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M E S S A G E

FROM THE CEO

Dear Colleagues,

I hope this message finds you well and enjoying the final stretch of summer!

What a joy it was to see so many of you at our largest Staff Appreciation Event ever at the breathtaking Brookville Mansion in July! Congratulations to the organizers and attendees for making it such a memorable day filled with laughter, celebration, and well-deserved recognition. It was a beautiful reminder of the heart and spirit that make our agency so special.

I want to extend heartfelt thanks to everyone of you for your hard work, dedication, and unwavering commitment to our Mission, Vision, and Values. Your passion and professionalism are the foundation of everything we do, and it does not go unnoticed.

Special congratulations go out to the many team members who were honored with Staff of the Quarter and Hero Recognition Awards; your efforts, including lifesaving actions, inspire us all and reflect the very best of who we are.

Thank you also to everyone involved in preparing for our upcoming Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL) survey. We're proud to be one of only seven providers internationally accredited with Distinction, and that achievement speaks volumes about the incredible work you do every day.

Looking ahead, Direct Support Professional Appreciation Week is right around the corner—September 7–13, 2025. We have a full week of exciting activities planned to celebrate the immeasurable contributions of our amazing DSPs. Get ready for a week full of gratitude, recognition, and fun!

Until then, enjoy the sunshine, take care of yourselves, and thank you for making this community one of strength, compassion, and excellence.

As always, your feedback and comments are welcome.

Best,



# EXECUTIVE

## THANK YOU

### APRIL 2025

- Thank you to Alexis Stancil for accompanying and supporting Matt Hofele at the Disability Policy Seminar in Washington, D.C.
- Thank you to Sherry Qualls & Christine Basile for the significant improvements made at Stewart Avenue during their temporary coverage.
- Thank you, Team HKP, for accepting and supporting challenging individuals.
- Thank you to Julia Sumakis for assisting Patricia Gill-Fisher with managing the scheduling of managers for PNA collections.
- Thank you to Community Resources, Maintenance, and Landscaping Departments for organizing, installing, and preparing the area for Mrs. Marjorie Toran's brick presentation.
- Thank you, Erin Marciante, for working with the challenging people in Freeport
- Thank you to all Administrative Professionals within the agency for supporting the organizational responsibilities of the Agency and its affiliates.

### MAY 2025

- Thank you to Debra Doyle and Nicci Kern for organizing the St. Mary's site visit.
- Thank you to all our Teachers and Nurses during their special week of appreciation. We want to extend our deepest gratitude to the teachers and nurses who serve our communities with dedication, compassion, and unwavering commitment.
- Thank you to the entire team for their hard work during the COMPASS week audit.
- Thank you to the HR Employee Engagement team, Jim Stock, Denise Lamb, Lisa Larice-Nielsen, and Wheatley Farms for the successful planning and hosting of the Employee of the Quarter 1.

### JULY 2025

- A heartfelt thank you to everyone who organized this year's Staffapalooza! A special thanks to event chair, Jim Stock, and the Core Committee members Lisa Larice Nielsen, Justin Krieger, Denise Lamb, Giovanni Dainotto, and Kelcie Little. The team's eight months of hard work and dedication resulted in an unforgettable event that truly celebrated our staff.

### AUGUST 2025

- Thank you to Savita Sharma and her team for a successful State Department audit.
- Stanford will be sending out a letter of thanks to all who participated in the planning for Staff Appreciation Day.
- Thank you to Tony Daniels, Monica Montoya, and Kelly Farrington for working on the DSP communications.
- Sally, Savita, Tevin, and the Camp Loyaltown team for hosting a successful Camp Loyaltown 2025 Summer season

# IN LOVING MEMORY OF CRAIG WHITE, CEDAR STREET, DSP

## IN TRIBUTE TO DSP CRAIG WHITE



It is with deep sadness that we share the passing of our colleague and friend, Craig White, who tragically lost his life in a car accident after completing his shift at Cedar Street.

Craig was more than a Direct Support Professional; he was family to the individuals and staff he worked with. His presence brought comfort, stability, and joy. He was fully present on shift, taking the time to sit with our individuals and do puzzles, encouraging them as they learned new skills, helping them put on their shoes, and making sure they were ready for outings. He supported them with their daily needs, always patient and kind, never rushing, always seeing the person in front of him.

When the house needed him, Craig was there. He often picked up extra shifts, not because he had to, but because he cared. He was someone we could count on; someone the individuals could count on. He was often paired with Harry as his 1:1, and the bond they shared was filled with trust and genuine care. There will be a void in Harry's life, and in the hearts of all our individuals, that cannot be filled.

