

The Good News Initiative

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WE ARE ESSENTIAL!



Through these difficult times, we thank our staff who, without hesitation, stepped up and continued to care for and keep our clients safe. We would also like to give a huge **THANK YOU** to every one of our supporters who graciously and kindly continue to donate essential supplies, food items and so much to all of our programs! As they say, "**Not all Heroes Wear Capes,**" and we have witnessed that first-hand.

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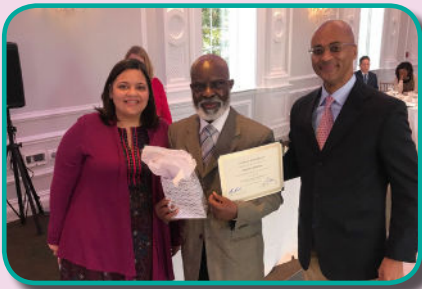
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SPECTRUM FOR LIVING ANNUAL SERVICE AWARDS LUNCHEON

Our Annual Service Awards Luncheon was held on February 21st, 2020 at The Rockleigh Country Club. This Luncheon gives us the opportunity to celebrate the contributions of our long-tenured employees and honor them for their many years of service to Spectrum for Living and our clients.

Over 50 Service Awards were given to staff who have achieved 10, 15, 20, 25, 30 and 35 years of service. We were also happy to see members of the Board of Trustees, Spectrum's Senior Management Team as well as past recipients present for the wonderful day.





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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

Throughout the month of February, our Adult Training Centers celebrated Black History Month. Our clients learned about the importance of this month and the contributions that African-Americans have made to our nation's history. Job well done to each of our Adult Training Centers on all of their hard work!



DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

March 2020 was Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, and Spectrum for Living hosted its very own **#DDAwarenessMonth**. We had a month filled with exciting activities that involved both the clients and staff, as well as volunteers. Each week in March brought a new theme and different ideas to engage the clients in fun activities!



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VOLUNTEER WEEK

we ♥ VOLUNTEERS!

March 9th to March 13th

Volleyball Tournament & Canteen
Monday, March 9th



Bowling
Tuesday, March 10th



Game Day & Drop-in
Wednesday, March 11th



Spa Day
Thursday, March 12th



Craft Shopping
Friday, March 13th









KINDNESS WEEK

love

MARCH 16TH-20TH

CHOOSE Kindness

START YOUR WEEK OFF BY
BEING KIND TO EVERYONE! SAY
HI TO YOUR FRIENDS AND HELP
WHEREVER NEEDED!
MONDAY, MARCH 16

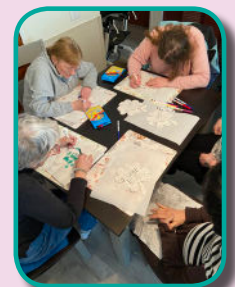
BE KIND

ST. PATRICK'S DAY
PARTY
TUESDAY, MARCH 17

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY

Kindness Matters.

CARD MAKING FOR LOCAL HOSPITALS
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18



STAFF NEWS

NEW HIRES

We are pleased to announce the following Spectrum for Living New Hires/ Promotions:

Dominique Bell - Group Home Counselor @ Highwood Group Home
Clarisa Bido – Assistant Director of Psychological and Behavior Services
Rebert Morisset – Supervised Apartment Counselor @ Ringwood Apartments
Angelo Remata – Supervised Apartment Counselor @ Closter Apartments
Pedro Souverain - Activity Therapist Assistant @ Ringwood Adult Training Center
Troy Thompson - Medical Billing Specialist @ River Vale Corporate Office
Lisa Gelin – Behavior Specialist @ Edison Adult Training Center
Quaneesha Hart - Edison Condo Counselor @ Edison Condos
Zakijah Jackson – Activity Therapist Assistant @ Carver Adult Training Center
Wilfred Motaro – Edison Condo Counselor @ Edison Condos
Valenchie Previl – Group Home Supervisor @ Hillsdale Group Home
Jacques Previlon – Group Home Counselor @ Wayne Group Home
Kenyetta Williams – Group Home Counselor @ Wayne Group Home
Traci Ackerman – Receptionist @ Ringwood Adult Training Center
Patrice Bailey – Activity Therapist Assistant @ Westwood Adult Training Center
Lynnette Bullock – Edison Condo Counselor @ Edison Condos
Kenneth Dane – Activity Therapist Assistant @ Ringwood Adult Training Center
Miguel Fundora – Activity Therapist Assistant @ Teaneck Adult Training Center
Nerlande Lherisson – Supervised Apartment Counselor @ Ringwood Apartments
Winston Pierre – Supervised Apartment Counselor @ Closter Apartments
Tatiana Ramos – Accounts Payable Clerk @ River Vale Corporate Office
Gerald Saint Quitte – Supervised Apartment Counselor @ Closter Apartments
Larissa Kalaschenkow – Supervised Apartment Counselor @ Ringwood Apartments
Sheilah Sarpong – Activity Therapist Assistant @ Edison Adult Training Center
Cynthia Wells – Group Home Supervisor @ Wayne Group Home

