



Newsletter

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CRYSTAL SPRINGS End of Summer Block Party



From the Children's Program

The staff and students in our school are coming off a wonderful set of summer months. Kids attended concerts, sporting events, family amusement parks, zoos and other local attractions like Battleship Cove and ice cream shops. They also spent plenty of time getting wet in various forms of water play including splash pads, pools and sprinkler action! Our summer season of fun was capped off by a very successful first Block party for which we were blessed with a beautiful day!

Our Manning residence has been renovated with brand new, brightly painted individual bedrooms for everyone and in addition, Payne Cove Cottage has been renovated for four students and we expect to have it ready for occupancy in October. Our

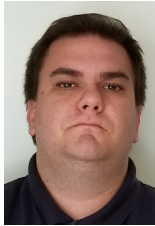
maintenance team did a great job with both places and we are tremendously grateful to them for their hard work and skill.

Our students made a connection earlier this year with the Abbey School in England; a similar residential school and we have successfully shared portfolio style projects focused on learning more about each other individually as well as each other's cultures. We plan to engage in more activities with our new friends "across the pond"!

As summer has once again come to an end, Boy and Girl scouting season is beginning again and we are readying for our annual Halloween dance along with other seasonal holiday festivities. As we round our way into the crisper, cooler weather, we wish everyone a great fall and early winter. Get out and enjoy the beauty of the season with some fresh air and exercise, leaf peeping, festivals, apple picking and any other activities that you and your families enjoy!

From the Adult Program

We'd like to welcome Andrew Freeman as our Shared Living Director. For most of Andrew's career, he carried various roles over 5 years at The Arc of Greater Plymouth. His goal has been that he and his team gather and provide the most compliant & compassionate services. In his career he has done this in such programs as: Adult Foster Care, Agency With Choice, Employment Services, Individual Support, Respite, & Social Security.

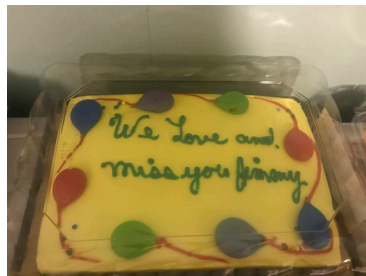
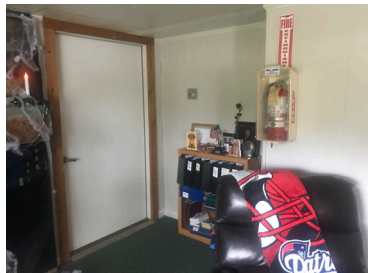


Andrew Freeman

He strives to build & provide the best Shared Living Program to you & your loved ones. He would like to take the time to encourage you all to reach out to him individually. He truly believes the cornerstone of the field is relationships, and that is the stone he looks to build this Shared Living Program on. He believes the trust that is built through our first Shared Living match will cultivate many other relationships as we create this Shared Living Family.

Adult Residential

On September 30, 2017, 53 SMS held their 2nd Annual Memorial Cookout in honor of James C. The individuals of 53 SMS (Karen, Kara, Colton, Kelly, Valoryn



& Susan) were joined by friends Jenny, Melissa and Alissa from house 36 and Brian, John and Wendy from Jerome.

The event allowed all of us to honor and reminisce of stories about Jimmy with his family in attendance.

The house continues to decorate the mantel each month as seen below to honor Jimmy.

ABLE I

The past three months have been incredibly busy and productive for the ABLE I Day Program. Opportunities and choices for community experiences have grown exponentially in the last few months. The individuals continue their weekly visits to Wellspring Farm where each person has the opportunity to experience sensory input which is tied to their individualized programming. In addition to skill development, relationships are also developed between clinicians, peers, nature and the animals. Another location which is quickly becoming a favorite is Faxon Animal Shelter in Fall River, where individuals can hold, interact with and pet the cats and kittens.