This sudden loss reminds us how fragile life can be. As we grieve, let us also honor Craig's memory by carrying forward the love and dedication he showed every day. He will remain a part of Cedar Street not just in memory, but in the way we continue to care for one another, with the same gentleness and heart that he embodied.

Please keep Craig's family and the Cedar Street team in your thoughts and prayers during this difficult time. Craig's spirit, his kindness, and the joy he brought to others will never be forgotten.

Forever in our hearts,  
Your AHRC Cedar Street Family



Press Play for



Craig's Video Memorial





# NOMINATE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER 2

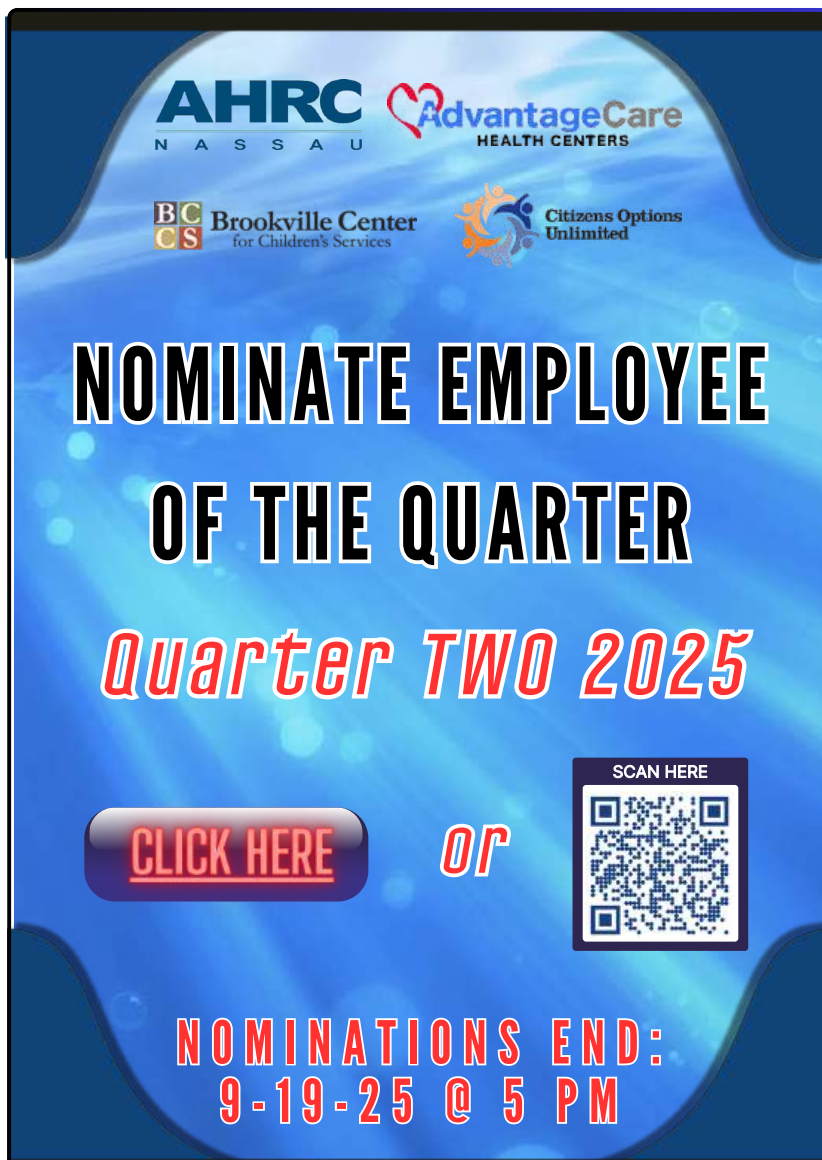
## GOT A CO-WORKER WHO DESERVES SOME SERIOUS RECOGNITION?

A flyer is great, but getting the word out is even better!  
Think of yourself as a super-secret agent on a mission to spread the word.

Share this flyer with:

- Your Team
- Your Department
- Anyone Else Who Needs to Know

Let's make sure our everyday champions get the nominations they deserve!



A flyer for the 'NOMINATE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER' competition, Quarter TWO 2025. The background is blue with a light blue wave pattern. At the top, logos for AHRC NASSAU, AdvantageCare HEALTH CENTERS, BC CS Brookville Center for Children's Services, and Citizens Options Unlimited are displayed. The main text reads 'NOMINATE EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER' in large white letters with black outlines, followed by 'Quarter TWO 2025' in red italicized font. Below this is a red button with 'CLICK HERE' and the word 'or' in red script. To the right is a QR code with 'SCAN HERE' above it. At the bottom, it says 'NOMINATIONS END: 9-19-25 @ 5 PM' in red.

