

## The Good News Initiative

**WINTER 2022** 

## 38TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



In celebration of our Closter ICF opening 38 years ago, our ICF clients and staff had a special anniversary party! Clients enjoyed cake, music, and quality time with their friends!















### winter craft sale

Spectrum from the Heart, our client-operated store, hosted its Winter Craft Sale at the River Vale Office on December 2nd.

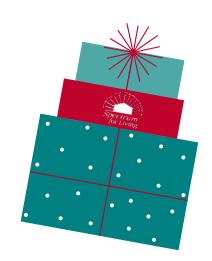
Clients showcased their artistic talents creating customized holiday decor, unique winter wreaths, centerpieces, candles, and more!

Nearly two dozen items were sold to Spectrum families and staff.

If you missed the Craft Fair and are looking for new decor, please reach out to the Spectrum from the Heart team at 201-836-3721 x3205.

## SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Santa's Workshop came to town on December 7th. Thanks to our generous community donors and our Sibling Group, our clients shopped through mountains of presents, including board games, puzzles, jewelry, clothing, purses, and more! Many of our clients shopped for themselves while picking out special gifts for their loved ones. The day was filled with music, face painting, and fun - featuring a special guest appearance from Santa himself!











View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!





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## HOLIDAY PLANT SALE

The Closter ICF
Greenhouse Program held
its annual Holiday Plant
Sale on December 10th.

Clients spend all year growing plants in their greenhouse to showcase at the annual sale.

Some featured items included hand-decorated planters, holiday poinsettias, festive pots, and sand ornaments to adorn the plants.

Our clients were overjoyed sharing their plants with Spectrum for Living staff, family, and friends!

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### **STAFF NEWS**

#### NEW HIRES (\*) AND PROMOTIONS (+)



#### **Closter Apartments**

Daniella Lemeuble \*

#### **Closter ICF**

Pierre Mose Dorvilier \*
Kade Barry \*

#### **Edison ATC**

Anais Torres \*

#### **Edison Condos**

Tiasha Brandon \*
Jacques Janvier \*

#### **Guttenberg Group Home**

Alexandria Dennis \*
Martin Ndungu +

#### **Highwood Group Home**

Breanna Henry \*
Ya'Terra Thomas \*
Dy'Nashia Wilson \*
Brianna Young \*

#### **Norwood Group Home**

Marie Museau \*

#### Ringwood Apartments

Jean Joseph Gregory Philippeau +

#### **River Vale Apartments**

Beaucejour Duplecy \*

#### **River Vale Corporate Office**

Kristy Arakelian \*
Latrice Gordon +
Stefanie Rendine \*
Maria Spinella \*
Lin Zhang \*

#### **Rockleigh Apartments**

Roberte Souffrant-Meridien \*

#### **Wayne Group Home**

Monet Carolina \*
Kevin Simms \*

#### Westwood ATC

Analy Merello \*
Cristina Perez \*

#### **Westwood Group Home**

July Bateau \*
Marcia Ricketts \*

View current job
opportunities on Spectrum
for Living's Indeed and
LinkedIn pages!

## **ALEX AWARDS**

In honor of Spectrum for Living's founding parent, Alexander Gallione, the Alex Awards highlight Spectrum employees that go above and beyond in service to our mission. From October 2021 through December 2021, the following employees received an Alex Award.

#### **PLATINUM**

Jonelle Barnett

Danielle Brown

Linnette Burrell

Leslie Castro

**Gerard Francois** 

Kathryn Haray

Gayle Matthews

Karen Morgan

Anita Novoa-Baggett

Patrick Oyulu

Reem Salem

Natasha Villanueva

#### **SILVER**

Brunette Alexandre

Morelia Asamoah

Wayne Assorto

**Ernst Brutus** 

Richard Francois

Kathy Kammerer

Yolene Dorisca Lubin

Martin Ndungu

Tatiana Ramos

Talikwa Robinson

Jean Singleton

Ivory Whitaker

Sulette Vilbon-Pierre

Owen Woolley, Jr.

