

## Crystal Springs' Employees of the Year for 2018

On Friday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, we hosted our annual special brunch to honor all of our employees who had been nominated for "2018 Employees of the Year". Nominations were made by staff members and supervisors.



Grace, Lee and Kathleen Lovenbury

All nominations were reviewed; Day Habilitation Aide, Aureliana Sousa, from the Adult Program and Teacher Assistant, Grace Paquette, from the Children's Program are the two Employees of the Year for 2018. Each winner received a check for \$1,000 in recognition of their achievement.

During the brunch, Kathleen Lovenbury described Lee as "Prime example of an exemplary staff who truly encompasses Crystal Springs' Core Values". Of Grace, she stated that "She is incredible with the students, friendly and encourages both staff and students to do their best." Both award recipients are "valuable assets to Crystal Springs".



2018 Employee of the Year Nominees

## A big Thank you...

to Amazon for making our holidays brighter by awarding us with a **\$10,000** grant in December.

*We are grateful for their generosity.*



Message from the CEO



Kathleen Lovenbury



These past 3 months have been so busy for us... with Halloween, Thanksgiving, Employees of the Year Awards, Holiday Extravaganza with a visit from Santa, Christmas and New Year's. Now is a time to reflect on 2018 and look forward to 2019 with new beginnings. Wishing you a Happy New Year "2019" and I hope you will be able to join us at our Annual Charitable Fundraiser "Celebrate Spring" on April 24th.

*Kathleen Lovenbury*

Kathleen Lovenbury



### ***Greetings from 9 Payne Cove Road***

The individuals of 9 Payne Cove Road have enjoyed numerous community outings these past few months. Joe continues to go to Rick's Music World on a monthly basis and he enjoys going to open mic night every Thursday. Denise, Jackie and Jerry have been going to the movies, Walmart, Bath and Body Works to pick out lotions, body sprays and bath soap, local coffee shops and Yogurt City. Van has been exploring his culture on a monthly basis by going to different Chinese restaurants and trying different kinds of food with his friend Jerry. Jonathan has also been to the movies and to one of his favorite places, Dunkin' Donuts, for coffee and a donut. Some of the individuals enjoyed going to "BOO at the Zoo" in October to go see the carved pumpkin contests and LaSalette to see the lights.



*Denise and Jackie at the movies*

### ***Greetings from 19 Payne Cove Road***

We were very busy during the months of October, November and December. Joshua had a football themed pool party with his family and friends. Several residents went to the movies and LaSalette, where they enjoyed the crowds of people walking around as well as the lights. Ralph continues going to the Dighton track/local malls for his weekly walks. Robin enjoys going to local art and crafts stores to purchase craft supplies for her art and craft nights. She's made bath bombs, bracelets, tie dyed shirts and the list goes on and on. She and Bridgette enjoyed going to Mystic Aquarium as well as "Boo at the Zoo". Louis enjoyed going to Rick's Music World for open mic nights which he loves participating in. Cynthia and Louis like to shop at local shops.



*Joshua and Mom*

### ***Greetings from Highland Ridge & South Main Street***

All of us at Highland Ridge enjoyed shopping and cooking for the holidays, as well as redecorating the home. It looks great! Daniel continues to horseback ride at the Bridge Center and going out to eat at TGI Friday's and IHOP. Luke has been out and about to the movies, bowling, dinner, and best of all, he celebrated his 30th birthday with his friends. Andrew has also been busy going out to eat, bowling, Christmas shopping, banking, and redecorated his bedroom.

The individuals at South Main Street enjoyed cooking, shopping and visiting with family for the Thanksgiving and Christmas holidays. Susan spent Thanksgiving at her sister Diane's house. She's been busy shopping, going out to eat, getting a manicure and going swimming.

Colton celebrated his birthday in October. He had a cake with his housemates and went out to dinner with Kelly to celebrate. Kelly treated herself with a visit to the salon, dinner and the movies. Karen also celebrated her birthday this quarter and spent Thanksgiving at her sister's house. She's been treating herself at a new salon, twice a month and also going to the movies and dinner. Kara has been busy with redecorating her bedroom. While she was out shopping for different things and visiting the hair salon, she purchased new bedroom furniture.

