

The Good News Initiative

SUMMER 2023

AN EVENING IN HOLLYWOOD

Our clients had a fabulous time at their prom, An Evening in Hollywood, where they dressed up in their finest fashion to walk the red carpet and dance the night away! Thank you to our Spectrum for Living Sibling Group and Recreation Team for coordinating a memorable night for our clients and a huge shout out to our countless apparel donors who ensured our clients were dressed to impress!



SFL GAMES

Go Team Spectrum!



On July 12th, our Recreation Team held our annual Spectrum for Living Games. From basketball throws to softball tosses and relay races, there was a new activity to be mastered at every turn.

With dozens of clients taking home first, second, and third place ribbons, it was a day to be remembered.

Congratulations to everyone who participated and thank you to our volunteers who dedicated their time to ensure the day was a perfect score!

View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!

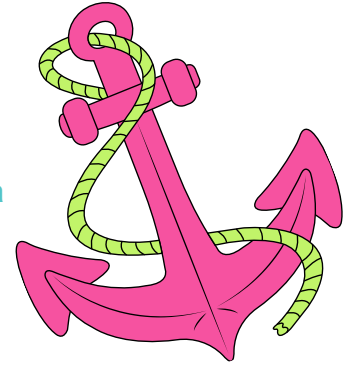


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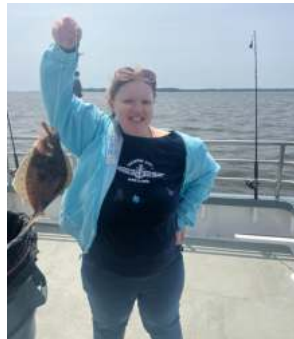


FISHING TRIP

All Aboard!



Our Adult Training Center and Residential Clients enjoyed a day on the water for their annual fishing trip. The day was full of fun, friends, and of course, fishing! Thank you to Mi-Jo II Charter Fishing Boat and Cruises for hosting us.





PEN PALS

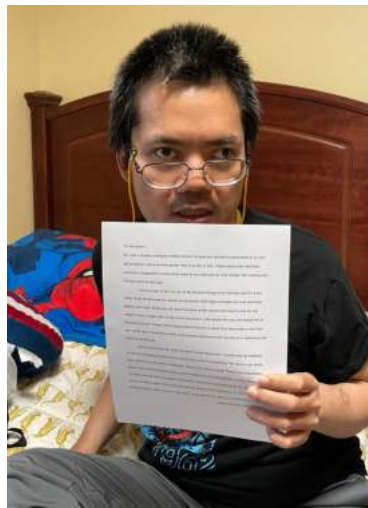
Special delivery!

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

Seventh and eighth grade students from Bogota Middle School 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.



SPECTRUM'S GOT TALENT



Congratulations to all of our participants and winners who competed in our 2023 Spectrum's Got Talent! Our clients lit up the stage with musical numbers, dance routines, and independent works. Thank you to our Central Recreation Team, Adult Training Centers, Residential Programs, Closter ICF, and Recreation Volunteers for the amazing show.





MASTERING HEALTHY COOKING

An On-Site Nutritional Training Program



Over the past several months Chef Heidi has been on a Residential Program Food Tour, providing on-site nutritional training and demonstration for Spectrum staff and residents.

Menu items included:

- Brown Rice Penne
- Fiber Salad
- Oatmeal Chocolate Cookies
- Quinoa Fusilli
- Rainbow Coleslaw
- Spinach & Sunflower Pesto
- Stuffed Zucchini
- Turkey Meatloaf
- Wheat Cinnamon Chips and more!



Thank you to Chef Heidi for expanding our culinary palettes and minds to new recipes our staff and clients can now enjoy in their everyday lives!



View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



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SIPPING FOR SPECTRUM



Thank you to Michelle and Alicia Capazzi, second-generation Sibling Group members, for coordinating a Hoboken Bar Crawl for Spectrum for Living friends, family, and supporters. With over 100 guests in attendance and over \$3,000 raised, Sipping for Spectrum was a fun and impactful way to kick off summer!



19TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Thank you for joining the par-tee!

Spectrum for Living hosted our 19th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, June 26th at the prestigious Alpine Country Club.

With over 100 patrons in attendance, we had yet another record-breaking year thanks to our amazing sponsors, contributors, and players!

View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



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STAFF NEWS

NEW HIRES (*) AND PROMOTIONS (+)

