



# The Good News Initiative

SUMMER 2025

## SPECTRUM MAKES A SPLASH

*Spectrum Makes a Splash* is a three-month-long art exhibit where clients created four mixed-media murals focused on ocean conservation, pollution, recycling, and marine life. Clients learned and applied various artistic techniques, such as layering, texturing, and incorporating found objects, to visually address the ocean crisis and the impact of sustainable practices.

View *Spectrum Makes a Splash* at a library near you by visiting the Summer Exhibition Schedule here: [www.spectrumforliving.org/SpectrumMakesASplash](http://www.spectrumforliving.org/SpectrumMakesASplash).



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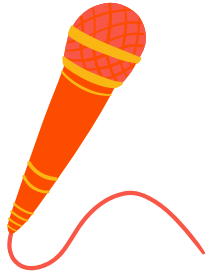
# BERGEN BASSMASTERS FISHING TOURNAMENT

*Hook, Line, and Sinker!*

Our clients had a fantastic time competing at the 35<sup>th</sup> Annual Norm Trass Bergen Bassmasters Fishing Tournament. With clients earning fishing trophies and everyone receiving medals, the day was filled with endless fishing, fun, and festivities!



# SPECTRUM'S GOT TALENT!



Congratulations to all the participants and winners of our 2025 Spectrum's Got Talent! The event featured a diverse array of performances including singing, karate, drumming, and dancing, creating an electrifying show! Thank you to the numerous coaches, volunteers, judges, and participants for their dedication, support, and enthusiasm!



# 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 100 guests in attendance and over \$4,800 raised, Sipping for Spectrum was a fun and impactful way to kick off summer!



# NIGHT AT BACARI



Spectrum for Living's Sibling Group held their Night at Bacari event on June 10, 2025 at the Bacari Grill in the Township of Washington.

With all proceeds benefitting Spectrum for Living's Recreation Department, friends and families of Spectrum for Living joined together to enjoy dinner, test their luck on raffle prizes, play the 50/50, and contribute to our Giving Tree.

Thank you to our Sibling Group, attendees, raffle item donors, and contributors who made the event a success!

View more photos on  
Facebook and Instagram!  
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# BOOK FAIR

*Read. Explore. Discover.*

Our clients enjoyed exploring new titles, discovering fresh authors, and engaging in lively conversations at the book fair!



# FISHING TRIP



## *All Aboard!*

Aboard the Mi-Jo II Charter Fishing Boat and Cruises, our clients set sail to an unforgettable day at sea—learning proper fishing techniques, picking up expert tips, and feeling the thrill of reeling in their very first catch!

From sea bass to stingrays, everyone disembarked with newfound skills and lasting memories.

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# PROM NIGHT

*Dancing the night away!*

Dressed to impress and ready to celebrate, our clients danced the night away in style at the prom. The evening ended on a high note with the crowning of Prom Queen and King—capping off a night filled with joy, elegance, and unforgettable memories.



# FARM CHICKS

*Furry Friends!*



Farm Chicks Petting Zoo paid a visit to our clients bringing some delightful pet therapy to their program!

The atmosphere was filled with smiles and laughter as everyone interacted with the friendly animals. Gentle goats, fluffy bunnies, and playful ducks made the experience both calming and joyful.

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# STAFF NEWS

NEW HIRES (\*) AND PROMOTIONS (+)

*April 2025 - June 2025*

## Closter Apartments

Brett Tiedens +

## North Haledon Adult Training Center

Amir Johnson \*

## Closter Intermediate Care Facility

John McVey \*

Katie Rodriguez \*

Keitlyn Chacon \*

## Paramus Group Home

Eugenia Afari \*

## Edison Adult Training Center

Diamond Smith \*

## Ringwood Apartments

Ashaniaya Johnson \*

Marissa Piacenza \*

Danielle Nyenapo +

Dominique Bell +

## Edison Condos

Anthony Bobbitt-Howell \*

Christian Williams \*

Tommer Burns-Baldwin \*

## River Vale Apartments

Julia Pfleging \*

Marquette Anderson \*

Rasheeda Muhammad \*

## Edison Group Home #300

Tanselyne Jean \*

## River Vale Corporate Office

Justin Tiu \*

Sabrina Giedekier-Nauta +

## Elmwood Park Group Home

Martha Elizabeth Zapata \*

## Glen Rock Group Home

Fantasha Robinson \*

## Teaneck Adult Training Center

Jonathan Simon +

## Haworth Group Home

Taviann Morris \*

## Wayne Group Home

Oshanique Santiago \*

## Highwood Group Home

Ebony Harris \*

## Maywood Group Home

Kiara Owens \*

Tina Jones \*

Titilayo Adebessin \*



# 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 through June 2025, the following employees received an Alex Award.

