



The Good News Initiative

FALL 2024

CARNIVAL

Funnel Cakes and Fun!

The carnival came to Spectrum! Clients enjoyed an afternoon filled with games, prizes, funnel cakes, and quality time with friends. Thank you to the Central Recreation Team, Sibling Group, and Closter ICF for organizing this wonderful event. We also extend our gratitude to the countless volunteers whose dedication helped ensure a memorable day for everyone!



GALA & CASINO NIGHT



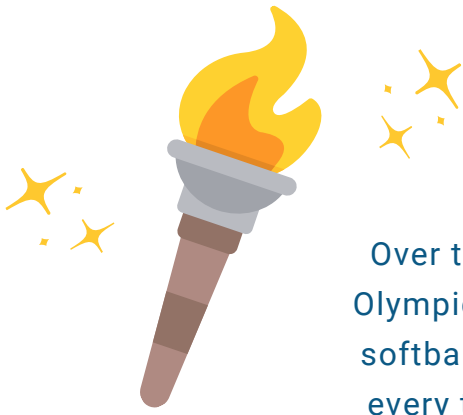
On October 17, 2024, Spectrum for Living proudly celebrated Advocacy to Action: A Blueprint for Family, Partnership, and Purpose Gala & Casino Night at Macaluso's.

We had the privilege of honoring two influential leaders and Spectrum family members, Mary and John Capazzi, alongside RSC Architects. Mary and John continuously demonstrate their commitment to bettering the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through their time, care, and concern for our mission.

Thank you to Mary, John, and RSC Architects and all of our attendees, sponsors, contributors, and volunteers who made our gala a success!

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OLYPMIC GAMES

Go Team Spectrum!

Over the summer, our clients participated in the Spectrum Olympic Games. From relay races to basketball throws and softball tosses, there was a new activity to be mastered at every turn. Congratulations to everyone who participated!



FALL FESTIVITIES

Pumpkin & Apple Picking Adventures!

Our clients embraced the fall season with a trip to the farm for apple picking and a visit to the pumpkin patch!



20TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Thank you for joining the par-tee!

Spectrum for Living held our 20th Annual Golf Classic on Monday, September 9th, at the Edgewood Country Club.

With the sun shining brightly, our golfers were excited to hit the green. A standout moment of the day came when our 50/50 raffle winner generously donated his prize back to Spectrum for Living, supporting the clients we serve and the important work we do.

Thank you to our sponsors, contributors, and players for making the event a success!

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SPECTRUM IN MOTION

An Exploration through the Animated Lens

Spectrum in Movement: An Exploration through the Animated Lens was a three-month art exhibit featuring pieces created by Spectrum for Living clients. Supported by the Middlesex County Arts and History Grant Program, this exhibition highlighted animation, digital artistry, and creative self-expression. To further engage the community, we hosted artist meet-and-greets at Piscataway Library, Milltown Library, Woodbridge Library, and the Teaneck ATC, allowing clients to share their work and receive valuable feedback from the public.



FUN AT THE PARK

Parks, Picnics, and Pets!

Our clients love getting out into the community and enjoying a day at the park. It's a great way to soak up the sun, breathe in fresh air, and connect with others while taking in all the natural beauty around them.





LUAU PARTY

Tropical Tides & Island Vibes!

Clients felt the island breeze with a luau, featuring lunch, dancing, and Hawaiian-themed mocktails.





FARM CHICKS TRAVELING PETTING ZOO



Our clients enjoyed a special visit from Farm Chicks Petting Zoo, known for their engaging recreational petting farm. The Farm Chicks team traveled to our Ringwood ATC to interact with our clients, bringing along a delightful selection of friendly animals, including goats, guinea pigs, rabbits, and tortoises.

During the visit, participants had the opportunity to play with and pet the animals, while also learning about their environment, eating habits, and care needs. This interactive experience was both educational and enjoyable, allowing clients to connect with the animals in a meaningful way.

The visit provided a unique form of pet therapy that was as therapeutic as it was entertaining. The positive impact of the animal interactions was clear, making the day both fun and beneficial for everyone involved.

MOVIE UNDER THE STARS



Our clients savored a perfect night under the stars, indulging in sweet treats from the ice cream truck while enjoying a classic movie.



