



# The Good News Initiative

WINTER 2026

## WINTER SPECTACULAR

*A Wonderland of Lights, Music, and Memories*



Our clients had a wonderful time at the Winter Spectacular, where they dressed up in their finest fashion and danced the night away! Thank you to our Spectrum for Living Sibling Group and Recreation Team for coordinating a memorable night for our clients!





# EMPLOYEE SATISFACTION SURVEYS

*Way to go Elmwood Park &  
Bergenfield!*

Spectrum for Living's Human Resources Team celebrated the completion of our annual Employee Satisfaction Survey with staff members at our Elmwood Park and Bergenfield Group Homes, which both had the highest percentage of employees completing the survey. Our staff members were treated to a catered meal of their choosing, and our Chief of Human Resources, Joan Garcia, was on hand to personally thank them for their participation in the survey.







# MASTERING HEALTHY COOKING

*Sleighing healthy choices this holiday season*

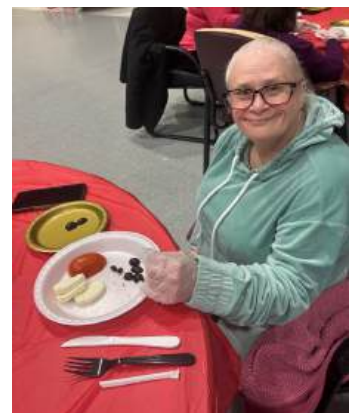
We welcomed Chef Heidi to our Recreation program, where she helped clients prepare a healthy meal from start to finish. The meals added a festive touch while teaching clients how to maintain healthy habits throughout the holiday season. The experience was fun, interactive, and thoroughly enjoyed by all.

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

View more photos by  
following us on  
Facebook and  
Instagram!



@SpectrumforLiving



# SANTA'S WORKSHOP

Thanks to our generous community donors and the Sibling Group, clients enjoyed a festive shopping experience at Santa's Workshop, browsing through an abundance of gifts. The day was filled with music, laughter, and holiday cheer!





# PICTURES WITH SANTA

*Smiles and Santa selfies!*



Thank you to our friends at the Knights of Columbus Westwood for inviting us to take photos with Santa.

Our clients had a wonderful time meeting Santa, sharing everything on their Christmas lists, and enjoying a festive day filled with music, laughter, and delicious treats. From smiling for photos to soaking in the joyful holiday atmosphere, it was a memorable celebration for everyone.

View more photos by following us on Facebook and Instagram!



@SpectrumforLiving

# OUR SUNSHINE CLUB BRINGS THE CHEER AND SLEIGHS THE SEASON!

Thank you to our friends from the Sunshine Club, who delivered dozens of presents off of Santa's sleigh to our ICF clients. From sensory toys to new winter apparel, and everything in between, our Sunshine Club's gift-giving program always puts a smile on our clients' faces!







# THE 60 FOOT SCARF

*Made with love, one stitch at a time!*

This holiday season, one of our talented clients was invited to take part in a festive community project for the Township of River Vale. She was asked to knit a 40-foot, candy-cane-striped scarf to help decorate a Christmas tree for the Van Saun Park holiday decorating contest.

With the River Vale's Social & Cultural Affairs assembling the tree, she enthusiastically got to work—and in just two weeks, exceeded expectations by creating an incredible 60-foot scarf to wrap the tree in holiday cheer!

We are grateful to our friends at River Vale's Social & Cultural Affairs for selecting Spectrum for Living as a collaborator on this project.



View more photos by  
following us on  
Facebook and Instagram!



@SpectrumforLiving

# STAFF NEWS

NEW HIRES (\*) AND PROMOTIONS (+)