## Platinum

Marc Antoine  
Bruce Block  
Lynnell Gibbs  
Elizabeth Hoppe  
Lydia Kiruri  
Nasheema Leak  
Gayle Matthews  
Dana McCain  
Carol Novotnak

## Gold

Brunette Alexandre  
Linnette Burrell  
Bernardo Daan  
Henry Murillo  
Anita Novoa-Baggett  
Marlene Reid  
Danny Rosario  
Valdhi Sainvilus  
Natasha Villanueva  
Shontae White  
Lin Zhang

## Silver

Dwight Beeston  
Acsa Benjamin  
Elizabeth Boyajian  
Tamara Brown  
Linnette Burrell  
Pierre Mose Dorvilier  
Reta Gordon  
Dicenor Joseph  
Kemberly Lysius  
Adasia McLeod  
Tylisha Mitchell  
Jeremiah Ndunga  
Daniella Nelvy  
Jean Nicolas  
Valdhi Sainvilus  
Devon Thompson

## Bronze

Abanop Abdelmalak  
Molly Armstrong  
Dwight Beeston  
Sylvie Colin  
Kerline Desrosiers  
Vinnetta Douglas  
Maurice Foster  
Patrick French  
Kya Gay  
Ariyona Grayson

Bleurette Jacob  
Crystal Jones  
Aubrey Lewis  
Petrena Lewis  
Ketia Miceus  
Chidimma Doreen Ogbonna  
Nahomie Jean Pierre  
Wilner Richard, Jr.  
Carol Wilson  
Martha Elizabeth Zapata



# ALEX AWARD WINNERS



# PROFILES IN COMPASSION

## Nasheema Leak



**Nasheema Leak** has been a valued member of the Spectrum for Living team for 18 years. She began her career as an Activity Assistant and later advanced to the role of Activity Therapist Assistant, Activity Therapist, and ultimately, to her current position as a Behavior Specialist.

Throughout her career, **Nasheema** has demonstrated unwavering commitment to the clients she serves, always striving to make a meaningful impact. She takes pride in the strong relationships she has built, describing her clients as an extension of her own family. ***"I love to see my clients and value the mutual admiration we share—especially when they greet me with a big smile,"*** she shared.

Being honored with the Platinum Alex Award holds deep significance for **Nasheema**, particularly because it reflects the appreciation of the clients and families she works with. The award is a testament to the care, compassion, and consistency she brings to her role each day.

**Nasheema's** time at Spectrum has highlighted the importance of patience, adaptability, and kindness. Whether navigating everyday routines or unexpected challenges, **Nasheema** approaches her work with grace and a constant desire to learn, grow, and have fun with her clients. Above all, she finds joy in seeing her clients happy and knowing that she plays a meaningful role in enriching their lives.

### Learn More About Nasheema:

1. Nasheema is a world-traveler.
2. She has two daughters.
3. Nasheema loves to go shopping!

# SPECTRUM FOR SERVICE



## Bogota Middle School

Thank you to the students of Bogota Middle School for their generous volunteer support at our Spectrum's Got Talent event. Their thoughtful assistance with client rehearsals, event setup, and room decorations played a meaningful role towards ensuring a successful evening for all!

## Columbia Bank

A heartfelt thank you to Lisa Van Der Wall, Spectrum for Living volunteer, for nominating Spectrum for Living for the Columbia Bank Foundation's Employee Sponsored Giving Program! This wonderful initiative empowers employees to nominate and vote for their favorite charities each month, based on specific categories. Spectrum for Living is honored to have been selected as the winner in the Human Services category!



## St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church

Thank you to our volunteers from St. Peter's Mar Thoma Church for spending time with our clients at the Closter ICF, creating colorful wooden coasters, and sharing smiles, creativity, and kindness!

# ANNUAL APPEAL

***“You have not lived today until you have done something for someone who can never repay you.”***

-John Bunyan

## Dear Friend,

To carry forward on our past successes and ensure that we continue to provide enriching opportunities to our many clients, I would ask that you ***please make a donation today*** to our 2025 Annual Appeal. Your continued support is vital to our ability to carry out our Mission and ***make a positive difference*** in the lives of the many people that rely upon us for their continued sustenance and support. While we may face many uncertainties to come, the certainty of your unwavering support will enable us to confidently address any challenges that the future may bring.

