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## A STAFF APPRECIATION DAY TO REMEMBER!

Rainbows, cotton candy, and laughter filled the air as the mansion was transformed into a carnival wonderland on August 15th, 2024. Our annual Staff Appreciation Day was a whirlwind of fun, games, and unforgettable memories.



Mother Nature may have rained on our parade for our original date, but her plans were quickly foiled as we utilized our rain date. The sun emerged on August 15th just in time for our carnival extravaganza. The day kicked off with a vibrant atmosphere, complete with colorful decorations, festive music, and a DJ spinning tunes to keep the energy high.

No carnival would be complete without classic games, and we had plenty to offer. From ring toss and skee-ball to volleyball, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Prizes were plentiful, and the competitive spirit was fierce as colleagues cheered each other on.

For those seeking a more relaxed experience, our "Zen Den" was a haven of tranquility. Professional massage therapists were on hand to soothe away the stresses of daily life, leaving our staff feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. Feeling relaxed out of their massages staff lined up for some beautiful henna creations.

But the fun didn't stop there! Double Dutch jump roping exhibition brought out the inner child in many, while the juggler amazed the crowd with his incredible skills. Karaoke enthusiasts belted out their favorite tunes, showcasing hidden talents and unleashing their inner rock stars.



Of course, no celebration would be complete without delicious food. Our carnival-themed menu featured an array of tasty treats, from cotton candy and popcorn to hot dogs and burgers. As well as pizza, vegan delights and of course ice cream treats. There was something to satisfy every craving.

The day was a resounding success, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a sense of appreciation for our incredible team. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Staff Appreciation Day a truly unforgettable experience!

# Message from the CEO



Dear Colleagues,

I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer!

As we transition into the vibrant fall season, I find myself reflecting on the myriad activities and events that brought our family of organizations together. From Employee Appreciation Day to Camp Loyaltown, the Employee of the Quarter recognitions, BCCS Prom and Graduations, Shoreham Day of Belonging, and our very first June Jubilee, it's clear we've had an incredible few months. Not to mention the invaluable learning opportunities in DEI, the NADSP Credentialing program, and the heartfelt celebrations for Teachers, Nurses, and Psychologists Appreciation Days.

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your hard work and dedication in planning and executing these numerous events. Your efforts not only enhance the quality of life for our students and those we support but also enrich the experience of your fellow employees. Our teams are truly remarkable. The way you

collaborate to achieve our shared goals and outcomes is nothing short of inspiring. It has been a joy to witness staff from various programs and organizations unite to achieve outstanding results. Your camaraderie and teamwork continue to position our organizations as beacons of excellence in leadership and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

As we look ahead, our advocacy efforts are once again gaining momentum. Your attention and support will be crucial in raising awareness of the pressing issues affecting our field:

1. **Ensuring the inclusion of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)**
2. **Advocating for a 7.8% increase in our rates as a vital investment in our field**
3. **Requesting the establishment of a wage commission to evaluate compensation for human services positions, including DSPs**
4. **Seeking capital financing to support necessary infrastructure upgrades for providers**

Please keep an eye on your emails and our companies' social media outlets to make your voice heard on these important issues.

Finally, I invite you to join me in congratulating Chris O'Connor, our Chief Operating Officer, on receiving the prestigious Mentor Award from the National Conference of Executives during the Arc's National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, next month. Chris is truly deserving of this recognition, having mentored countless staff members throughout the years, fostering their professional growth and advancement. His unwavering commitment to tailored professional development and mentorship highlights his dedication to their success. Chris has a keen eye for talent and understands the importance of investing time, support, and training in his team members. His enthusiasm for staff excellence is contagious, inspiring mentees to become invaluable contributors dedicated to providing the best support possible. We eagerly anticipate the celebration in Ohio!

Thank you all for your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to high-quality services. We are indeed stronger together!

As always, your comments and feedback are greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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# Executive Thank You



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## JULY

- Dr. Sarah Gonzalez-Noveiri, Ashley Orgill, Shaun Weathers, Sean Stalling, Bridget Cariello, Jerri Walker, Denise Lamb, and Lisa Larice-Nielsen for planning and hosting our Crown Act Celebrations.
- Mel Tsarouhtsis for his enthusiasm and dedication in the execution of his role as the Greenhouse Manager.
- Lisa Shortell and Wheatley Farms Catering for the planning and hosting of Anne Miller's Retirement Party.
- Anne Miller for thirty years of dedicated service to the agency.
- The Engagement team for efficiently hosting and attractively decorating the Ballroom for the Employee of the Quarter Event.