## Closter Intermediate Care

### Facility

Maya-Camille Burks \*

Samantha Smith \*

Leo Pestano +

## Edison Adult Training Center

Janay Gallemore \*

Marcia Jolo \*

Shipra Dutta \*

Tionnah Kitchen \*

Vin Lombardi \*

### Edison Condos

Blessing Ofunim \*

Gene'e Freeman \*

Jay Ham +

## Edison Group Home #100

Al-Wahdoo Phillips \*

Carlito Rosemond \*

Keisha Powell-Bivins \*

Anthony Bobbitt-Howell +

## Edison Group Home #300

Mirlande Dorsainvil \*

Shayla Derrell \*

Aminata Israel +

## Glen Rock Group Home

Desheha Waring \*

## Guttenberg Group Home

Brittany Williams-Lawson \*

Yazhe' Milligan \*

Nasjae Brown +

## Haworth Group Home

Ava Fraser \*

## Highwood Group Home

Harmony Edwin \*

Clarissa Thomas \*

Bedegine Dieudonne +

## Hillsdale Group Home

Kiana Hardison \*

## Maywood Group Home

Brenda Jones \*

Natasha Gross \*

## North Haledon Adult

### Training Center

James McIver \*

Nia Gaskins \*

## Norwood Group Home

Mandela Wion \*

## Ringwood Adult Training Center

Annabelle Remonet \*

Tyanna Nembhard Peters \*

## Ringwood Apartments

Dion Fynes \*

Mia McPherson \*

Mina Fujii \*

Robyn Sheridan \*

Rutchelle Vil \*

Kemario Christian +

## River Vale Apartments

Angel Rosario \*

D-Bancuff Bazile \*

Gesmanie Darisme \*

Jarissa Enchautegui \*

Quadirria Williams \*

## Rockleigh Apartments

Elizabeth Declue \*

Elsina Nikocevic \*

Matthew Peter \*

## Teaneck Adult Training Center

Alannah Bartalone \*

Benoit Patrick Tovar \*

Mariah Ortega \*

## Wayne Group Home

Kilame-Cayah Johnson \*





# 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 October 2025 to December 2025, the following employees received an Alex Award.

## Platinum

Eugina Evans  
 Wisline Francois  
 Charles Ithau  
 Susan Kerrigan  
 Raquel Martinez  
 Junia Maurice  
 James Nandi  
 Nickalina Napolitano  
 Maxine Reid  
 Valdhi Sainvilus  
 Walter Sang  
 Carol Tay  
 Shontae White

## Gold

Domingo Angeles, Jr.  
 Dwight Beeston  
 Wilmann Chancy  
 Kathleen Hennessy  
 Christine Huysers  
 Aminata Israel  
 Walter Sang  
 Hugh Sutherland  
 Troy Thompson  
 Syheemia Williams

## Silver

Quinice Anthony  
 Monet Carolina  
 Patrick French  
 Kathryn Haray  
 Shelly Herd-Garcia  
 Geraldine LaParle  
 Calvins Mak'amayo  
 Donna Reid  
 Juliette Rene  
 Gale Saracinello

## Bronze

Marquetta Anderson  
 Guerda Baptiste-Rene  
 Mark Bastidas-Hille  
 Stefanie Bonilla  
 Peter Ceccon  
 Jasmine Cranston-Sethi

Danielle Hall  
 Briana Harris  
 Melissa Henry  
 Elizabeth Hoppe  
 Nasheema Leak  
 Calvins Mak'amayo  
 Susan Mancuso

Mariah Ortega  
 Dorceus Perpignan  
 Julia Pfleging  
 Jean Pierre-Louis  
 Janaya Shayland  
 Diamond Smith

*Congratulations  
 Winners!*



# ALEX AWARD WINNERS





# PROFILES IN COMPASSION

## Valdhi Sainvilus



**Valdhi Sainvilus** has been with Spectrum for Living for 1.5 years and is currently serving as the Coordinator of Staff Training & Quality Assurance.

Valdhi enjoys working at Spectrum for Living because of the opportunities she's had to build authentic and meaningful connections. She feels the most connected to our clients when someone learns a new skill, makes a break through, or lights up with pride.

Valdhi shared, **"Those moments remind me that progress isn't measured by speed but by the heart behind it."** Helping her clients advocate for themselves has been one of the most meaningful parts of her work. It allows her to support them in finding their voice, understanding their rights, and building confidence to express their needs and preferences.

Working at Spectrum for Living has taught Valdhi that she is more patient, compassionate, and adaptable than she ever realized. She's learned how important it is to listen deeply by using not only your ears but your heart. Valdhi shared, **"It has taught me humility - recognizing that everyone has strengths, everyone faces challenges and everyone deserves respect and dignity."**

Honored to receive the Platinum Alex Award, Valdhi shared, **"I am honored to know that the hard work I put in is recognized, and it motivates me to keep growing and doing my best."**

### Learn More About Valdhi:

1. Valdhi loves horror movies.
2. Valdhi enjoys traveling to foreign countries.
3. Valdhi has two favorite colors, which are black and pink.

# SPECTRUM FOR SERVICE



## Columbia Bank

Thank you to our friends at Columbia Bank for hosting a day of crafting with our Recreation Team! Columbia Bank volunteers assisted clients with crafting holiday décor. Our clients had a wonderful time connecting with the Columbia Bank Team!