### ***Greetings from ABLE I***

The individuals used their communication skills to make choices as to where they would like to go or visit. Some choices were to local stores such as Wal-Mart, Target, Burlington, Family Dollar, and 5 Below and a popular choice, Dunkin Donuts, for a coffee or snack. We've also continued with our weekly swim sessions to the YMCA to utilize the pool, and Faxon Animal Shelter and Wellspring Farm to work and visit with the animals.

We had lots of fun preparing for the holiday season by festively decorating the groups, listening to holiday music and a day of delicious desserts made by each group. For Christmas we ordered lunch from Ma Raffa's, and enjoyed more delicious desserts. Each group also participated in the annual Deck the Halls contest. Teamwork is always a major factor for this event and it definitely showed this year!

We're looking forward to ringing in the New Year while planning more community trips and events and searching for new ideas for the individuals to experience.

### ***Greetings from ABLE II***

It has been an exciting few months here at ABLE II! Time flies when you're having fun and that's exactly how it's been here! We entered the fall with a few of our favorite seasonal trips. Many of our folks visited local orchards for our annual apple and pumpkin picking. Each visit to the orchards was greeted with pleasant weather, making those fun days even better! Back at the program, everyone enjoyed Googling apple recipes and baking pies and apple crisp for everyone to enjoy. The pumpkins were decorated for Halloween and the rooms were decorated for the fall. The decorations were created during arts and crafts and proudly displayed. Before we knew it, we were preparing our annual Friends-giving feast. November was especially busy as we prepared all the traditional Thanksgiving fixings. On November 21st, we enjoyed a day-long celebration of food and friends! The fun continued in December. With the Holiday Season upon us, many enjoyed trips to The Enchanted Village and Bass Pro Shop. Here at the program, we decorated for annual deck the doors and the holiday card contests. Before we knew it, we were preparing for our big Christmas Party, with lots of crafts, cooking, music and fun! As always, Santa visited us on the 24th with a bag of goodies for everyone! This is always a fun time of year that all of our folks enjoy and look forward to! Now, we have welcomed 2019 and are looking forward to all the fun the New Year will bring and we will continue with our volunteering.



*Jim dropping off cookies to fire and police departments*



## From the Children's Program



This year, our school has been tremendously fortunate to be able to purchase a large amount of needed sensory items, as well as AAC (Augmentative/Alternative Communication) hardware and software for use by staff and students! This was made directly possible by donations received during our fundraising campaigns this year. Sensory-based activities support language and motor skill development, cognitive growth, problem solving skills, and social interactions. Sensory work also helps our students build connections in their brain pathways which help increase their ability to complete more complex learning tasks. AAC devices and applications provide our students with the means for much more effective interpersonal com-

munication as well as sensory feedback. These are very substantial contributions to our students' continued growth and development!

A huge thank you to all who have made generous donations to Crystal Springs! You have made it possible to provide these much needed and truly appreciated resources for our students. You have indeed benefitted our school and the ability for our children and young adults to enhance their learning, explore and communicate at a much greater level!



Katie with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Madison with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Yen-Chu with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Alex with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Mimi with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Zoey with Santa & Mrs. Claus



Doug with Santa & Mrs. Claus

## Save the Date!

April 24, 2019 🦋 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm

Crystal Springs is celebrating over 60 years of supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities. Please join us for a night of celebration as we continue to ensure the people we support have access to a wide range resources and equipment to enrich their lives.



Crystal Springs

# Celebrate Spring

Annual Charitable Fundraiser

Hosted By  Independence Harbor Assonet, MA  
"Wedding and Banquet Facilities"

*For more information on how you can support Crystal Springs!*

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## About Crystal Springs

Crystal Springs supports children and adults with developmental disabilities in a loving, nurturing environment that promotes health, safety, dignity and choice.

Through our exceptional programs and dedicated staff, we provide specialized educational, therapeutic and residential services to each person living and learning within the Crystal Springs community. Recognizing that all have unique gifts and the desire to achieve and contribute to their world, we embrace each person's pursuit of growth and independence so that all may reach their true potential.

save THE date  
9-24-2019



Crystal Springs 2019

**Dr. John Manning  
Memorial Open**

*Hosted by Fall River Country Club, Fall River, MA*

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