



From the CEO...

Kathleen Lovenbury

Celebrate Spring!

We were thrilled to host our annual charitable event, Celebrate Spring at Independence Harbor. Through the generosity of our friends and supporters we raised \$49,000, which will be used to purchase sensory and augmentative and assistive communication (AAC) and sensory resources.

These communication and sensory supports are crucial for

full participation in all aspects of life and a springboard for being included in typical environments. Communication and sensory integration is truly the key to independence and integration. Thanks to the generosity of our friends and supporters, our residents will have increased opportunities to communicate with others, to feel included, and to have an environment where they can express themselves and experience the simple joys in life.

On behalf of our entire community of students, residents, families, staff and board members, we thank our friends and supporters for partnering with us; your support paves the road of possibility for the individuals here at Crystal Springs, and for that, we are exceedingly grateful.



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We have changed this year's Family Day to an

END OF SUMMER

BLOCK PARTY

Come and Join Us For A Fun Filled Day

Crystal Springs Campus • September 9, 2017 • 10 am till 1:00 pm

From the Adult Program

Congratulations to the Adult Residential Program for completing their survey and receiving a 2 year DDS MA license!

The Residential program purchased memberships in the community with last year's fundraiser money for activities such as Sporting events, PPAC memberships, YMCA memberships, memberships to museums and zoos. Individuals have enjoyed going to Mystic Aquarium,



Marissa N. at the Aquarium



Jimmy A. at the Aquarium

others have been rooting for their home basketball team, the Celtics, at the TD Garden. A couple of individuals have taken a liking to community dances once a month held at the VFW Poirer Post in New Bedford where they are building friendships in the community. Some other favorite activities the adults

are exploring and enjoying, consist of horseback riding, shopping, long walks by the waterfront at Colt State Park, LaSalette Shrine, bowling and having a delicious dinner at their favorite restaurant or getting a "chippi" from Mirasol's Café. The individuals in the adult program continue to explore many activities in order to be an active member of their community.

ABLE I Day Program continues to expand their choices and opportunities for community experiences. In January, Jaime M., Jimmy A., Jackie S., Amanda M., Colleen G., Louis T. and Marissa N., visited the Aquarium and Exploration Center in Fall River. In February, Louis T. took a trip to the New Bedford Airport to watch the planes take off and land. A few of our sports enthusiasts had the opportunity to visit Dartmouth Mall where a sculpture made entirely of sand boasts the Patriots logo that pays homage to the Super Bowl Champions. The month of March was somewhat challenging with the return of winter. We focused on the theme #Live Happy.

Live Happy is a drive to positive change. The happiness movement inspires people to engage in living purpose-driven, healthy and meaningful lives. There were many engaging activities and team building experiences with both individuals and staff alike. We had our Second Annual Open House and we had a great turnout with families, DDS Coordinators and Senior Leadership coming to see the great work that everyone does at ABLE.

ABLE II Day Program has been very busy these last few months. Our Annual Open House was a success. We worked hard in preparing baked goods and rooms were decorated with our arts and crafts which we worked on in February. We enjoyed spending time making different snacks and ensuring refreshments were ready to serve when our guests arrived.

March was "Happiness Month". We enjoyed taking different pictures of things that make us happy while we are at the day program, freezing these moments making them forever memories. Our next project is to create a collage with all of our pictures to display in the Day Program. As Spring approaches, we will begin to transform our day program into spring themes as well as work on different Spring arts and crafts!



Louis and Bridgette bowling

HAVE A SAFE AND HAPPY SUMMER!

From the Children's Program

Happy spring from all of us in Children's Services!! The kids have been glad to be spending increasing amounts of time outdoors enjoying the milder weather and fresh air. We're looking forward to outdoor games, cookouts, sprinklers and enjoying other elements of our campus including a barefoot sensory walking path, the newly "blazed" walking trail and walks down to the water on the "back forty". We also have additional fun playground elements being added to the campus grounds this spring and summer and the much anticipated construction of a zip line near the basketball court!! (staff may be just as excited to try it out!) A couple of other mentionables:

- Our Boy Scout and Girl Scout troop schedules are well underway for the new year and our scouts are participating in and planning for some great activities. The boys received their scout vests and first badge last month and word on the street is that we're putting together a pinewood

derby event for May! The girls once again sold a TON of cookies and proceeds will allow them to attend Girls scout camp for their second year as well as a special trip to a chocolatier (sounds fun and delicious)!!

- We are also reviving the Crystal Springs' School Year Book. To that end, our committee is busy working on this project and we're shooting for publication by the end of summer.
- As part of our annual spring fundraiser silent auction, two students (with just a little help) submitted excellent framed canvassed paintings and both pieces generated much interest and significant bids! The pictures really came out great and are very worthy of mounting on a wall. We hope to spotlight our young artists in this way again!

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MATP.....	Summer 2017	Crystal Springs Manning Open	September 25, 2017
End of Summer Block Party	September 9, 2017		

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