

The Good News Initiative

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NEW JERSEY SENATOR PAUL SARLO MEETS WITH SPECTRUM FOR LIVING REPRESENTATIVES

We shared with Senator Sarlo the scope and breadth of services that SFL offers its adult disabled clients at more than 28 of our specialized facilities located throughout the State of New Jersey. We also shared with the Senator our concern regarding the lack of a direct service provider wage increase for the past ten years.

YOUR VOICE IS NEEDED NOW!

Please call Governor Murphy at (609) 292-6000 and email him at Constituent.Relations@nj.gov to tell him how important it is for Direct Support Professionals to receive a wage increase this year!



(Pictured, from left to right, is Christopher Perry, SFL President & CEO; SFL Client Frankie Fiore and his father, SFL Trustee Francis Fiore; SFL Parent & Trustee Maureen Pallatta; Senator Paul Sarlo; SFL Parent Ruth Matarrazo; SFL Parent & Trustee Martin Semar; and SFL Parent & Endowment Board Chair Toni Semar)

For more photos or info, please visit
www.facebook.com/spectrumforliving.

SPECTRUM'S GOT TALENT

On May 3rd, 2019, our Annual Spectrum's Got Talent Show was held, which showcased all of our amazing performers. Six months leading up to the event, our volunteers, staff members, and clients were hard at work practicing each week perfecting their skills for the show of the year!

Throughout that day, our Adult Training Centers and Residential Programs performed their hearts out. The atmosphere was electric and it was a day to remember. A standing ovation for all who participated and a big congratulations to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners from Ringwood ATC, Teaneck ATC, Rivervale Apartments, Northvale Group Home and Maywood Group Home!



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SPECTRUM'S SPRING LUAU

On March 27th, 2019, our residential clients celebrated the start of Spring with our "Welcome to Spring Luau." This social gathering featured dinner, dancing, and Hawaiian themed mock-tails. What a way to welcome the warm weather!



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BOWLING DINNER

On April 26th, 2019, Spectrum for Living held its bowling league dinner to celebrate an amazing 2018-2019 season across their residential programs. Every Sunday morning was filled with many smiles, laughs and enjoyment. A job well done to each bowler!



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STAFF NEWS

We are pleased to announce the following Spectrum for Living employee promotions:

Ebony Adger – Group Home Counselor to Residential Coordinator – Edison Condos

Colleen Anderson – Senior Accountant to Controller – River Vale Corporate Office

Kathy Bentzen – Executive Project Manager to Director of Administrative & Volunteer Services – River Vale Corporate Office

Denise Carter – Group Home Counselor to Group Home Supervisor – Haworth Group Home

Rickisha Christie – Assistant Program Director to Program Director – Teaneck ATC

Jonathan Fitzner – Recreation Therapist to Recreation Coordinator – Closter ICF

Junelane Hibbert – Supervised Apartment Supervisor to Residential Coordinator – Rockleigh Apartments

Pierre Jean-Julien – Behavior Specialist to Assistant Program Director – Carver ATC

Kathleen Kammerer – In Home Trainer to Client Coordinator – Closter ICF

Rhonda Mangan – Group Home Counselor to Group Home Supervisor – Northvale Group Home

Johnik McAlpin – Activity Therapist Assistant to Activity Therapist – Westwood ATC

Lynell McKay – Group Home Supervisor to Assistant Program Director – Westwood ATC

Danielle Nyenapo – Lead Direct Care Counselor to Supervised Apartment Supervisor – Ringwood Apartments

Cristina Perez – Supervised Apartment Counselor to Psychiatric Aide – Ringwood ATC

William Schuldt – Director of Facilities & Fleet Management to Vice President of Operations – River Vale Corporate Office

Kymberly Session – Psychiatric Aide to Behavior Specialist – Carver ATC

Michelle Siguenza – Supervised Apartment Counselor to Supervised Apartment Supervisor – Closter Apartments

Jean Singleton – Group Home Supervisor to Client Coordinator – Closter ICF

Hawa Tararwally – Group Home Counselor to Lead Direct Care Counselor – Edison Group Home #300

Steve Vahalla – Director of Central Recreation to Director of Development & Central Recreation – River Vale Corporate Office

Titto Varghese – Group Home Counselor to Group Home Supervisor – Guttenberg Group Home

ALEX AWARDS

We are pleased to share the names of employees who won an Alex Award during the months of January through April. Named in honor of Spectrum for Living Founding parent Alexander Gallione, The Alex Award recognizes Spectrum employees who go above and beyond in service to our clients. Each month, a select group of employees are chosen to receive an Alex Award. Current Spectrum employees, clients and family members may nominate a Spectrum employee by visiting our internet website homepage. Click on the Alex Awards Link at www.spectrumforliving.org to submit a nomination.

GOLD:

LALITA SACHDEV

SILVER:

JOSEPHINE AMBROCIO

WESNER ANDRE

GUERDA JEAN BAPTISTE-RENE

BENITA BOUTIN

DANIELLE BROWN

MARIE BUTLER

WILSON EXCELUS

ANTHONY FOSTER

JUDY GODDARD

IONE LAIOS

VELMAH LEE

MAURICA MERCADO-LAGUNZAD

NICKALINA NESSINE

JEAN NICOLAS

LATOYA OYUGI

WINLER RICHARD, JR.

