



# The Good News Initiative

SPRING 2023

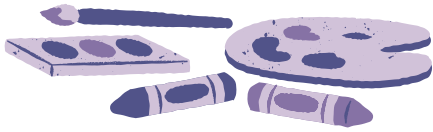
## SPECTRUM SPIRIT WEEK

Spectrum for Living held our annual Disability Awareness Week March 6th through March 10th to coincide with National Disability Awareness Month. Clients, staff, and Spectrum for Living friends and family participated in a week-long celebration consisting of theme days, special events, dance parties, and more.

From Mission Monday to Twin Tuesday and Walt Disney Wednesday, staff and clients had the opportunity to showcase their creativity while participating in theme days. Followed by Tropical Thursday and ending with Fan Friday, we had a blast celebrating disability awareness, self-empowerment, and client appreciation!



# SPRING CRAFT SALE



The Spectrum from the Heart Team, our client operated craft and décor sales club, hosted their Spring Craft Sale at the River Vale Office.

Clients created custom Easter baskets, floral centerpieces, bunny signage, and more!

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

View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



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# AUTISM AWARENESS CELEBRATION

Our clients honored Autism Awareness Month in April with a celebratory dance party, complete with a photo booth for clients to enjoy.





# EMPLOYEE SERVICE AWARDS

*Thank you for your service!*

On April 20, 2023, we celebrated Spectrum for Living employees who reached milestones in their careers at our Employee Service Awards held at the Old Tappan Manor.

Employees were recognized for their longevity in their roles, dedication to Spectrum for Living, loyalty to our clients, and tireless commitment to keeping our mission and vision strong.





# WALKING GROUP

*Put some Spring  
in your step!*



As the temperature rises, we are delighted to welcome our Walking Group back into our weekly schedule.

Every Tuesday afternoon our clients join together at a local park for laps around the pond and the opportunity to reconnect with their peers from various Spectrum sites.

If you are in the area, make sure to give our clients a big wave!

View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



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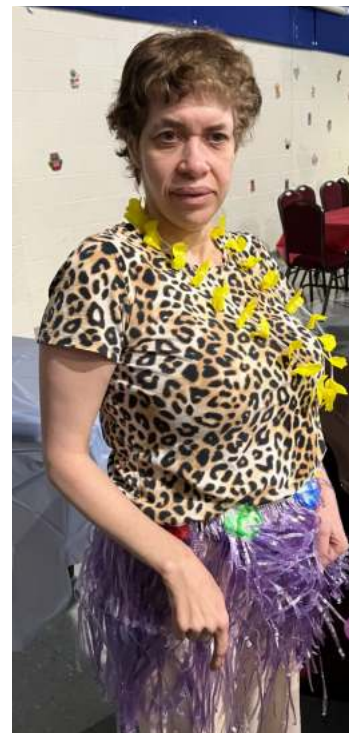




# SPRING LUAU

*You are the pineapple of my eye!*

Our clients celebrated the start of Spring with a luau, featuring dinner, dancing, face-painting, and Hawaiian-themed mocktails.







# FAMILY 5K, WALK, & DOGGIE DASH



Spectrum for Living held our annual Family 5K, Walk, and Doggie Dash at Overpeck Park on April 22, 2023.

Clients, friends, and families joined together to walk, run, roll, and stroll in support of Spectrum for Living and the comprehensive care provided to our clients.

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus Council #2188 for supplying lunch and all of our participants, sponsors, and contributors who made the event a success!

View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



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# STAFF NEWS

NEW HIRES (\*) AND PROMOTIONS (+)

## Carver Adult Training Center

Eric Velasco \*  
Mario Liggieri \*

## Closter Apartments

Kimberly Raspberry \*  
Ronald Prevoit \*

## Closter ICF

Arlene Walker \*  
Dijion Brown \*  
Donald Labe \*  
Judy Godfrey \*  
Pierre Louise Seide \*

## Edison Condos

Berthony Janvier \*  
Bright Boakye \*  
Delfrancine Richardson \*  
Janeen Washington \*  
Robert Gregory \*