## AUGUST

- Princess Thomas and the team for supporting the transition of a service recipient into a new space.
- Nikki Katz for her years of service and congratulations on her retirement.

## SEPTEMBER

- Talent Engagement Department on a fun-filled, well-executed Staff Appreciation Day.
- Pamela Curtiss, Assistant Director of Social Enterprise for her work on successfully securing the NCC.
- Nicky Faranda, Pamela Curtiss, and Percival Aquino for their work on the newly redesigned WF website.
- Happy DSP Recognition Week, to all DSPs. Thank you for your commitment and support to all the individuals we support!
- Thank you to Chris and Barry and the Program Management teams for planning and hosting DSP Recognition events in honor of the commitment and hardworking DSPs that care for all the individuals we support!
- The Community Resources team for highlighting on our social media pages the events related to DSP Recognition Week and our hardworking DSPs.



# Welcome New Team Members

Pictures from our weekly New Hire Orientation



# The DSP Connection

The everything DSP connection with DSP only programs, advice and special events

**NATIONAL ALLIANCE FOR DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS**

**WOULD YOU LIKE TO TAKE YOUR CAREER FURTHER?**

The NADSP E-badge Academy offers DSPs the opportunity to earn this nationally recognized credential through the completion of three rigorous levels of certification.

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**Attn: All DSPs Earn DSP-I & DSP-II Microcredential**

**Credits Can Be Applied to a Degree**

The Office for People With Developmental Disabilities (OPWDD), in partnership with the National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) and the State University of New York (SUNY), are providing a special grant program that provides full funding for tuition, fees, books, course materials, and NADSP credentialing. The curriculum is hands-on and highly interactive.

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# PRIDE Decorating Contest Winners



## AHRC Nassau, Citizens, and BCCS Celebrate PRIDE



Your dedication and creativity shined throughout the month of June! Your efforts in the PRIDE decorating contest have been vibrant and inspiring.

We thank everyone who participated, and we give a huge round of applause to our fabulous winners - **Hicksville Hubsite, and Business Operations!** Keep spreading positivity!



Use the link below to see all of our wonderful submissions!

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# Employee of Quarter 2 2024

On July 18th, 2024 we gathered to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our EOQ2 honorees. The event was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and positive impact these individuals have made on our company. The event was filled with joy, laughter, and a sense of camaraderie. It was a true celebration of our team's achievements and a reminder of the importance of recognizing and rewarding our employees for their hard work.



## Employee of Quarter 2 2024



### Employee of Quarter 2 2024 Honorees:

- BCCS\_CBE:** *Shanette Duren*
- BCCS - Pre-School:** *Natalina Sagliocca*
- BCCS - School Age:** *Nick Lepore & Najoya Stewart-Leslie*
- Administration:** *Andrew Mott, Michelle Rudloff, & Jeanette Vespe*
- Advantage Care:** *Ana Frias, & Carmen Rodriguez*
- Citizens:** *Vicky Hawley, Cynthia Orwald, & Danielle Siebert*
- CLS:** *Pamela Bills & Pamela Boyle*
- Community Habilitation:** *Katly Raggio*
- Day Habilitation:** *Gardine Laguerre & James Reeder*
- Troopert:** *Jana Lichtenhal, John Montanez Mendez, & Jason Trotman*
- Milen Kaplan:** *Renee D'Avanzo*
- Shareham:** *Emily Barcelona & Eileen Plimacher*



# What's Happening @ Ontario Residence

## Citizens DEI Culture Committee's Pack the Back Drive Success!

Our Pack the Back drive was a huge success! Residents from the Ontario residence generously donated their time and money to purchase school supplies for our staff's families. From pencils and notebooks to backpacks and markers, our residents went all out to ensure that our staff had the tools they needed to support their children's education.

After a fun shopping spree at Target, everyone celebrated with a delicious lunch at Buffalo Wild Wings. It was a great day of giving back and enjoying each other's company. Thank you to everyone who participated in this wonderful event!

Thanks to Tammy Vallancourt for capturing these wonderful moments and sharing them with us! A huge shoutout to Jennifer Bonarrigo for her incredible leadership in organizing the event and ensuring that every student received a well-equipped backpack to kick off their school year."



CITIZENS DEI CULTURE COMMITTEE  
PRESENTS

# Let's Pack the Back

**We are collecting  
Back to school  
supplies for our Staff  
and Communities**

Pens, Pencils, Eraser, Stick Glue, Pencil Sharpeners, Marble Notebooks, Spiral notebooks, 3 and 5 subject notebooks, Binders, Loose leaf paper, Dividers, Case-it Binder, Calculators, Dry Eraser markers, Sharpies, Facial Tissues, Hand Sanitizer, Brand new socks and underwear, gift cards for back to school establishments.