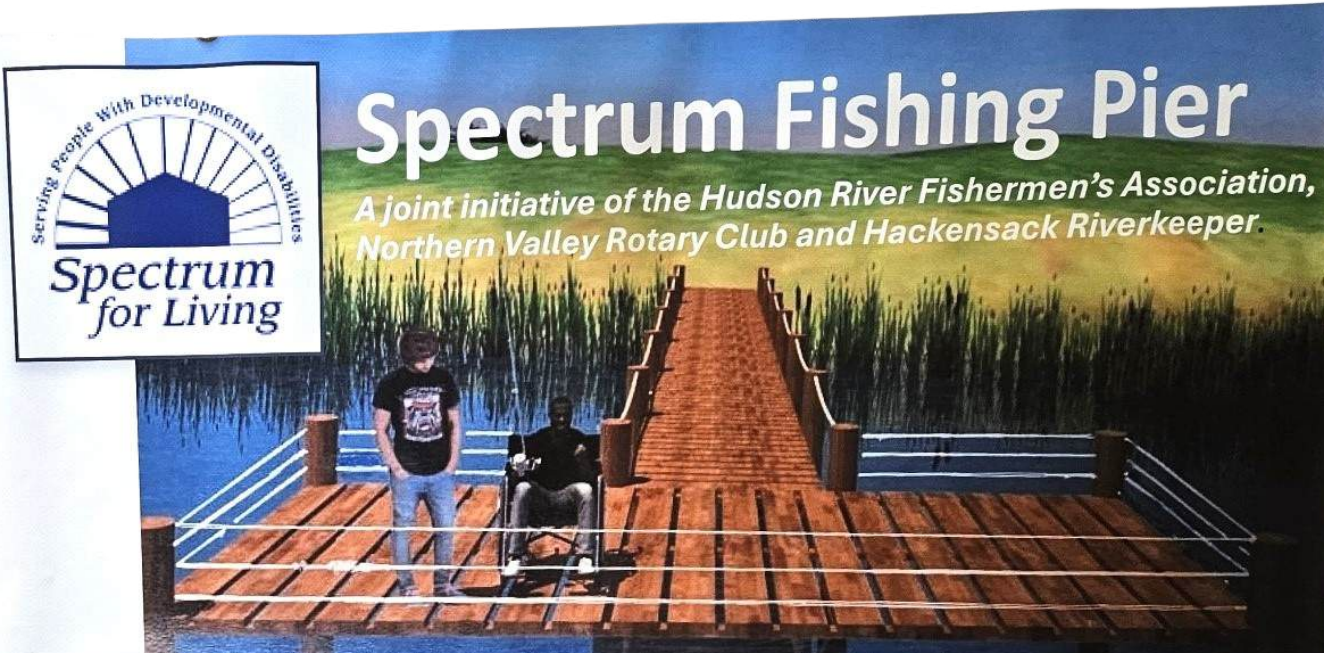
## Crafting Connections

Thank you to our volunteers from Crafting Connections. Their winter crafting kit, "Winter Windows" was a great hit with our clients at the Closter ICF. They assisted with painting a joyful and peaceful winter scene that represented togetherness, comfort, and the season!





# 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!



# WALL OF LOVE

Support Spectrum for Living this February by adding a heart to our **Wall of Love**.

Donation amounts begin at **\$25** and there is no maximum capacity on how many hearts one can purchase. Donors can elect to contribute in memory or in honor of a loved one and supply Spectrum for Living with a commemorative photo and/or loving inscription to be featured on the Wall of Love housed in the River Vale Corporate Office throughout 2026.



[WWW.GIVINGGRID.COM/KEDHYL/](http://WWW.GIVINGGRID.COM/KEDHYL/)

After claiming your heart, all photo submissions can be e-mailed to Stefanie at [sbonilla@spectrumforliving.org](mailto:sbonilla@spectrumforliving.org) with your name and "Wall of Love" in the subject line.

If you have questions or want to donate offline, please contact Elizabeth at (201) 358-8081.



# SAVE THE DATE!



## *Poker Night*

**Knights of Columbus Council 943  
Butler, NJ**

**March 2026**

## *5K, Walk, & Doggie Dash*

**Overpeck Park  
Ridgefield Park, NJ**

**April 2026**



## *Sipping for Spectrum*

**Hoboken, NJ**

**May 2026**