**AHRC**  
N A S S A U

**AdvantageCare**  
HEALTH CENTERS

**BC CS** Brookville Center  
for Children's Services

**Citizens Options**  
Unlimited

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OF THE QUARTER**

*Quarter TWO 2025*

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# SPECIAL



Town of  
**Oyster Bay**  
Long Island, NY  
JOSEPH SALADINO  
Town Supervisor

## Join us for our 17th Annual **Walk for Autism**

Benefiting the Fay J. Lindner Center at Advantage Care Health Centers



**Saturday, September 27th, 2025**

SCAN BELOW TO REGISTER OR  
REGISTER IN-PERSON AT 10AM - EVENT BEGINS 11AM

**Location!**

**BETHPAGE COMMUNITY PARK**

1001 STEWART AVENUE  
BETHPAGE, NY 11714

Food,  
DJ, Dancing,  
Crafts,  
Anti-Bullying  
information, Face  
Painting,  
Raffles/Prizes

Town of Oyster Bay Parks Department  
Attn: Jackie Devlin - Recreation  
977 Hicksville Rd.  
Massapequa, New York 11758

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# SPECIAL

## Staffapalooza 2025: A Day to Remember!

What a day! Staffapalooza 2025 was a truly special event, and we hope all **1,396** of our amazing employees had a blast. It was a record-breaking year for attendance, and we couldn't be more thrilled to see so many of you come together to celebrate.

Despite an unexpected concert from Mother Nature, your spirits couldn't be dampened. The major thunder, lightning, and downpour ended the event earlier than anticipated, but we had an amazing time. It was as if Mother Nature wanted to rock out with us, providing her very own light show and raining down on us with a rocking good time!

A special shout-out to the new additions this year—the live band kept the energy high, and the expanded food options were a definite hit! We heard so much positive feedback and are so glad you enjoyed the new features.

Each event raises the bar for the next, and we're already reaching high into the stars to make sure next year will be even better and truly "out of this universe!"

Thank you again for making Staffapalooza 2025 a resounding success. You all deserve it!

### **Relive the Rockin' Time!**

***Get ready to see a day full of fun,  
laughter, and appreciation.***

***Click play to see what amazing  
employees you all are and what a  
rocking good time was had!***



# SPOTLIGHT

## VOLUNTEER SERVICES

### A Playground for Goats

**Christian Restifo**, an Eagle Scout candidate, has successfully completed a unique and engaging project: a playground for the four resident goats at Wheatley Farms and Arts Center. With enthusiastic support from Farm Manager Allison Glass, Christian led a team of friends to design and build a space that encourages the goats to play, exercise, and interact.

This project not only highlights Christian's strong leadership and commitment to community service but also enriches the daily lives of the animals in a meaningful way.



*Contributed by Jerri Walker,  
Volunteer and Project  
Coordinator*

### Spreading Holiday Cheer

The Holly, Jolly Holiday Party at The Sterling in Hicksville was a huge success, thanks to the tireless efforts of **Lynne Brewer**. Her hard work and attention to detail created a joyful celebration filled with music, dance, and laughter for over 200 guests.

Lynne's dedication helped transform the evening into a festive and heartwarming event. Attendees showed their gratitude with signs and shared their love, even though she couldn't be there. The lively entertainment and welcoming atmosphere made the night a resounding success and a cherished memory for all.





# SPOTLIGHT

## WHEATLEY FARMS & ARTS CENTER



### What's Happening at Wheatley Farms & Arts Center this September?

Get ready for an amazing September at Wheatley Farms! We have a fantastic lineup of events and classes that celebrate nature, animals, and hands-on fun.

Register for a class at [wfacclasses@ahrc.org](mailto:wfacclasses@ahrc.org) or call 516-993-7998

#### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20:**

##### ❖ **Groom a Pony- Free, Pre-Registration Required**

Instructor: Farm Manager Allison

Location: Farm, 211 Wheatley Road, Glen Head

Time: 11:00 am-12:00 pm

Discover essential grooming tools and get hands-on practice in grooming with our adorable ponies, Belle and Mango.