**FROM NOW UNTIL AUGUST 14, 2024**

Supplies can be dropped off at the following locations  
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Justin DeHagros Pharmacy Room 172 Phone Ext 3106  
Sean K. Stallings 29 Seaspray Lido Beach Ext 8601  
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# MILESTONES

**40**  
**YEARS**

*Working since 1984*

## Marie Kennington

*What was happening in 1984:*

*Music: No. 1 Billboard Song: "When Doves Cry" by Prince*

*Movie: No. 1 at the box office, Ghostbusters ticket price \$3.36*

*TV: No. 1 Dynasty*

*Fashion: Neons, Plastic Bracelets, Femme Fatale, Baggy Basketball Shorts, oversized coats.*

*Inventions: 3D printer, digital projector, 3.5-in floppy diskette, Cow Tail candy, Cabbage Patch Twins*

*News Story: Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi assassinated, Republican President Ronald Reagan elected for 2nd term*

**35**  
**YEARS**

*Working since 1989*

## Lillie Carpenter, Patricia Chephinkas, Martha Garavito, Theresa Pellecchia, Filomena Vento, Joanne Zarzana

*What was happening in 1989:*

*Music: No. 1 Billboard Song: "Look Away" by Chicago*

*Movie: No. 1 at the box office, Batman!, ticket price \$3.97*

*TV: The very first episode of The Simpsons aired*

*Fashion: Statement patterns, exaggerated sleeves, broad power shoulders*

*Inventions: The World Wide Web*

*News Story: Exxon Valdez oil spill, Fall of the Berlin Wall*

**25**  
**YEARS**

*Working since 1999*

## Diane Berry Andrea Sparks, Maria Stewart

*What was happening in 1999:*

*Music: No. 1 Billboard Song: "Believe" by Cher*

*Movie: No. 1 at the box office, Star Wars: Episode I—The Phantom Menace, ticket price \$5.08*

*TV: No. 1 Who Wants to Be a Millionaire*

*Fashion: Football shirts, baggy-fit sweatpants, bucket hats, denim-on-denim*

*Inventions: Optical computer mouse, First USB, Crispy M&M's, Jolly Rancher Lollipops*

*News Story: Clinton impeachment trial, Nigeria's first civilian president elected Olusegun Obasanjo*



# MILESTONES

## 20 YEARS

BROWN, KATIE  
DOWNES, JOANNE  
EUGENE, ARIOS  
JACKSON, SICHOLE  
MCDANNELL, INEZ J.  
SCHMIDT, ELIZABETH  
STANTON, KATHLEEN  
VALLANCOURT, TAMMY J.

20  
YEARS

## 5 YEARS

ASUNCION, NATHANIEL N.  
BAMWO, VERONICA O.  
BASILE, CHRISTINE P.  
BONARRIGO, JENNIFER  
BRITO, BRIANA A.  
BROWN, DACHAUN T.  
CAMPBELL, CORIN C.  
CASSEUS, STEPHANE R.  
CASTON, DONNA M.  
CENITE, SABRINA  
CHEUNG, ANDREW  
D'AVANZO, RENEE  
DE SOUZA, TAMMERA  
DONALDSON HENRY, DENISE  
DRNEK, JEANMARIE  
EPPS, ANDREA L.  
ETIENNE, STEPHANIE  
FORBES, DARNESHA  
GILL, RENEE N.  
GLICK, DANA S.  
HAILE, DOREEN

## 15 YEARS

DENIGRIS, JUSTIN G.  
GARCIA, COLLEEN O.  
JEAN-PIERRE, MARGARETTE  
JOHNSON, OPAL  
PYRAM, MARYSE  
SAENZ, MARIA E.  
SIMPSON, WANDA J.  
STEWART-COLE, MAXINE A.  
THOMAS, REGINAL T.  
WEIR, NADESHA

15  
YEARS

HIPPNER-WASILEWSKI, HANNA  
JEANTY, LUDEL  
JONES, MELANIE M.  
JOSEPH, MARIE C.  
LOATMAN, LESHARA  
LOUIS, SOEURETTE  
LOZIER, EDDY  
LUMA, RAYMOND  
MCNEIL, FLOYD K.  
MCQUEEN, VANESSA  
MUHAMMAD, ELIJAH R.  
MURPHY, SUSAN M.  
MURRAY, KATHLEEN  
NAGENGAST, LAURA  
NERETTE, MICHELLE  
PIERRE LOUIS, DERBY  
POLISTENA, CHRISTOPHER M.  
POLLARD, ANNEMARIE  
RHO, LOUISE  
RODRIGUEZ, CESARINA

