

The Good News Initiative

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!



We hope that you had a beautiful and joyous holiday season. Thank you for helping us continue to carry out our mission in 2020. Your support helped over 1,000 of our clients in our Long Term Care, Residential and Day Programs as well as clients we serve in our surrounding communities. We wish you all a safe, healthy and prosperous 2021!

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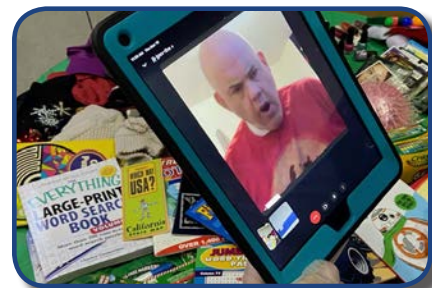
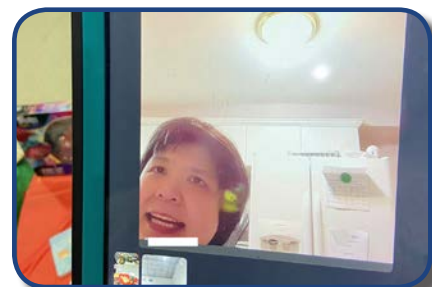
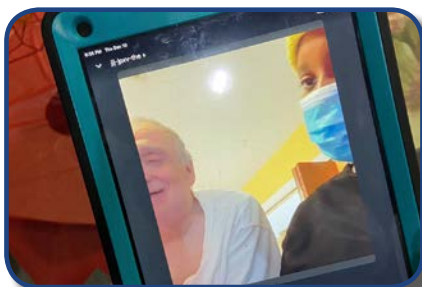
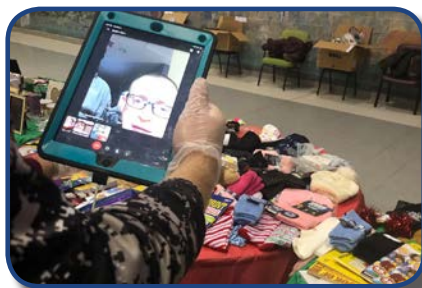
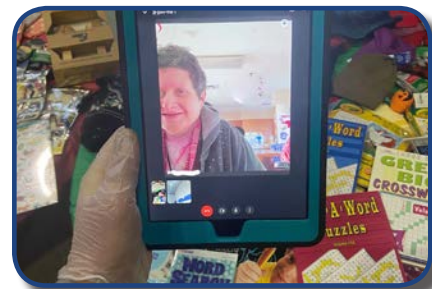
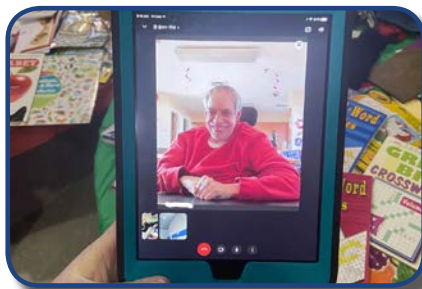
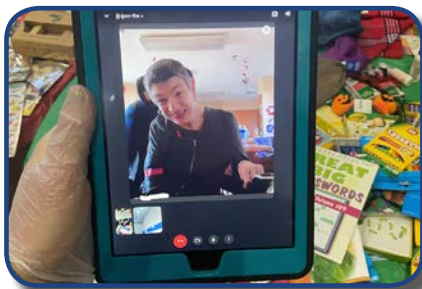
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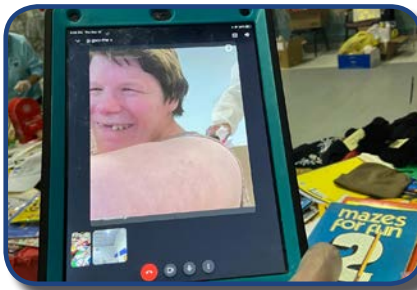
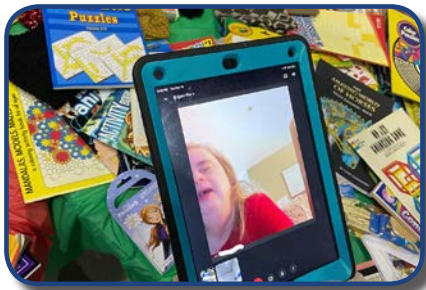
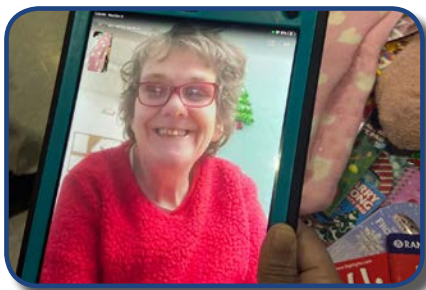
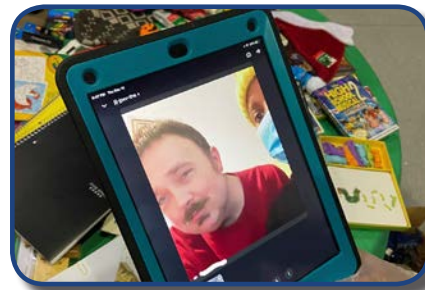
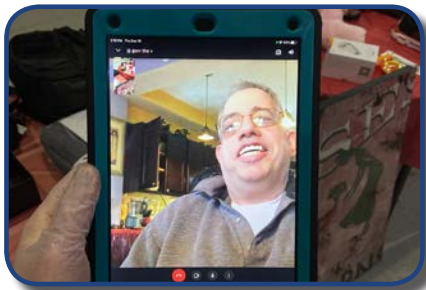
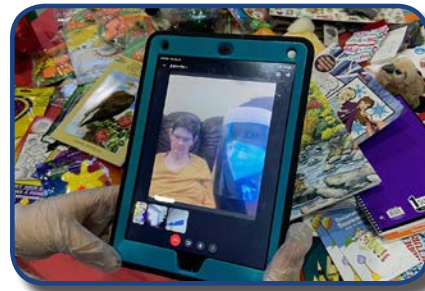
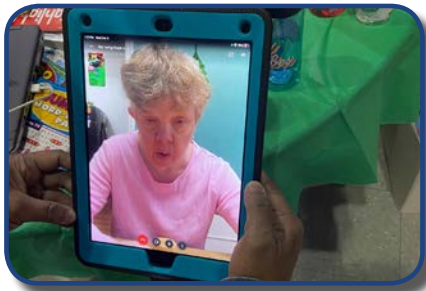
Spectrum for Living held its first ever Virtual Family 5K, Walk & Doggie Dash on Saturday, October 17th, which was a great success! Thank you to everyone for all your support and commitment towards our wonderful event. From New Jersey to Connecticut to Florida to California, your support was beautiful and we are so happy you were all able to participate in such a meaningful cause. #SFLVIRTUAL5K



