

# The Good News Initiative

SUMMER 2022

## FISHING TOURNAMENT

After a short hiatus due to COVID-19, the Bassmaster's Annual Fishing Tournament resumed normal operations this year and happily welcomed our clients back to participate. With three of our clients earning fishing trophies and everyone receiving medals, the day was filled with endless fishing, fun, and festivities!





# COOKING WITH CHEF HEIDI

*Add a dash of salt, pepper, and Spectrum for Living!*

We welcomed Chef Heidi back into the Central Recreation Kitchen to teach our clients how to make new and delicious meals.

The program's menu included:

- Dumplings
- Cheesy Bread
- Carrot Oatmeal Muffins
- Low-Fat Cheesecake
- Fruit Galettes
- and more!

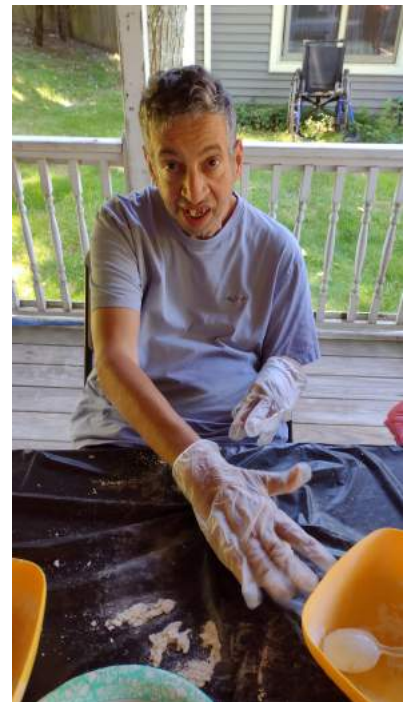
Clients learned about the importance of healthy cooking and eating, as well as safe utensil usage.

We cannot wait to see what's on the menu when we resume in the Fall!

View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



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# SPECTRUM IN THE WILD

*Welcome to the jungle!*

Clients visited the Bergen County Zoo and saw reptiles and amphibians in the Education + Discovery Center, met spider monkeys, condors, and cows in the main exhibit, and left with knowledge about animal conservation and extinction.





# MONEY MANAGEMENT 101

*Financial literacy, Budgeting, and more!*



Thank you to our friends from Blue Foundry Bank for visiting our clients and hosting a money management course! Clients learned how to write a check, create a budget, and the difference between fixed, flexible, and discretionary funds!





# LUAU PARTY

*You are the pineapple of my eye!*

Clients celebrated the warm weather with a luau, featuring dinner, dancing, face-painting, and Hawaiian-themed mocktails.

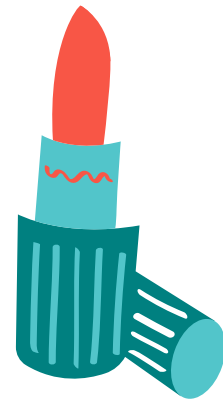




# SPA DAY

## *Rest & Relaxation*

Our clients enjoyed a self-care day with our Central Recreation Team. Treatments included: aromatherapy, eye masks, manicures, hair-styling, makeup applications, and more!







# PEN PALS

*Special delivery!*

Our clients were overjoyed to receive letters from their pen pals at the start of the summer.

Fifth-grade students from Roberge Elementary School in River Vale volunteered their time to craft personalized letters for our clients.

Clients excitedly opened their letters, learning about their pen pal's favorite subject in school, sports they play, extracurricular activities they participated in, and more!

Students shared heartfelt notes, funny comic strips, inquisitive questionnaires, and beautiful artwork that sparked joy and new conversation topics between our residents.

To become a pen pal or to make friendly phone-calls to our clients, please contact Kathy at [kbentzen@spectrumofliving.org](mailto:kbentzen@spectrumofliving.org)!