STAFF PROMOTIONS

Marion Barrett – Activity Therapist Assistant @ Westwood ATC to Activity Therapist @ Westwood ATC
Joan Garcia - Director of Human Resources @ River Vale Corporate Office to Chief Human Resources Officer @ RVCO
Sharon Johnson – Activity Therapist Assistant @ North Haledon ATC to Activity Therapist @ North Haledon ATC
Pierre Richard Joseph – Program Director @ Rockleigh Apartments to Assistant Director of Residential Services @ Haworth, Northvale, Norwood, and Rockleigh Apartments
Marie Maisonneuve – Direct Care Counselor @ Closter ICF to Direct Care Supervisor @ Closter ICF
Monique McKinney – Activity Therapist Assistant @ Westwood ATC to Activity Therapist @ Westwood ATC
Shaneka Mosley – Respite Counselor @ River Vale Corporate Office to Group Home Supervisor @ Wayne GH
Elizabeth Lonzar-Menjivar - Human Resources Assistant @ River Vale Corporate Office to Director of Human Resources @ RVCO

ALEX AWARDS

We are pleased to share the names of those employees who have 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 will be chosen to receive an Alex Award. Current Spectrum for Living employees, clients and family members may nominate a Spectrum for Living employee by visiting our internet website homepage (www.spectrumforliving.org) and clicking on the Alex Awards link on the homepage. (One nomination per month please.)

GOLD:

EBONY ADGER
WESNER ANDRE
GUERDA JEAN BAPTISTE-RENE
LESLIE CASTRO
MARY CHEGE
DONNA DOLPHIN
JOAN GARCIA
LIZ HOPPE
NASHEEMA LEAK
CHRISTINE MARIE MAISONNEUVE
RHONDA MANGAN
GAYLE MATTHEWS
ROSE MWOLOLO
CONSTANTINE ROCHESTER
GALE SARACINELLO
STEPHEN VAHALLA
TIMOTHY WANGOYA

SILVER:

SAMANTHA ALEXIS
QUINAIA ALSTON
DOMINGO ANGELES
PATRICIA BANTA
MEGGAN BARRETT
JONELLE BARNETT
DEBORAH BROWN
DENISE CARTER
MARY CHEGE
RAJINDER CHOPRA
MARIA CONTRERAS
DAVID CRANDALL
THOMAS DONAHUE
REYNALDA ESTEUS

KATHRYN HARAY
MELISSA HENRY
SMATH JEAN
JACOB JEAN-PAUL
NAZALETTE JEANTY
SARAH LAUBER
DIANE MARANA
TALISHA MAYFIELD
MONIQUE MCKINNEY
KAREN MORGAN
SHANEKA MOSELY
JEREMIAH NDUNGA
DEMETRIES PATTERSON
MARIE POLYNICE
CHRISTINA RIOS
RHANNEISHA SINGLETARY
YOLAINE STEAD
JULIA SMITH
CRAIG SILCOX
MICHAEL TYMUS
SYHEEMIA WILLIAMS

BRONZE:

SUNDAY ADEGOKE
JOSEPHINE AMBROCIO
QUINICE ANTHONY
ESTHER AUGUSTIN
SHERLYNE BAZILE
CAMILLE BLAIR
JUDY BLAIR
CLARISA BIDO
TRANICE DEPEW
DODLEY DEWINDT