SANTA'S WORKSHOP

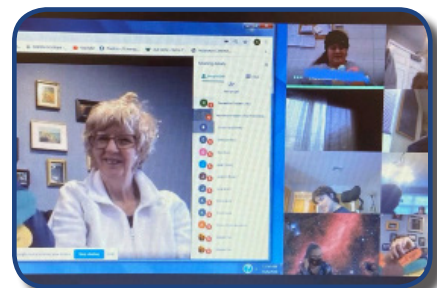
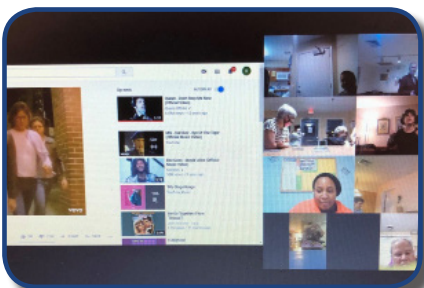
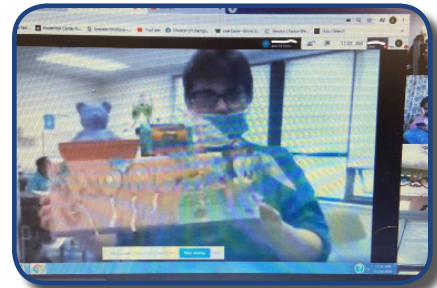
On December 9th, we held our Annual Santa's Workshop. Although this year was a bit different, our Adult Training Centers and Residential Program clients definitely didn't miss out on the fun. Our clients shopped virtually and were able to choose some of their favorite items. While some chose blankets to keep warm during the winter months, others selected various items such as watches, puzzles, headphones, arts & crafts, gift cards and so much more! It was also beautiful to see some of our clients thinking of their family members as well during the holiday season. We are so grateful to everyone who donated and contributed to make this event a success once again.





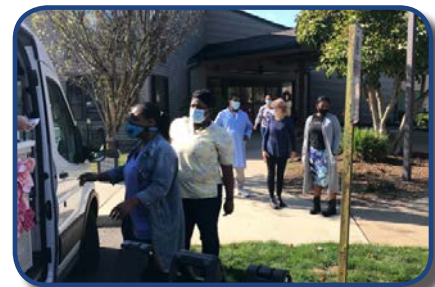
VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

Throughout the pandemic, our Virtual Programming has been a way for our clients to stay active, continue to learn new skills and see their friends and staff. We have adjusted smoothly and our staff have been doing an incredible job in keeping a normal routine for our amazing clients. We are happy to share with you images from all of the wonderful programming we have been implementing over the past few months.