Thank you for all that you do to keep our Mission alive.



Very truly yours,

Christopher L. Perry  
President & CEO

*Donate Here!*



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**Your support makes the following possible:**

Our **Cluster Intermediate Care Facility** provides 24-7 care for our most medically fragile residents.

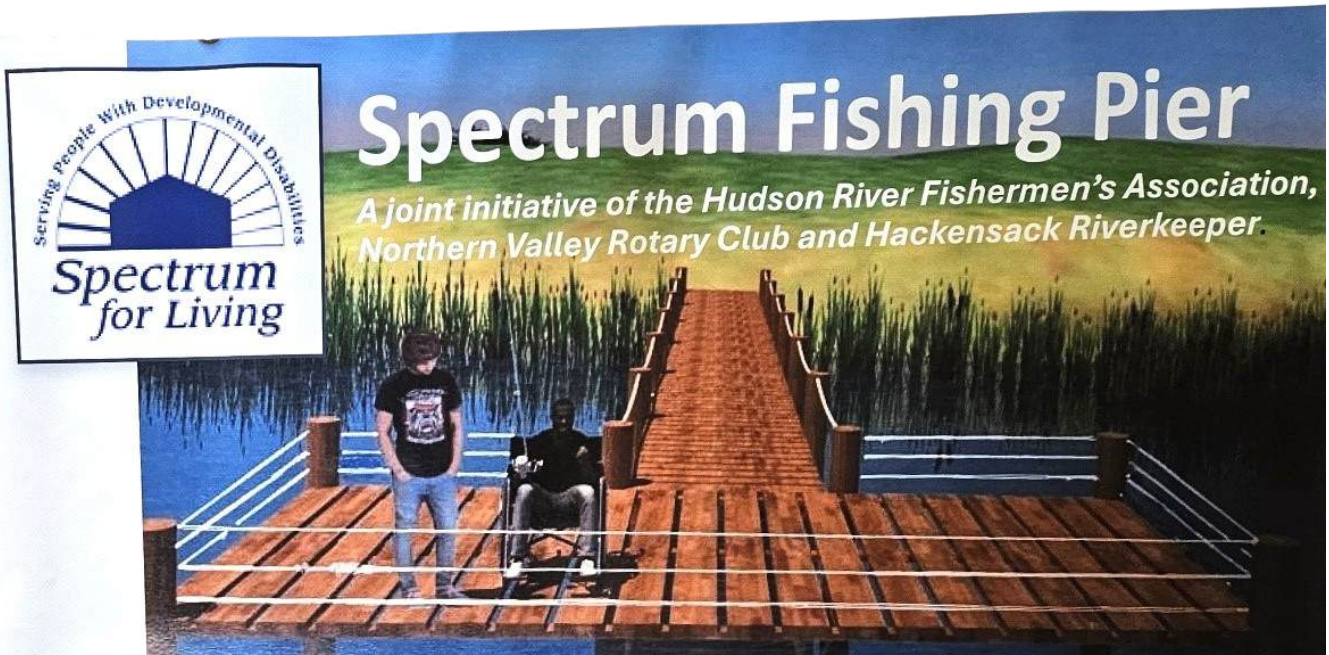
Our **Community Residential Housing** provides supported living with private rooms to more than 170 adults.

Our five **Adult Training Centers** serve to maximize the individual potential of each of our day program participants by providing them with a variety of stimulating programs, including socialization, sensory integration, computer skills, fine and gross motor skills, as well as music and art therapy.

Our **Psychological & Behavioral Services** help to address the overall mental health of our clients to ensure that the needs of the whole individual are met.

Our **Recreational Programming** provides a broad array of community-integrated social events and activities to all of our clients, which keeps their minds and bodies active and affords them the opportunity to experience the full richness that life has to offer.

# SPECTRUM FISHING PIER



— \$180,000  
 — \$165,000  
 — \$150,000  
 — \$135,000  
 — \$120,000  
 — \$105,000  
 — \$90,000  
 — \$75,000  
 — \$60,000  
 — \$45,000  
 — \$30,000

Support the Hudson River Fishermen's Association and partners in creating an ADA-compliant, environmentally responsible fishing pier at the Oradell Reservoir in Closter, NJ. Replacing the old, unsafe wooden pier, this new aluminum pier will offer safe, accessible recreation for all – especially the residents of Spectrum for Living.

Donate  
Here!



# 21ST ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC



**Monday, September 8, 2025**

Edgewood Country Club  
River Vale, New Jersey

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