#### **BRONZE**

Marilyn Aden

Sandra Bonsu

Alexandra Dennis

Jean Destine

Donna Dolphin

Miguel Fundora

Kieonda Kelson

Tiffany Lafayette

Tanisha Robinson

Tamona Robinoc

Sara Sanders

Merlyn Walker

Jeremiah Ndunga

Josephine Ambrocio

Demetrius Balmer

#### **GOLD**

Sunday Adegoke
Jeneen Artis
Narcissa Brice
Claudia Goicoechea
Cara Harvey
Junelane Hibbert
Charles Ithau
Marjorie Lafond
Dureste Louissaint
Bridgette Vasquez



## **ALEX AWARD WINNERS**













































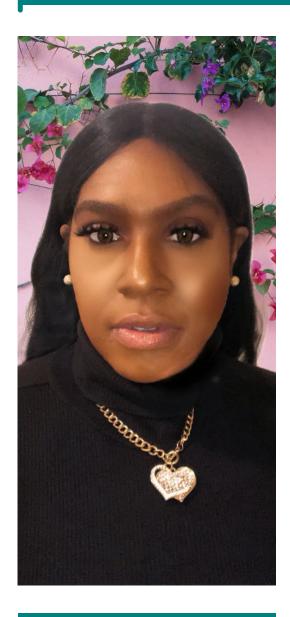




## **PROFILES IN COMPASSION**

Meet Alex Awards Platinum Winner:

Jonelle Barnett



Learn more about Jonelle and our other award winners as we highlight them on social media for #TeamMemberTuesday! Over the past 5 years,

Jonelle Barnett has been supporting Spectrum for Living clients as our Residential Coordinator for the Paramus and Maywood Group Homes.

Jonelle works diligently in service to her clients ensuring they are comfortable in their homes and remain fully engaged in recreation initiatives, workforce opportunities, and community programs.

When asked what working at Spectrum for Living has taught her, Jonelle shared,

"Working at Spectrum for Living has taught me the importance of communication. I am learning that our greatest source of growth comes from working with those that are different from us. I value the relationships I am building at Spectrum for Living that help me become an advocate for my clients and a leader to my team."

Jonelle finds the most joy in weekly dance and karaoke sessions with her clients. She shared that music always brings a smile to their faces and is a source of bonding.

# THANK YOU TO OUR COMMUNITY SUPPORTERS AND DONORS

Thank you to the **Westwood Knights of Columbus** for hosting a Holiday Dance Party for our clients!



Thank you to the **Helping Hand Food Pantry** for donating food to our clients!







To make a monetary or in-kind donation, please contact Elizabeth Boyajian at eboyajian@spectrumforliving.org or (201) 358-8081.



Support Spectrum for Living this February by adding a heart to our Wall of Love.

Donation amounts begin at \$20 and there is no maximum capacity on how many hearts one can purchase. Donors can elect to contribute in memory or in honor of a loved one and supply Spectrum for Living with a commemorative photo and/or loving inscription to be featured on the Wall of Love housed in the River Vale Corporate Office throughout 2022.



#### WWW.GIVINGGRID.COM/AKTEBJ

After claiming your heart, all photo submissions can be e-mailed to Stefanie at srendine@spectrumforliving.org with your name and "Wall of Love" in the subject line.

If you have questions or want to donate offline, please contact Elizabeth at (201) 358-8081.

## THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING SPECTRUM FOR LIVING!

## Thank You to our Generous Nonors!

We are grateful for your continued contributions and ensure that we will be respectful stewards of your gifts.

If you have not had the opportunity to support Spectrum for Living, please consider donating to our Holiday Appeal.

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## Save the Date for our 2022 Events!

Golf Classic June 27, 2022

**5K, Walk,& Doggie Dash** October 1, 2022

Gala October 28, 2022