Bergenfield Group Home

Shetoi Francis *

Closter Apartments

Florence Toussaint *

Marie Horatius *

Closter ICF

Alicea Nelson *

Brendan Cancian *

Kimoya Virgo *

Michael Brady *

Pierre Cadeau *

Wendy Morales *

Derrel Hightower +

Pierre-Louis Seide +

Tamara Brown +

Edison Condos

Armani Stevenson *

Crystal Hicks *

Keisha Mapp *

Milliana Senescat *

Edison Adult Training Center

Andrew Mais *

Mia Burns *

Edison Group Home #300

Delfrancine Richardson +

Guttenberg Group Home

Nasjae Brown *

Haworth Group Home

Jesus Quinonez *

Highwood Group Home

Breyonta Byrd *

Kiarah Johnson *

Tyre Janae Griffin *

Cynthia Wells +

Maywood Group Home

Jahirah Wilson *

Jayslin Marte *

North Haledon Adult Training Center

Angeles De Los Santos *

Dion Winborne *

Norwood Group Home

Carol Stephens *

Krupal Patel *

Ringwood Apartments

Denise Williams *

Shannel O'Connor *

Vladiana Thermesy *

River Vale Apartments

Christa Benoit *

Kate Estrada *

Kaylan Wilson *

River Vale Corporate Office

Sameh Gobran *

Rockleigh Apartments

Aurore Louisthelmy *

Cliff Lindor *

Gabriel Ridore *

Lecimene Alexandre Lubin *

Rooby Pierre *

Teaneck Adult Training Center

Christine Huysers *

Khadijah King *

Malalia Greene *

Jennifer Charles De La Brousse +

Wayne Group Home

Ariyona Grayson *

Kavita Isaacs *

Westwood Group Home

Syriaha Brown-Cobb *



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 April 2023 to June 2023, the following employees received an Alex Award.

Platinum

Denise Carter
Tyler Czubachowski
Alexandria Dennis
Martin Ndungu
Jeremiah Ndunga
Jean Joseph Philippeau
Wilner Richard
Timothy Wangoya

Gold

Quinaia Alston
Deborah Brown
Rosemonde Jean Paul
Serin Mathew
Dana McCain
Julie Moran-Finkle
Lillian Nieves
Maxine Reid
Stefanie Rendine
Patricia Silas Mack
William Stasic
Sulette Vilbon-Pierre
Shirley Wedderburn

Silver

Nadilia Cajuste
Leslie Castro
Joseph Denis
Jaccim Jean-Francois
Marie Joseph Dimanche
Tanya MacDonald
Gayle Matthews
Migueline Paul
Ann Marie Wedderburn
Carol Wilson
Patrick Valere
Raphael Yuen
Lin Zhang

Bronze

Nivia Adams-Harris	Luis Gonzales	Nickalina Napolitano	Suzzette Stubbs
Nandi Bugg	Annemarie Ko	Ellie Neverson	Gale Saracinello
Wilmann Chancy	Carla Mehu	Winifred Ngari	Brett Tiedens
Tracy Douglas	Vivian Miller	Rina Parungao	Stephen Vahalla
Joan Garcia	Pierta Surin Moreau	Derrick Rowe	Monica Vasques
Judy Godfrey	Farrah Mulgrave	Suzzette Stubbs	Johana Weatherborn-Aguas

*Congratulations
Winners!*



ALEX AWARD WINNERS



PROFILES IN COMPASSION

Meet Alex Awards Platinum Winner: Tyler Czubachowski

Over the past year and a half **Tyler Czubachowski** has been supporting Spectrum for Living as our Human Resources Manager.

When asked what working at Spectrum for Living has taught him, Tyler, shared: "**Spectrum for Living has taught me the importance of adaptability, flexibility, and empathy.**"

When asked how it felt to be selected as a Platinum Award Winner, Tyler shared, "**I do what I do because I care about every single staff member and client's happiness. I feel most connected with the clients and staff members when I am volunteering at events. Volunteering at the different events allows me to connect with everyone!**"

Tyler concluded, "**I enjoy working at Spectrum for Living because the work I do is something that I am passionate about. Working in Human Resources allows me to bring positive change to the organization, as well as getting to connect with every single employee.**"



Learn more about our Alex Awards Winners on social media by searching for our Alex Awards posts!



VOLUNTEERING WITH SPECTRUM

Bergenfield Fire Department

Thank you to our friends at the Bergenfield Fire Department for hosting a fire house tour for residents from our Hillsdale Group Home. Clients had the opportunity to try on fire-gear, learn about the trucks, and meet Fire Chief, Norm!



KPMG

Thank you to our friends at KPMG who dedicated their time to visiting client homes before the prom to assist with hair and makeup. Your volunteerism ensured our clients felt and looked beautiful at their prom!

TD Bank

Thank you to our friends at TD Bank for weeding, mulching, and planting flowers in our client garden! Your volunteerism helped improve their outdoor living space, ensuring that they have a beautiful garden to come home to each day.



VOLUNTEER WITH SPECTRUM FOR LIVING!

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SPECTRUM OF ARTISTS:

Painting the Disability Picture

Spectrum of Artists: Painting the Disability Picture is a three-month long art exhibit with pieces created by Spectrum for Living clients. This artistic exhibition is an exercise in self-empowerment and self-expression, where clients had the opportunity to identify their subject matter and mirror the image through their individual lens.

From self-portraits to landscapes and objects of importance, clients had the autonomy to identify their subjects and reinvent them in an authentic way that highlighted their own interpretations. Pieces were created through a mixed-media approach of photography, drawing, and painting.

View ***Spectrum of Artists: Painting the Disability Picture*** at a library near you. Please visit our exhibition website to see upcoming dates and locations.

Be sure to tag **@Spectrum4Living** in any photos you take at the exhibitions!



Visit our Summer Exhibition Web-Page:

www.spectrumforliving.org/spectrumofartists





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