## Edison Adult Training Center

Johana Weatherborn-Aguas \*  
Jung Lee +  
Maurice Foster \*

## Edison Group Home #100

Harvinder Sandhu \*  
Melia Butler \*  
Shantel Watson \*

## Edison Group Home #300

Georgena Campbell \*  
Jeff Israel \*  
Scolastica Lyakurwa \*  
Yahnaja Dowdy \*

## Elmwood Park Group Home

Syheemia Williams \*

## Glen Rock Group Home

Kareem Green \*

## Guttenberg Group Home

Stephanie Saji \*  
Tyara Walla \*

## Highwood Group Home

Chikeyna Corley \*  
Mylasia Stokes \*

## Maywood Group Home

Farrah Mulgrave \*  
Jasmine Marshall \*  
Malalia Greene \*  
Nyeefa Green \*

## North Haledon Adult Training Center

Jennirett Whitaker \*  
Natisha Givans \*

## Northvale Group Home

Felix Brian-Mintah \*  
Luders Dorval\*

## Norwood Group Home

Andre Junior Augustin \*

## Paramus Group Home

Anzhaiha Manns \*  
Kenya Kitchen \*

## Ringwood Adult Training Center

Maya Illovsky \*  
Meghan Schmerge \*

## Ringwood Apartments

Alize Corporan \*  
Katooskie Eugene \*

## River Vale Apartments

Brett Tiedens +  
Hans Terty \*

## River Vale Corporate Office

Molly Armstrong \*  
Monica Vasques \*  
Shenell Harris \*

## Rockleigh Apartments

Stacey Augustin \*

## Teaneck Adult Training Center

Jaylen Bryant \*  
Tracy Douglas \*

## Wayne Group Home

Lattice Cunningham \*

## Westwood Group Home

Rodney Pyronneau \*  
Sabrina Giedekier-Nauta \*





# ALEX AWARDS

In honor of Spectrum for Living founding parent Alexander Gallione, the Alex Awards highlight Spectrum employees who go above and beyond in service to our mission. From January 2023 through March 2023, the following employees received an Alex Award.

## Platinum

Josephine Ambrocio  
Christine Draghi  
Marva Ellis  
Bobbetta Johnson  
Dina Maignan  
Talisha Mayfield  
Grenell Strachan  
Lisa Webb  
Ivory Whitaker  
Kaiesha Williams

## Gold

Jude Catral  
Reynalda Esteus  
Gertrude Herisse  
Volfi Hyra  
Jeremiah Ndunga  
Elvira Reyes

## Silver

Tracy Bonner  
Maudeline Chicoye  
Kenneth Dane  
Jean Destine  
Dennis Duffy  
Uldana Etienne  
Hubert Etienne  
Kathryn Haray  
Barbara Herbert Boyd  
Elizabeth Hoppe  
Brandi Johnson  
Kenneth Lisitza  
Rhonda Mangan  
Anthony Marroccoli, Jr.  
Dana McCain  
Lynnell McKay  
Cecilia Muchiri  
Henry Murillo  
Gail Ziegler Poling  
Carmen Rivera  
Lalita Sachdev  
Reem Salem

## Bronze

Marie Andre  
Bruce Block  
Tamara Brown  
John Carey  
Sarafina Desrosier  
Anel Dorvilien  
Ashley Kearns  
Nasheema Leak  
Angela Moore  
Carmen Mora  
Merle Oliver, RN  
Leo Pestano  
Marc Pierre  
Mica Pierre-Juste  
Renee Fallo Quinn  
Donna Reid  
Patrick Valere  
Lisa Webb  
Carol Wilson

*Congratulations  
Winners!*



# ALEX AWARD WINNERS





# PROFILES IN COMPASSION

## Meet Alex Awards Platinum Winner: Ivory Whitaker

Over the past 5 years, **Ivory Whitaker** has been supporting Spectrum for Living clients as a Direct Support Professional, Behavior Specialist, and now, Assistant Program Director.

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

**"Spectrum for Living has taught me the value of kindness and patience. By employing both principles in my daily life at Spectrum for Living, I am able to see our clients smile, which always brightens my day. I am proud to take part in ensuring our clients have a rewarding experience at our Adult Training Center, filled with stimulating programs and positive interactions."**

Ivory values knowing that her presence makes a difference in each client's life and that she is a pivotal part in their care plan.