REYNALDA ESTEUS
KATIA GABRIEL ELMERA
MATONDA FOSTER
JACLYN FISHER
ALISON GERLITZ
UZOMA IKE
RAPHIE IREUS
FAGNOL JEAN
EDWARD JOSEPH LIBERTY
DICENOR JOSEPH
LARISSA KALASCHENKOW
MARIE LAGUERRE
FADETTE LEGER
SUSAN MANCUSO
DEANA MCMURRAY
JUNIA MAURICE
DASHON MCCALL
JULIE MORAN-FINKEL
AISHA OWENS
EDWEN OCTOBRE
MARY PETILLO
BROWNTA SHARIF
LALITA SACHDEV
SANDRA SMITH
FE TECSON
MATTHEW TORRES
ROSELINE TUNIS
TAMEKA TURNER
THERESE VALACER
CYNTHIA WELLS



CONGRATULATIONS!

PROFILES IN COMPASSION

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

What is your name? **Josephine Ambrocio.**

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

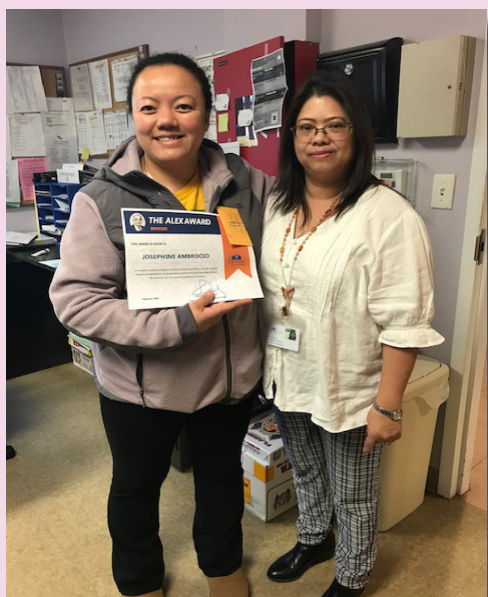
How many years have you been working at Spectrum for Living? **12 years.**

How does it feel to be a Platinum Alex Award Winner at Spectrum for Living? **I am honored to become a Platinum winner. I didn't know anyone would vote for me now, let alone vote for me four times. It is a blessing. God bless whoever voted.**

How does this recognition make you feel? **Definitely happy. I am blessed to be given this opportunity.**

What is it you most enjoy about working at Spectrum for Living? **I love everything at this job. The clients, the families. When clients and families are happy, I am happy. I feel blessed to be able to work here. I have worked in many other places, but none have felt as right as here [at Spectrum for Living].**

If you could have dinner with one person (famous or not), who would it be and why? **I want to have dinner with Ellen DeGeneres. I love her and I want to be on her show!**



2020 GRANTS UPDATE

Throughout 2020 thus far, we have received the following grants to support our programming and residences:

APRIL 2020

Provident Bank - \$10,000 for Edison Group Home Kitchen Renovations

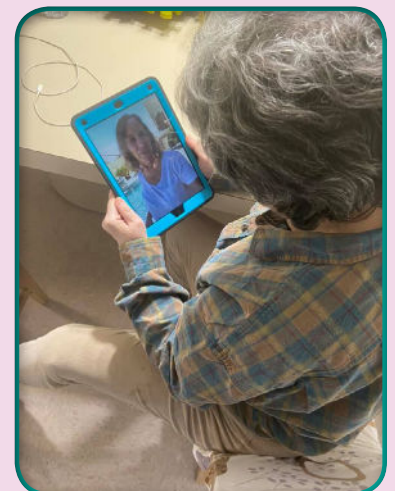
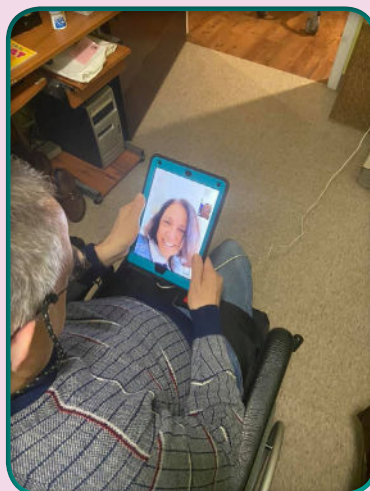
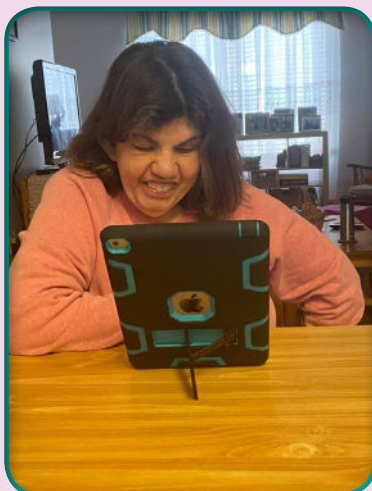
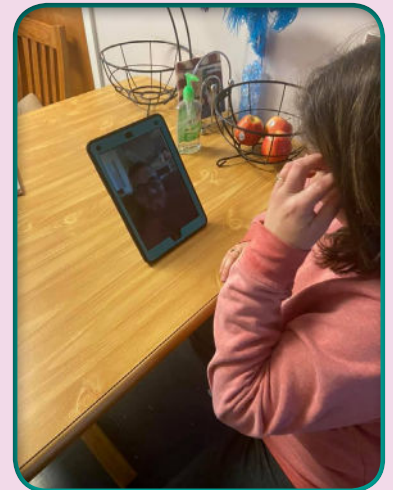
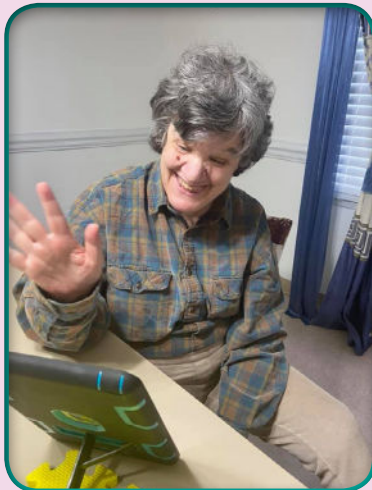
NJ Council on Developmental Disabilities - \$486 for two iPads to our Residential Programs

Community Chest of Englewood - \$4,000 for essential supplies, iPads, and recreation kits

MAY 2020

Lyft - \$5,000 in rides for Spectrum for Living employees

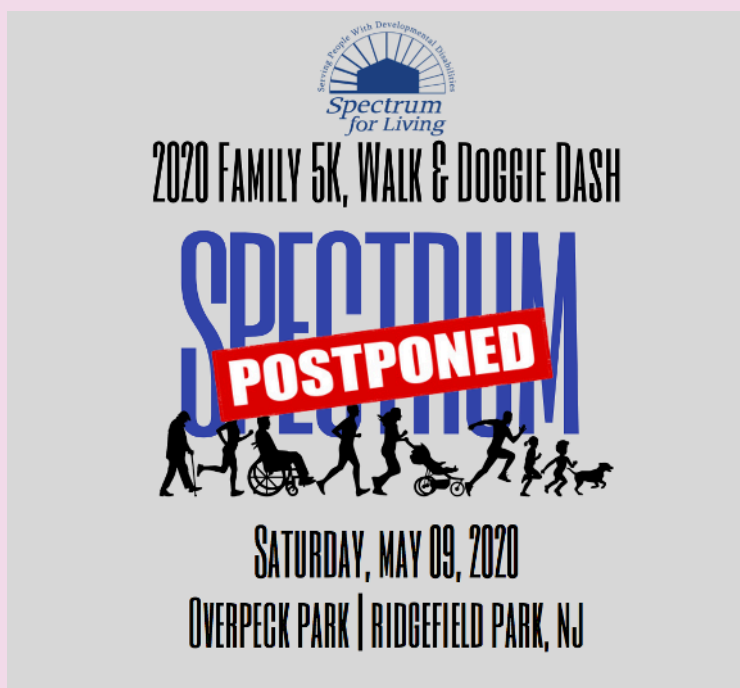
KPMG U.S. Foundation, Inc. - \$500 used for our various programs



UPCOMING EVENTS

Our **2020 Family 5K, Walk & Doggie Dash** originally scheduled for Saturday, May 9th, is suspended until further notice. Once we have obtained a new date from the Bergen County Parks Department, we will communicate that to you.

Our **16th Annual Golf Classic** originally scheduled for Monday, June 8th, has been **rescheduled to Tuesday, September 29, 2020**. For registration information, please call (201) 358-8081.



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