

The Good News Initiative

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We hope that you had a joyous holiday season. Thank you for helping us continue carrying out our mission in 2019. Your support helped the lives of over 1,000 of our clients in our Long Term Care, Residential and Day Programs. We also served an additional 250 clients living in our surrounding communities through our support services unit. May 2020 bring you love, health and happiness.

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36TH ANNIVERSARY LUNCHEON

Spectrum for Living celebrated our 36th Anniversary with a luncheon at The Rockleigh Country Club on Wednesday, November 13th. Our clients, staff and families came together to kick-off the holiday season and all had a wonderful time. We are pleased to share some photos from our festivities. Thank you to our good friends at Holiday Express for bringing joy to our guests and helping celebrate 36 years together!





DECEMBER HOLIDAY EVENTS

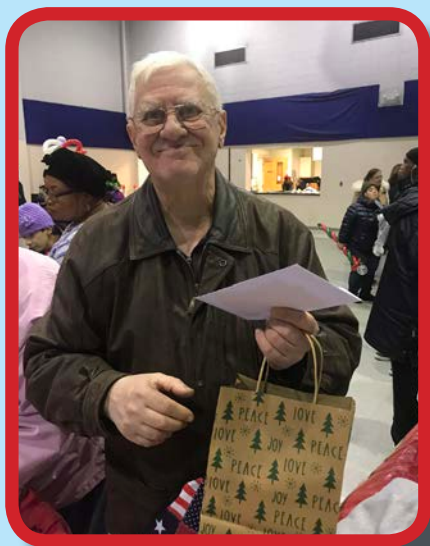
The month of December kept our clients busy. They enjoyed holiday parties, pictures with Santa, Gingerbread house contests, cookie decorating and so much more!





SANTA'S WORKSHOP

We are pleased to share photos from our Annual Santa's Workshop event on December 11th. At this event, each client was given \$25 Spectrum Dollars to purchase holiday items for their loved ones or a gift of their own liking. A huge thank you to the Sibling Group, who sponsored this event, and all of our volunteers who were able to help throughout the day. We also want to thank everyone who donated items and made this day so special for our clients!



KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLIDAY CANTEEN

On December 9th, the Knights of Columbus, Council 2188, St. Thomas More held their monthly canteen for Spectrum for Living, with a great Holiday theme this month. Throughout every year, the Knights volunteer their time and invite our clients to a monthly canteen. This year concluded with a canteen that featured burgers, pizza, french fries, candy and, of course, the big man himself, Santa Claus! We thank the Knights for all they do.



STAFF NEWS

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

NEW HIRES:

YVETTE ADESHINA- Lead Direct Care Counselor at Edison Group Home
TIASIA CRAWFORD- Activity Therapist Assistant at Teaneck ATC
TRANICE DEPEW- Recreation Coordinator at Closter ICF
KENNETH LISITZA- Maintenance Tech at Closter ICF
MARCIA MASON- Activity Therapist Assistant at Edison ATC
TARA MCDONOUGH- RN at Teaneck ATC
JUDITH ORIUS- ECC at Edison Condos
PIERTA SURIN MOREAU- DCC at Closter ICF
ROSE VEITCH- GHC at Westwood Group Home
MARLON WILIAMS- Kitchen Aide at Closter ICF
JEAN BLAISE- Supervised Apartment Counselor at Ringwood Apartments
FRANCIA DEVIL- Supervised Apartment Counselor at River Vale Apartments
SHANEEFIA FRANKLIN- Support Services Coordinator at Support Services Unit
EDELINE JEAN-PIERRE- Direct Care Counselor at Closter ICF
GLENDA JONES- Receptionist at Ringwood ATC
DOMINIQUE LANG- Activity Therapist Assistant at Westwood ATC
JENNIFER OLAGUNJU- Group Home Counselor at Edison Group Home
NORDEEN OSBOURNE- Activity Therapist Assistant at North Haledon ATC
DANIA SIMPLICE- Supervised Apartment Counselor at Ringwood Apartments
VALENTINE AUGUSTIN- Direct Care Counselor at Closter ICF
CARLA BONNY- Group Home Counselor at Highwood Group Home
KWADJO BRITWUM- Activity Therapist Assistant at Edison ATC
SHAMBA CURRY- Group Home Counselor at Glen Rock Group Home
BRANDY FIGUEROE- Group Home Counselor at Wayne Group Home
FRANKLYN HUNTE- Psychiatric Aide at Ringwood ATC
SEQUEQUA JOHNSON- Activity Therapist Assistant at Teaneck ATC
JUNIA MAURICE- Activity Therapist Assistant at Teaneck ATC
OLUWASEUN OKE- Edison Condominium Counselor at Edison Condos
DE'JAHNAE TYRELL- Group Home Supervisor at Westwood Group Home
QA'LASIA WILLIAMS- Group Home Counselor at Westwood Group Home

PROMOTIONS:

COZY MCGHEE - Activity Therapist Assistant at Edison ATC to Activity Therapist at Edison ATC
MARIA GAVIRIA- Accounting Clerk at RVCO to Medical Billing Clerk at River Vale Corporate Office
KARINA AVILA- Activity Therapist Assistant at Teaneck ATC to Activity Therapist at Teaneck ATC

ALEX AWARDS

We are pleased to share the names of employees who won an Alex Award during the months of October through December, 2019. 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.