YVETTE RIVERA

LALITA SACHDEV

MICHELLE SIGUENZA

FE TECSON

BRONZE:

DIEUMETHE FILS AIME

SAMANTHA ALEXIS

QUINAIA ALSTON

TASHAI ATKINS

ERNIE BARBER

MARIAMA BARRIE

NICOLE BARTHOLOMEW

LATOYA BEASE

JENNIFER BIENER

NARCISSA BRICE

SHANEKA BROWN

DANIELLE BROWN

FAITH EDWARDS-CAMPBELL

MARIA CARDOZA

JUDE CATRAL

RICKISHA CHRISTIE

MARIA COLON

ABRAHAM COMPERE

MIGDALIA CORREA

MACCIA COSTEA

DONNA DOLPHIN

DAWN DOYLE

ULDANA ETIENNE

CHRISTOPHER FINNEGAN

JIIHAAB FEGGINS

TONY FELIX

PIERRE FENELON

JEAN FEVRY

CLEMENS FITZNER

DEB FORTE

JOAN GARCIA

ROBERTA GILLESPIE

RETA GORDON

CAMIE GUERRIER

KATHRYN HARAY

JAVONDA HARRIS

GOLDA HENNIE

GERTRUDE HERISSE

JENNIFER HINDS

MAXINE HOUSTON

LAKISHA HUNTINGTON

JACQUELINE HUTTON

NICOLE JADOTTE

SMATH JEAN

PIERRE JEAN-JULIEN

RODEMONDE JEAN-PAUL

NAZALETTE JEANTY

PETER JENDREK

BOBBETTA JOHNSON

SHARON JOHNSON

JONATHAN JONES

MELITA KERR

LINDA KERBS

DAMADIS KIMELI

LYDIAH KIRURI

SARAH LAUBER

N'QUAVA LINEN

ANTOINETTE LINNEY

PATRICK ST. LOUIS

ROBYN LOWENTHAL

MOSES MACHARIA

CHRISTINE MARIE MAISONNEUVE

PAULINE MANALILI

DINA MAIGAN

JOANNA MARCINKIEWICZ

GAYLE MATTHEWS

TALISHA MAYFIELD

LYNNELL MCKAY

LOUISE MINNIG

KATHY MEMOLI

ANGELA MOORE

JAMES NANDI

LILLIAN NIEVES

RITCHY OSIAS

PATRICK OYULU

KRISTEN PAONE

DEMETRIES PATTERSON

MIGUELINE PAUL

DEBBIE REID

GHISLANE REINKE

LINA RIDORE

CHRISTINA RIOS

YVETTE RIVERA

TAYLOR RIZZA

SOPHIA ROBINSON

CONSTANTINE ROCHESTER

EARL RUSSELL

CHRISTOPHER SCIAME

JALESIA SIBERT

JEANETTE SIMMONS

RHANNEISHA SINGLETARY

PAULINE SMITH

AARON SMITH

JULIA SMITH

WILLIAM STASIC

YOLAINE STEAD

DANIJELA STOKOVIC

SHEREEN STUBBS

MARIA SUAREZ

MAYALIE F. TITUS

MITCHEL THOMPSON

TITTO VARGHESE

BRIDGETTE VASQUES

ANN MARIE WEDDERBURN

ALENE WILLIAMS

SHERRINA WILLIS

BRUNNELL WILLIAMS

LAKYSHA WINSTON

OWEN WOOLLEY, JR.

ANTHONY YANKOWSKI



CONGRATULATIONS!

DISABILITIES AWARENESS WEEK

March was Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month. For more than 35 years, Spectrum for Living has provided exceptional services to ensure that the people with intellectual and developmental disabilities we serve have equal opportunities to live, learn, work, and play in their communities.

In honor of #DDAwareness19, we held our own Disability Awareness Week.

We hosted various activities throughout our sites with the help of volunteers from Westwood Knights of Columbus, Paramus High School Pure Hearts Club, Spectrum for Living Corporate Office staff, and family members. We raised awareness about developmental disabilities and the importance of inclusion with every aspect of life. Throughout the month, our residents and clients enjoyed bowling, a canteen social gathering, cooking, arts & crafts, a movie, and a St. Patrick's Day celebration.

The Westwood Knights of Columbus hosted our St. Patrick's Day Canteen for Spectrum residents. Everyone enjoyed food, beverages, music and good company, all courtesy of the Knights. Thank you to the Knights for all that you do in support of those we serve!





UPCOMING EVENTS



210 Rivervale Road
River Vale, NJ 07675

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"Serving People With
Developmental Disabilities for
over 30 years"



SPECTRUM SPRINT 5K EVENT

Please join us for a morning of fun in support of
Spectrum for living.

Run or walk in support of adults with disabilities,
and bring your dog to participate as well!

Stay and join us for lunch following the event.
(Lunch will be provided free of charge.)

Spectrum's 5K & Doggie Dash
- September 28, 2019 -

Overpeck Park
Ridgefield Park, NJ

REGISTRATION: 8:30AM
5K RUN/WALK: 10:00AM
Awards & Lunch: 11:00AM

For any questions, visit www.spectrumforliving.org or
contact the Development Department at (201) 358 - 8081.

**PLEASE NOTE: DOGS SHOULD BE LEASHED, UP TO DATE ON VACCINES, AND
WELL-BEHAVED TOWARD OTHER DOGS AND PEOPLE.



Have any Good News to share?
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