Ivory concluded, **"I am honored to be selected as a Platinum Alex Award Winner. My favorite part about working with our clients is seeing them engage in activities that challenge and excite them. I cherish sharing in these moments daily and appreciate being recognized for my time, care, and concern."**



Learn more about Ivory and our other award winners on social media by searching for our Alex Awards posts!



# VOLUNTEERING WITH SPECTRUM



## *Bogota High School & Immaculate Heart Academy*

Thank you to our friends at Bogota High School and Immaculate Heart Academy for volunteering during Spectrum Spirit Week and creating beautiful arts and crafts with our clients!

## *Knights of Columbus*

Thank you to the Knights of Columbus for hosting a dance party for our clients during Spectrum Spirit Week. Our clients were overjoyed to dance the night away with fun music and wonderful friends!



## *M&T Bank*

Thank you to our friends at M&T Bank for volunteering their time to bowl with our clients. The day was filled with strikes, spares, and so many new friends! Our clients loved having the opportunity to socialize with caring and compassionate volunteers that brought smiles to their faces.



FOR CORPORATE VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES, CONTACT:  
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# SEE YOU ON THE GREEN!



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## 19TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC JUNE 26, 2023

ALPINE COUNTRY CLUB - DEMAREST, NEW JERSEY

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# SIPPING FOR SPECTRUM

Join us for a bar crawl in support of Spectrum for Living's Sibling Group!



Register Here!



DATE AND TIME:  
MAY 13, 2023  
12:30 PM

STARTING LOCATION:  
HOUSE OF QUE  
340 SINATRA DRIVE  
HOBOKEN, NJ 07030



Register by April 30th to Guarantee Your T-Shirt!  
Day-Of Registration Will Be Available!  
Michelle Capazzi | michellecapazzi@gmail.com



# SPRING INTO NEW SPECTRUM GEAR

The Spectrum Store is open for the Spring season!

Remember, the program/facility with the highest number of orders will win a pizza party courtesy of the Development Department!

Please contact Stefanie at [srendine@spectrumforliving.org](mailto:srendine@spectrumforliving.org) or 201-358-8000 x3006 for an order form or with any questions.



Light Blue T-Shirt with Yellow SFL Logo



Light Yellow T-Shirt with Pink SFL Logo



Light Pink T-Shirt with Blue SFL Logo



Light Blue SFL Long Sleeve



Light Yellow SFL Long Sleeve



Light Pink SFL Long Sleeve



Be Inclusive Black SFL T-Shirt



Black SFL Basketball Shorts

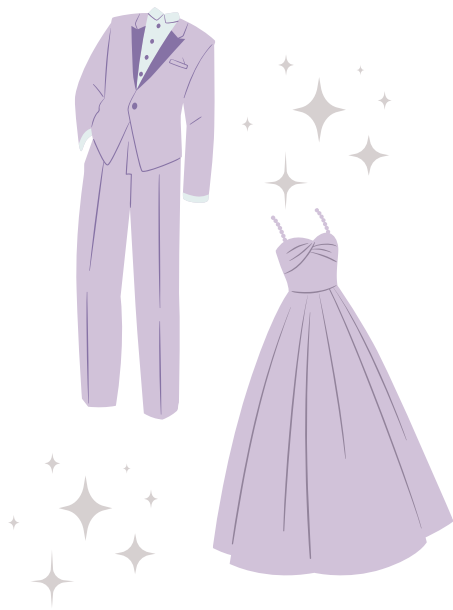


Black SFL Backpack

All orders must be placed by  
May 1, 2023.

# PROM & SUIT DONATION DRIVE

For many of our clients, the expenses associated with prom is outside of their financial reach. We aim to subsidize these costs through donations of prom dresses, suits, and accessories.



**Collecting All Sizes of**  
**New and Gently Used:**  
**Evening Gowns and Handbags**  
**Jewelry and Accessories**  
**Suits, Ties, Vests, and Belts**



**Donations will be accepted until June 1, 2023**

To find a date and time to drop off your donation,  
please contact Nicky Napolitano  
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