# STAFF NEWS

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



### Bergenfield Group Home

Lakysa Winston +

### Closter Apartments

Cherline Antoine \*

Miriette Eumogene \*

### Closter ICF

Samantha Black \*

Beatrice Brenya \*

Joylyn Edwards \*

Alexis Klein \*

Marvin Lewis \*

Thelmerie Miller-Foster \*

Alpana Sikder \*

Veronie Sylvestre-Joanus \*

Lynn Ziegler \*

### Edison ATC

Chikamara Emeka-Onyenacho \*

Jazmin Garcia \*

Courtney Hannah \*

Tanesah Hardy \*

Kiyana Hix \*

Shanika Holmes \*

Evenie Louisfort \*

Hassanah McMillan \*

Busola Oladele \*

Tianna Pretlow \*

### Edison Condos

Bertrand Augustin \*

Jeanne Benoit \*

Patrick Davies \*

Betty Jamison \*

Tinesha Jones \*

Bianca Koudou \*

Marie Saint-Georges \*

### Edison Group Home 300

Lateesha Jennings-Wimberly \*

Janya Jones-Miller \*

Chantel Poston \*

Berthine Saint-Hilaire \*

### Elmwood Park Group Home

Olivia Okello +

Diane Stewart \*

Angela Zapata \*

### Glenrock Group Home

Brandi Johnson \*

### Haworth Group Home

Tanya MacDonald \*

### Highwood Group Home

Ngozi Ibezim \*

### Maywood Group Home

Renee Douglas \*

### North Haledon ATC

Ashley Barron \*

Nandi Bugg \*

Yehshen Henry \*

Beth Itau \*

Joyce Jacobs \*

Brandon James \*

Alexis Montgomery \*

Dahiana Santiago \*

Keyonna Taylor \*

Jodiell Thompson \*

Ivory Whitaker +

### Ringwood Apartments

Thelisha Joseph \*

Suzanna Lacrete Dorleus \*

Ocepha Norde \*

### Ringwood ATC

Ludner Desrosier \*

Emma Hill \*

### River Vale Apartments

Ketia Clerina \*

Wisline Francois \*

Rooby Pierre \*

### River Vale Corporate Office

Nilda Alicea \*

Ehiman Brown \*

Maria Contreras +

Danny Rosario \*

Troy Thompson +

Raphael Yeun \*

### Rockleigh Apartments

Adler Dorvilien \*

Jose Enel \*

Claudy Meme \*

### Teaneck ATC

Printayzh Carter \*

Timanisha Coleman \*

Keimora Deroche \*

Tiara Toney \*

Shirley Wedderburn +

### Westwood ATC

Shane Cook \*

Jay Gevariya \*

Marie Hilaire \*

Halimah Lewis \*

### Westwood Group Home

Tamara Brown \*

### Westwood/Guttenberg/Hillsdale Cluster

Lynell McKay \*

View current job opportunities on  
our 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 April 2022 through June 2022, the following employees received an Alex Award.

## Platinum

Narcissa Brice  
Lisa Chavez  
Mary Chege  
Rajinder Chopra  
Faith Edwards-Campbell  
Susan Kerrigan  
Kemberly Lysius  
Angela Moore  
Migueline Paul  
Michelle Smith

## Gold

Josephine Ambrocio  
Morelia Asamoah  
Tashai Atkins  
Deborah Forte  
Nicole Hernandez  
Jackie Jones  
Kathy Kammerer  
Hugh Sutherland  
Cynthia Wells

## Silver

Josephine Ambrocio  
Marc Anthony Antoine  
Nixon Bedejuste  
Jude Catral  
Tyler Czubachowski  
Virginia Jackman  
Jassica James  
Fadette Leger  
Robyn Lowenthal  
Sade Rogers  
Sara Sanders  
Timothy Wangoya

## Bronze

Tahzasia Adams  
Rhonda Anthony  
Joseph Bischer  
Jennifer Charles De La Brousse  
Leslie Castro  
Maudeline Chicoye  
Mary Copeland  
Stephanie Cunningham  
Kerns Dieudonne  
Amy Espinosa