## 10 YEARS

AUGUSTIN, ROSE IRENE  
BAXTER, INGRID  
CARTER, TASHAE  
CLARK-OWENS, YASMINE  
EVANS, DENILLE  
FAUGHNAN, MARYGRACE  
FORTUNE, TAMISHA A.  
GEORGES, DARLYNE  
JEAN, TASHIMA P.  
JOHNSON, WHITNEY A.  
MANNING, TRICIA N.  
PEARSON, DELZORA  
SCOTT, DAVID L.  
SEFU, ALISHA A.  
SHARMA, SAVITA

10  
YEARS

ROURKE, DANIEL  
SCHWEERS, CAMERON J.  
SCIBELLI, JANINE  
SCIULLA, GEORGEANN  
SULLIVAN, RYAN  
TOMLIN, SHANELLE B.  
TRENT, APRIL M.  
TRENT, RACHEL L.  
VARRICHIO, DOREEN  
VOLTAIRE, FERDINE  
WHITE, JASON  
WOLFF, MICHAEL E.

5  
YEARS



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- COVID-19 SYMPTOMS: FEVER OR CHILLS
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# Learning & Professional Development

## Training Schedules, Relias Trainings & Tuition Reimbursement



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- ★ **Food Service Worker - Freeport - VOC**
- ★ **DSP 1:1 - Day Hab - EMHT**
- ★ **DSP 1:1 - Day Hab - Westbury Hubsite**
- ★ **DSP 1:1 - Day Hab - Freeport Seniors**



- ★ **Board Certified Behavioral Analyst**
- ★ **Physical Therapy Assistant - Pre-K - Woodbury**
- ★ **DSP - BCCS - Lido Beach**
- ★ **Saturday Counselor - BCCS - Brookville**



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# Retirement & Compensation

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# Upcoming Events & Celebrations



## OCTOBER CELEBRATION MONTHS

*BREAST CANCER AWARENESS, BULLY PREVENTION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS*

- OCTOBER 1 INT'L COFFEE DAY
- OCTOBER 2 INT'L DAY OF NONVIOLENCE
- OCTOBER 2-4 ROSH HASHANAH
- OCTOBER 4 WORLD ANIMAL DAY
- OCTOBER 5 WORLD TEACHER'S DAY
- OCTOBER 10 WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY  
NAT'L INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
- OCTOBER 11 YOM KIPPUR BEGINS (SUNDOWN)
- OCTOBER 14 COLUMBUS DAY
- OCTOBER 15 NAVARATRI BEGINS (HINDU)
- OCTOBER 16 NAT'L BOSSES' DAY
- OCTOBER 22 INT'L STUTTERING AWARENESS DAY
- OCTOBER 31 HALLOWEEN  
DEEPAVALI (HINDU FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS)



## NOVEMBER CELEBRATION MONTHS

*NAT'L GRATITUDE, NAT'L CAREER DEVELOPMENT, DIABETES AWARENESS, MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION*

- NOVEMBER 1 ALL SAINTS DAY  
DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (MEXICAN—DAY OF THE DEAD)
- NOVEMBER 6 NAT'L STRESS AWARENESS DAY
- NOVEMBER 9 WORLD FREEDOM DAY  
WORLD ADOPTION DAY
- NOVEMBER 11 VETERANS DAY
- NOVEMBER 13 WORLD KINDNESS DAY
- NOVEMBER 16 INT'L DAY FOR TOLERANCE
- NOVEMBER 20 UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY (HUMAN RIGHTS, UN)
- NOVEMBER 28 THANKSGIVING  
INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY



## DECEMBER CELEBRATION MONTHS

*HIV/AIDS AWARENESS, UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS, NAT'L MONTH OF GIVING*

- DECEMBER 1 WORLD AIDS DAY  
FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
- DECEMBER 2 INT'L DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY
- DECEMBER 3 INT'L DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
- DECEMBER 5 INT'L VOLUNTEER DAY
- DECEMBER 7 NAT'L PEARL HARBOR REMEMBRANCE DAY
- DECEMBER 8 BODHI DAY (BUDDHIST)
- DECEMBER 9 GENOCIDE PREVENTION DAY
- DECEMBER 10 INT'L HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
- DECEMBER 21 WINTER SOLSTICE (1ST DAY OF WINTER)
- DECEMBER 24 CHRISTMAS EVE
- DECEMBER 25 CHRISTMAS DAY
- DECEMBER 26 FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH  
FIRST DAY OF KWANZAA
- DECEMBER 31 NEW YEAR'S EVE