The Kindness Rocks Project continues to be popular. We have visited many locations such as Kennedy Park, Gooseberry Beach and Heritage Park in search of the perfect canvas to pen sketches and words of inspiration to share. A few individuals visited the Freetown Senior Center and the Freetown Fire Department to spread some kindness and inspire others. Check out photos on our Facebook page.

We have been utilizing our membership to Buttonwood Park Zoo in New Bedford.

We have been to New Bedford Regional Airport, Round One in the Silver City Galleria and Battleship Cove. We also visited the The Fall River Gates of the City, located on the city's waterfront, which is an exact replica of the original structure in Ponta Delgada, on the Azorean island of Sao Miguel. Ponta Delgada is known as Fall River's sister city.

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From the CEO

Kathleen Lovenbury



End of Summer Block Party

Crystal Springs' held its first end of Summer Block Party on September 9th and it was a huge success with a great turnout. Close to 200 people attended the event including the people we support, their families, friends, neighbors, and staff members. The weather was amazing allowing food and drink to flow and the friendship of neighbors to shine. There were plenty of games and activities including music groups, storytelling, basketball, beanbag toss, and chalk art. There was even a photo booth and a dunk tank. Everyone appeared to be having a great time. Thank you to all of our volunteers who made this day possible. And, a special thanks to our volunteer, Geoffrey, who manned the dunk tank all day! Thank you to Gold Medal Bakery for donating rolls and Nestle Water for bottled water.

21st John Manning Memorial Open

Our 21st Annual Dr. John Manning Memorial Open that was

held on September 25th was a huge success. Thanks to our sponsors, golfers, donors and volunteers, we were able to raise a little over \$20,000.

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From the Adult Program continued...

In addition to all of our community involvement we have planted flowers around the building and have gone shopping for program supplies.

Everyone expressed their creativity with the soda bottle bird feeders that were made to sell at the Block Party.

Finally we would like to thank Roberts Laundromat in New Bedford and Mr. and Mrs. Joseph DeOliveira for their generosity in donating a pizza lunch to our program.

ABLE II News:

ABLE II has been busy these last few months...We had lots of fun preparing homemade jams for the Block Party... The folks at ABLE II enjoyed shopping and cooking for the different items required to make the jam. We had so much fun with this activity, we plan on practicing our recipe throughout the fall with different fruits!

ABLE II has incorporated more community integration into our daily schedules. While continuing to attend the farm, recycling etc., we have made more community connections and are going to Savers, Holiday Lanes and Luso Maxi Mart as part of our community integration. We have enjoyed making these connections and look forward to creating further relationships in the community. As we move into the Fall season, we are busy planning meaningful community outings which include apple picking and bowling.

We plan to make yummy snacks and jam with the apples. We also welcomed our newest member of ABLE II, Austin!! We look forward to continue getting to know him and having a great time at ABLE II with everyone!!

11 Payne Cove

Hello Everyone,

11 Payne Cove has enjoyed the summer by taking a break from our daily activities to enjoy day trips into the community and hosting parties. We were quite busy. We celebrated the 4th by hosting a cookout for our friends and family. We hosted a birthday party to celebrate Patrick's birthday. Sue and Jaime enjoyed going to Mystic Aquarium in Connecticut and they enjoyed seeing the dolphins. Sue and Jaime visited Roger William's Zoo in Rhode Island on separate occasions. Patrick and Greg enjoyed going to Stadium Theater for various musicals and plays throughout July and August. Casey and Adam enjoyed going to Mystic Aquarium together in August. Adam has enjoyed going to the Old Rocky Point in Rhode Island for a live music concert, as well as going to Rick's Music World. We all enjoyed going to the Fall River boardwalk to enjoy the fresh air and get our exercise. It was great to mingle with friends and family at the Block Party. We hope you all enjoyed your summer as much as we did. We look forward to the many activities and parties that we have planned in the upcoming months, hope to see you all soon.



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