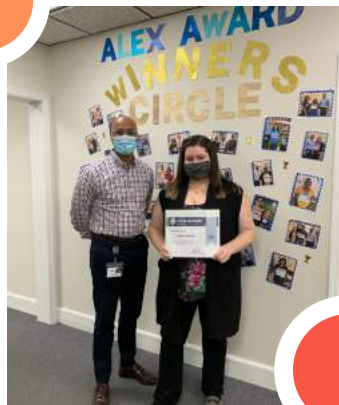
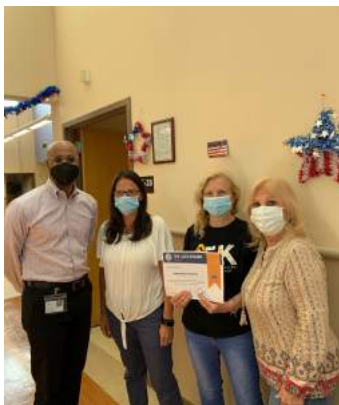
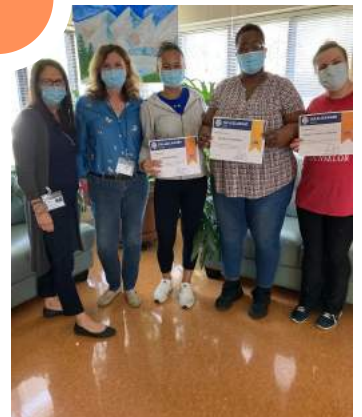
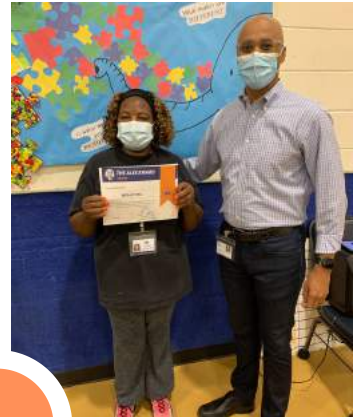
Reynalda Esteus  
Jaccim Jean Francois  
Kathryn Haray  
Michelle Isachsen  
Beth Ithau  
Joyce Jacobs  
Diana Mangan  
Jaime Martina  
Barbara Masten  
Janya Jones Miller

Rosemary Moranga  
Karen Morgan  
Lisa Pescatore  
Joseph Pierre Louis  
Stefanie Rendine  
Elvira Reyes  
Marilyn Urena  
Rose Veitch  
Natasha Villanueva

*Congratulations Winners!*



# ALEX AWARD WINNERS





# PROFILES IN COMPASSION

## Meet Alex Awards Platinum Winner: **Rajinder Chopra**



Over the past 17 years, **Rajinder Chopra** has been supporting Spectrum for Living clients as a Program Director.

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

**"My career working at Spectrum for Living has taught me the true meaning of patience and empathy. I have the pleasure of establishing meaningful relationships with my residents and their families, helping them with social skills and personal goals."**

Rajinder's favorite activity is coordinating summer concerts for her residents. She finds great pride in organizing recreational events that her residents look forward to each year.

Rajinder concluded, **"Working at Spectrum for Living has proven to me that I can make a difference in the lives of my residents. I am privileged in that I have the opportunity to connect with my residents and their families as I help them towards individual goal attainment."**

Learn more about Rajinder and our other award winners on social media by searching for our **#TeamMemberTuesday** posts!



# VOLUNTEERING WITH SPECTRUM



## M&T Bank

Thank you to M&T Bank for cleaning, detailing, and washing our vans! Our fleet of 140+ vans are our clients' main form of transportation. Vans help clients attend community events, recreation programs, personal appointments, and more!

## Provident Bank

Thank you to Provident Bank for weeding and mulching our clients' homes! Your hard work and volunteerism helped beautify our clients' living spaces while ensuring they are well-equipped to spend time in their newly manicured courtyard!



## Columbia Bank

Thank you Columbia Bank for weeding and planting new shrubs at our Closter ICF! Your volunteerism transformed our clients' patio offering them a beautiful space where they can enjoy nature, play bingo, and socialize!





# SIPPING FOR SPECTRUM



Thank you to Michelle Capazzi, second-generation Sibling Group member, for coordinating a Hoboken Bar Crawl for Spectrum for Living friends, family, and supporters. With over 130 guests in attendance and over \$6,000 raised, Sipping for Spectrum was a fun and impactful way to kick off summer!



New Date!

# 18TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



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AUGUST 15, 2022

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# FAMILY 5K, WALK & DOGGIE DASH

Run, walk, roll, or stroll at our annual 5k!

Family 5K, Walk,  
& Doggie Dash

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**SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 8, 2022  
8:30 AM - 12:00 PM**

**OVERPECK PARK  
199 CHALLENGER ROAD  
RIDGEFIELD PARK, NJ 07660**

*Scan Here!*



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