VISITS FROM FOOD TRUCKS!

Our Closter ICF clients and staff indulged in some tasty treats these past few months. They enjoyed authentic Spanish food from **Tio Eddie's Food Truck** and cooled down with **The Sweet Ice Queen** herself. Thank you to Ms. Patricia Ann Donohue and The Cannillo Family for donating and thinking of our clients and staff at the Closter ICF! If you would like to donate to one of our Residential Programs, feel free to reach out to our Development Department at (201) 358-8081.



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STAFF NEWS

NEW HIRES

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

Nixon Bedejuste - Activity Therapist Assistant @ Teaneck ATC
Jean Destine - Supervised Apartment Counselor @ Rockleigh Apartments
Shaneil Johnson - Residential Coordinator @ Edison Group Home 300
Varly Pass - Direct Care Counselor @ Closter ICF
Kenneth Lisitza - Maintenance Tech @ Closter ICF
Aimee Mariano - Recreation Aide @ Closter ICF
Jean Pierre - Direct Care Counselor @ Closter ICF
Kayita Ridore - Behavior Specialist @ Ringwood ATC
Stephanie Cunnigham - Group Home Counselor @ Haworth Group Home
Marshall Mencidor - Maintenance Tech @ Closter ICF
Indira Niranjan - Registered Nurse Per Diem @ Closter ICF
Elizabeth Vahalla - Recreation Aide @ Teaneck ATC
Sade Rogers - Program Director @ Rockleigh Supervised Apartments

STAFF PROMOTIONS

Lisa Chavez – Residential Coordinator to Program Director @ River Vale Supervised Apartments
Samantha Alexis – Acting Supervised Apartment Supervisor to Supervised Apartment Supervisor @ Rockleigh Apartments
Daniella Nelvy – Direct Care Counselor to Lead Direct Care Counselor @ Closter ICF

ALEX AWARDS

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

PLATINUM:

**BENITA BOUTIN
LATRICE GORDON
PIERRE RICHARD JOSEPH
CONSTANTINE ROCHESTER
RHONDA MANGAN**

GOLD:

**AMINATA ISRAEL
JACCIM JEAN-FRANCOIS
JONELLE BARNETT
DEBORAH BROWN
DENISE CARTER
SILVIA KERSLAKE
SARAH LAUBER
NATASHA VILLANUEVA
LISA CHAVEZ
JUDY GODDARD
BOBBETTA JOHNSON
MONIQUE MCKINNEY
KYMBERLY SESSION
JOSEPHINE AMBROCIO
DIANE MARANA
ZAKIYA MCRAE
TORYN SMITH
MICHELLE SMITH
COURTNEY THOMAS**

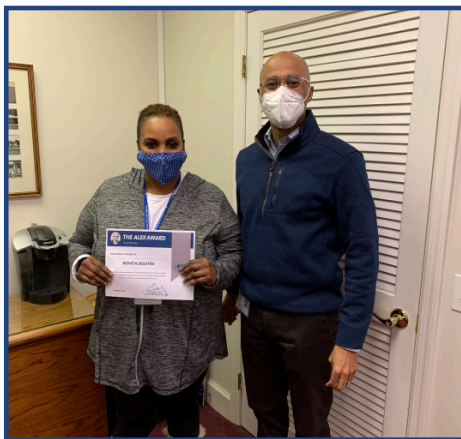
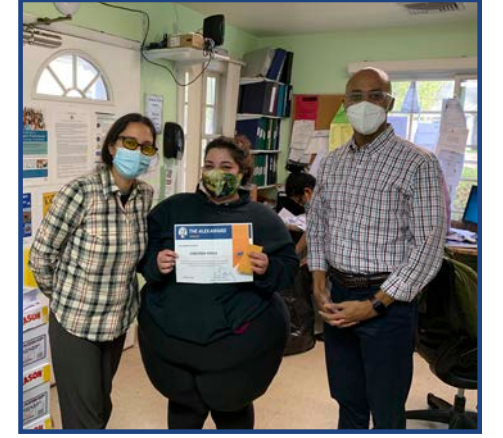
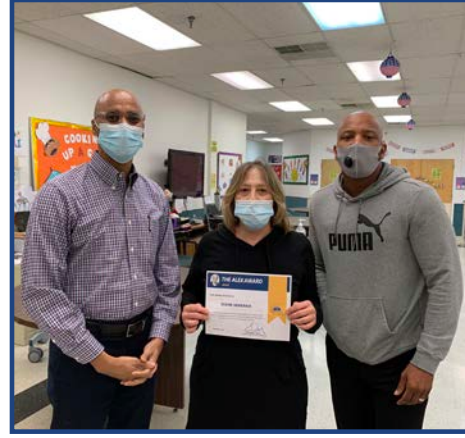
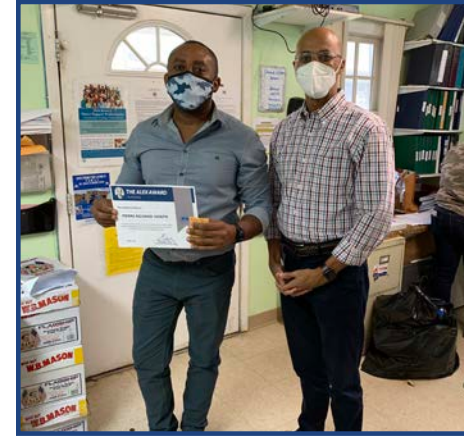
SILVER:

**NICOLE BARTHOLOMEW
KENNETH DANE
MARVA ELLIS
FAGNOL JEAN
TERRYANN BREDOLO
JEANNIE FAHEY
AMINATA ISRAEL
GOLDA JACKSON
TRACEY STRADFORD
LARISSA KALASCHENKOW
SHEREEN STUBBS**

**TYRONE PARKER
KETURAH WATKINS
JASMINE WILLIAMS**

BRONZE:

**SAMERIA O'NEIL
JUNIAS DORESTAN
COZY MCGHEE
DORENE RACINE
TATIANA RAMOS
PEDRO SOUVERAIN
LAURA STROUD
KAIESHA WILLIAMS
MARLON WILLIAMS
DIANA MANGAN
NORDEEN OSBOURNE
NIXON SIDNE
HUGH SUTHERLAND
MARJORIE LAFOND
JEAN NICOLAS**



CONGRATULATIONS!

PROFILES IN COMPASSION

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

What is your name?

Latrice Gordon

What is your position at Spectrum for Living?

Residential Behavior Specialist

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

7 years

How does it feel to be a Platinum Alex Award Winner at Spectrum for Living?

It makes me happy and I feel appreciated; being recognized so many times really motivates me when doing my work.

How does this recognition make you feel?

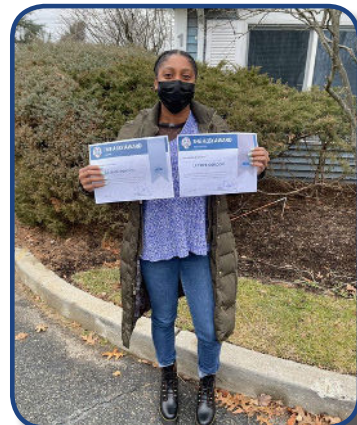
I feel reassured that the people who are not around me 24/7 are still able to see the good work I do. It makes me feel good knowing that I make an impact on the lives of both clients and staff.

What is it you most enjoy about working at Spectrum for Living?

The positive of my position is that I am able to be there for the staff as well as the clients. I am that person for the staff to talk to, and I am also there for the clients. I get to help both clients and staff, and my job revolves around keeping the middle ground sturdy for everyone. Of course I love the clients, but I also love being able to be there for the staff when they need me.

If you could have dinner with one person (famous or not), who would it be and why?

I would like to spend the night with my grandma. She has taught me to treat people with kindness and love, and has shown me that it is not only important how we act when we are with people, but it is equally as important to be and act positive behind the scenes.



2020 GRANTS UPDATE

Throughout the past three months, we have received the following grants to support our programming and residences:

OCTOBER 2020

The Community Chest of Englewood - \$7,500 for Coronavirus Relief Fund

Borough of Hillsdale - \$9,520 for Hillsdale Group Home Water Heater

NOVEMBER 2020

The Arc of New Jersey, Inc. - \$829.97 for Support Services Unit

GHA Technologies, Inc. - \$1,000 for iPads for Residential Programs

Eastern Bergen County Board - \$5,000 for Paramus Group Home Renovations

DECEMBER 2020

Lakeland Bank Corporate Headquarters - \$16,425 for Haworth Group Home Renovations

The Amboy Foundation - \$2,500 for Edison Group Home Renovations

Borough of Hillsdale - \$22,184 for Hillsdale Group Home Renovations



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UPCOMING EVENTS

2021 Wall of Love

Love & Kindness, a motto followed by Spectrum for Living since 1983. Help support us this February by choosing a heart honoring your loved one. For more information and to donate, please visit our Facebook

Page or view this link: <https://www.givinggrid.com/sflwol/>

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17th Annual Golf Classic



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Join us for a fun filled day of great golf and company at our 17th Annual Golf Classic! It will be held on Monday, June 14, 2021 at Alpine Country Club in Demarest, New Jersey. For more information, please call our Development Department at (201) 358-8081.