthening relationships with her family, friends, and the PACT team.

Daniella is independently engaged in her community, including maintaining a regular gym routine. She is employed as a dog walker and has proactively attended job fairs to further develop her socialization skills and explore new opportunities. She continues to challenge herself by venturing into situations that once felt out of reach, while also offering support to her family, including assisting her elderly grandparents following medical procedures.

Daniella's resilience, dedication, and determination embody the spirit of the Achievement Awards. We are proud to honor her progress and grateful that she has chosen Bridgeway as a partner in her recovery journey.

### **Celebrating Excellence Across Bridgeway Programs**

The program was hosted by Cory Storch, President and CEO, and Buddy Garfinkle, Senior Vice President and Chief Program Officer, who guided the event with warmth and clarity, ensuring the program flowed seamlessly from start to finish.

Guests enjoyed a hot buffet lunch in a beautifully decorated venue, with DJ music adding energy and contributing to a lively and fun atmosphere. The people in attendance and the meaningful words they shared added warmth, connection, and joy, making the celebration especially memorable.

A special thank-you goes to the dedicated Bridgeway staff who helped make the event possible. Their behind-the-scenes efforts were instrumental in delivering a smooth and successful event.

Reflecting on the day, Cory Storch shared, “This was the best Achievement Awards celebration we have ever had. The program ran incredibly smoothly, and it was truly special to see so many people come together to celebrate the achievements of those we serve.”

Buddy Garfinkle added, “From a clinical perspective, the progress recognized at this event speaks volumes about the commitment, resilience, and hard work of the individuals we serve. These achievements reflect meaningful steps forward in recovery, supported by strong therapeutic relationships and comprehensive care.”

The Achievement Awards continue to be a powerful reminder of Bridgeway’s mission and the impact of recovery-oriented care. We are proud to celebrate the accomplishments of the individuals we serve and the dedicated staff who support them every day.