PLATINUM:

JOSEPHINE AMBROCIO
VIVIAN MILLER

GOLD:

RHONDA ANTHONY
VINNETTA DOUGLAS
GERARD FRANCOIS
LATRICE GORDON
PIERRE-RICHARD JOSEPH
SUSAN KERRIGAN
WILNER RICHARD
YOLANDA ROZIER

SILVER:

EBONY ADGER
KARINA AVILA
LATOYA BEASE
JENNIFER BIENER
GARRY BREITHAUPT
FRANK CAPUTO
LISA CHAVEZ
STEPHANIE D'ANNA
JOAN GARCIA
MARIA GAVIRIA
ANABEL HALL
PIERRE JEAN-JULIEN
MELITA KERR
SILVIA KERSLAKE
JOHNIK MCALPIN
ZAKIYA MCRAE
KATHY MEMOLI
ANGELA MOORE
ROSE MWOLOLO
METSU NEIL
CALVINS ODHIAMBO
CHERYL PIANGHI

KAREN PROCTOR

TAYLOR RIZZA
KYMBERLY SESSION
TORYN SMITH
HUGH SUTHERLAND
COURTNEY THOMAS
SEAN TILLMAN
STEVE VAHALLA
TWANDA WATSON

BRONZE:

WAYNE ASSORTO
DUKINSON AUGUSTIN
KARINA AVILA
ANNA MAE BIONDI
VIRGINIA BRESTOLLI
MARY CHEGE
NICOLE HERNANDEZ
LATOYAH HOLMES
JACCIM JEAN-FRANCOIS
DONNICA JOHNSON
JASMINE JONES
IJINAYAH LEARY
KEMBERLY LYSIUS
EBONY MACE
SHANEKA MOSELY
PAM MOODY
WILLIAM MUILENBURG
LIZ LONZAR-MENJIVAR
JOSHUA MOJICA
TAMIKO MILES
NICOLE PATTERSON
TIMOTHY SABBAGH
DOREEN THOMAS
MICHAEL TYMUS
EARL VINAS
CAROL WILSON



CONGRATULATIONS!

PROFILES IN COMPASSION

Spectrum for Living would like to congratulate our newest Platinum Alex Award Winner:

What is your name? **Vivian Miller, but everyone knows me as “Ms. V.”**

What is your position at Spectrum for Living? **Group Home Supervisor.**

How many years have you been working at Spectrum for Living? **5 Years.**

How does it feel to become a platinum Alex Award winner at Spectrum for Living? **It feels very inspiring, very motivational and it leaves me optimistic always for what is to come next in life.**

How does this recognition make you feel? **It makes me feel accomplished. It makes me feel the work that I do is not in vain for the people and the community I do it for. My motto is “It’s not about how many goals I reach, it’s about how many lives I touch.” So it makes me feel that I have obviously touched some lives, not just with the clients, but with the staff as well. I love it here. It is like a second home for me, a home away from home even from when I first started here.**

What is it you most enjoy about working at Spectrum for Living? **What I enjoy most about working at Spectrum is caring for the clients above all. Stimulating them, motivating them, watching them grow in spite of their difficulties, in spite of their challenges. Just being able to provide for them, to care for them, (AM care PM care) I’ve done all three shifts. I just love the fact that I can be of care to them and help make a difference in their lives as well.**

If you could have dinner with one person (famous or not), who would it be and why? **I would have to say my children. I love my children very much.**



2019 GRANTS

In 2019, we received generous grants from foundations that provided us much needed support. These grants will help to make capital improvements and create programs that will enrich the lives of our many clients:

JULY 2019

INFINITY TOMORROW INC. - \$1,000 to SSU for food or recreation expenses of clients

SEPTEMBER 2019

COMMUNITY CHEST OF ENGLEWOOD - \$5,000 for Central Recreation Activities

OCTOBER 2019

GUTTERSON FAMILY TRUST - \$45,000 for Closter ICF Greenhouse Renovations

ORITANI BANK CHARITABLE FOUNDATION - \$25,000 for Companionship Program

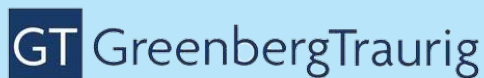
COLUMBIA BANK FOUNDATION - \$15,550 for Westwood GH Renovations

GREENBERG TRAURIG, LLP - \$1,000 on behalf of Lillian Lorber Charitable Trust

DECEMBER 2019

EASTERN BERGEN COUNTY BOARD OF REALTORS - \$5,000 for Glen Rock GH Renovations

THE AMBOY BANK FOUNDATION - \$2,500 for Central Jersey GH & ATC Renovations



UPCOMING EVENTS

Spectrum for Living's

Sibling Group
Presents:

2020 Bowl-A-Thon

Saturday, April 11th, 2020
12pm-2pm

Hackensack Bowler City
85 Midtown Bridge St.
Hackensack, NJ



Don't miss out - Space is limited!



To register: Contact Steve Vahalla at 201-358-8081 or
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SPECTRUM FOR LIVING'S FAMILY 5K, WALK & DOGGIE DASH



FAMILY & FRIENDS
JOIN US
SATURDAY, MAY 9TH, 2020
8:30 AM - 11:00 AM
"MOTHER'S DAY WEEKEND"



- REGISTRATION: 8:30 AM
- START: 10:00 AM
- AWARDS & LUNCH: 11:00 AM
- OVERPECK PARK | RIDGEFIELD PARK, NEW JERSEY

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IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO REGISTER OR HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, PLEASE CONTACT THE
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SAVE THE DATE 16th Annual Golf Classic



Monday, June 08, 2020
Alpine Country Club
Demarest, New Jersey