STAFF NEWS

NEW HIRES (*) AND PROMOTIONS (+)

Bergenfield Group Home

Keziah Kariuki-Wells *

Carver Adult

Training Center

Bianca Wilson *

Christina Aversa +

Closter ICF

Flordeliza Guiwo *

Petrena Lewis *

Tara Wells *

Edison Condos

Kendra Wigfall *

Xavion Blount *

Edison Group

Home #100

Christina Tamburri *

Erica Pierre *

Edison Group

Home #300

Myrleine Mathieu *

Glen Rock

Group Home

Dior Hill *

Tania Lee *

Tatiana Gonzales *

Guttenberg Group Home

Jonathan Simon +

Highwood Group Home

Fedeline Marcelin +

Hillsdale Group Home

Zyasia Jackson *

Maywood Group Home

Kenisha Bush *

Northvale Group Home

Liesl Forames *

Sandra Cheriza *

Norwood Group Home

Darius Butcher *

Jerry Pierre *

Ringwood Adult

Training Center

Deanna Butler *

Melissa Perry *

Ringwood Apartments

Brenda Vazquez *

Jacqueline Simms *

Kitwana McRae *

Marie Medard *

Sharone Moody *

River Vale Apartments

Aubrey Lewis *

Azya Hoyte *

Kerline Desrosiers *

Trisha Sanges *

River Vale

Corporate Office

Pierce Johnson *

Rockleigh Apartments

Guilson Grand-Jean *

Jada Thompson *

Natalie Orellana *

Teaneck Adult

Training Center

Cole Thomas *

Wayne Group Home

Mishcaelle Chevalier *

Westwood Group Home

Kenisha Bush *



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 July 2024 through September 2024, the following employees received an Alex Award.

Platinum

Jean Fagnol
Amanda Garrity
Kathryn Haray
Serin Mathew
Stefanie Rendine
Stephanie Saji
Monica Vasques

Gold

Tracey Bonner
Maudeline Chicoye
Rosemary Earl
Eugina Evans
Sabrina Giedekier-Nauta
Michael Gruber
Lakisha Huntington
Moses Macharia
Raquel Martinez
Stephanie Saji
Carol Tay
Edward Trinkleback

Silver

Yamiley Armand
Morelia Asamoah
Bedegine Dieudonne
Concelia Edouard
Aubrey Frazer
Marie Hillaire
Kavita Isaacs
Dana McCain
Miriam Rodriguez
Carol Tay
Natasha Villanueva
Stephen Vahalla
Kimoya Virgo
Christine Vicari
Shontae White

Bronze

Quinice Anthony
Danian Bolton
Kenisha Bush
Latavia Conzalez
Michael Brady
Maria Contreras
Aubrey Frazer
Dorcia Fyffe
Alexis Klein

Fedeline Marcellin
Teresia Mullandi
Nydasia Nero
Jonathan Simon
Enazhe Pulido
Michelle Smith
Toryn Smith
Christine Vicari
Syheemia Williams



ALEX AWARD WINNERS



PROFILES IN COMPASSION

Amanda Garrity



Amanda Garrity has been with Spectrum for Living for three years, starting as the Assistant Program Director at the Ringwood ATC and now serving as the Program Director at the Teaneck ATC.

With over a decade of experience in serving individuals with disabilities, Amanda feels privileged to work alongside such incredible staff, clients, and families that foster a positive culture of inclusion, positivity, and warmth.

Amanda has learned the importance of patience from her clients, inspiring her to embrace each moment with gratitude. Amanda shared, **“Each smile from our clients is a powerful reminder of why I chose this rewarding path.”** She particularly enjoys participating in events like the annual BBQs, where everyone comes together to celebrate.

Honored to receive the Platinum Alex Award, Amanda shared, **“I’m deeply grateful for the nomination from my colleagues. It’s incredibly rewarding to know they see me in the same positive light that I see in them, and it inspires me to continue striving for excellence in our work together.”**

Learn More About Amanda!

1. Amanda loves to bake.
2. Amanda volunteers at the Spectrum for Living Gala, leading casino sales.
3. Amanda is getting married next year!

View more of our Alex Awards Winners on social media by searching for our Alex Awards posts!



VOLUNTEERING WITH SPECTRUM



Expedia Group

Thank you to our friends at Expedia Group for joining our clients in a fun day of arts and crafts. Team Expedia brought coffee, donuts, and plenty of smiles as they socialized with our clients and assisted them in creating scarecrows.

M&T Bank

Thank you to our amazing M&T Bank volunteers for bringing joy and energy to our carnival by managing the game booths! Your volunteerism made the day unforgettable for everyone involved!



Wilderly Photos

Thank you to Dillion Parsell from Wilderly Photos for generously donating your time to capture amazing photos at our Gala and Casino Night! Your professionalism, expertise, and flexibility truly elevated the event and made it unforgettable!



SPECTRUMFEST



BEERS & BREWS AT BOLERO SNORT

316 20TH STREET
CARLSTADT, NJ 07072

SATURDAY
NOVEMBER

9TH

4 - 8
PM

TICKETS

\$65

CHILDREN
ARE FREE
(20 YEARS
OLD & UNDER)



CRAFT BEER - HARD APPLE CIDER SLUSHIES - SELTZERS -
NONALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES - CATERED FOOD - LIVE MUSIC -
CRAFT VENDORS & MORE!

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