##### ❖ **Disaster Preparedness Month- Free, Pre-Registration Required**

Instructor: Farm Manager Allison

Location: Farm, 211 Wheatley Road, Glen Head

Time: 1:00pm-2:00pm

Natural disasters can happen without warning. Are you and your animals ready? Join us to learn essential tips on how to keep both you and your furry friends safe and stress-free when emergencies arise.



##### ❖ **Open Farm Hours- Free**

Location: Farm, 211 Wheatley Road, Glen Head

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Stroll the farm independently and enjoy the beautiful scenery and animals. \*Check in before entering the farm grounds. Enter the side door of the farmhouse and sign in. Grab a farm activity sheet.



#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21:**

##### ❖ **Seed Saving- \$5, Pre-Registration Required**

Instructor: Farm Education Manager Kim

Location: Farm, 211 Wheatley Road, Glen Head

Time: 10:30am-11:30am

As the weather cools, it's the perfect time to reflect on the growing season and prepare for the next. Join us in the garden to observe late blooming flowers and learn how to collect and save seeds from them. You'll have a chance to take home the seeds you've collected to plant next year!



##### ❖ **Open Farm Hours- Free**

Location: Farm, 211 Wheatley Road, Glen Head

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

Stroll the farm independently and enjoy the beautiful scenery and animals. \*Check in before entering the farm grounds. Enter the side door of the farmhouse and sign in. Grab a farm activity sheet.



#### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28:**

##### ❖ **Meditation in the Zen Garden- Free, Pre-Registration Required**

Instructor: Farm Education Manager Kim

Location: Farm, 211 Wheatley Road, Glen Head

Time: 10:15am-11:00am

Take in the peaceful surroundings of our Zen Garden and enjoy time to unwind. This guided meditation invites you to relax, breathe deeply, and reconnect with nature using calming scents of plant based essential oils and fresh herbs from the farm. After your meditation, enjoy herbal-infused water.



##### ❖ **Open Farm Hours- Free**

Location: Farm, 211 Wheatley Road, Glen Head

Time: 10:00am-1:00pm

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Contributed by Kimberly Nistal, Farm Education Manager





# SPOTLIGHT

DAY HAB PROGRAM



BUILDING A STRONGER COMMUNITY THROUGH GIVING

## A Team Effort



The One Stop Gift Shop is running smoothly thanks to the tireless efforts of its dedicated team:

**Anne Giaramita** (Retail Clerk), **Amy Yeung** (Activity Specialist), **Jeanne Inglese** (Mentor), **Melina Langley**, and **Cathy Fox**.

This team does it all, from organizing popular pop-up shops to managing inventory and ordering new merchandise. Their dedication ensures every visitor has a wonderful experience. Anne and Amy are especially proud of what the team has accomplished, noting the hard work, creativity, and commitment each member brings.

We're also celebrating Melina and Cathy, who are nearing the end of their six-month apprenticeships. Their growth and contributions have been inspiring. As we look forward to welcoming new apprentices, we're reminded of the importance of teamwork and mentorship.

Thanks to this incredible team, the One Stop Gift Shop continues to be a place of creativity, learning, and community.

[Click Here to Visit the Online Store](#)  
[Enter: \*\*ahrcn\*\*](#)  
[@ Checkout & \*\*Save 15%\*\* on your order](#)





# SPOTLIGHT

DAY HAB PROGRAM

## DAY HAB | FARMINGDALE 1

### TOTALLY 80'S FUN @ FARMINGDALE 1

Assistant Manager **Laurette** hosted a special 80s karaoke day at the **Farmingdale 1** site, inviting her close friend, **Maria**, as a guest host. The event was a hit with the team, who enjoyed singing their favorite 80s hits, playing trivia, and competing for goodie bags. The group bonded over their shared love for the decade, making the day a nostalgic and joyful success.





# SPOTLIGHT

DAY HAB PROGRAM

DAY HAB | FARMINGDALE 1 | BETHPAGE | HICKSVILLE

STRONGER  
TOGETHER

Day Hab

## Teams Support Positive Interactions Initiative

**Julie Cannet**, Assistant Director of Psychology Services, asked several Day Hab. sites including **Bethpage**, **Hicksville**, and **Farmingdale 1** for their support in assembling training binders focused on the importance of positive interactions. These binders will be distributed to all Residential and Day Program sites to ensure consistency and reinforce best practices.

To accommodate this important initiative, a conference was held in Plainview, bringing these sites together for a collaborative effort. Although there were many binders to assemble and deliveries to coordinate, the teams worked with great teamwork, focus, and enthusiasm, completing the project efficiently and with pride.

The experience was not only productive but also uplifting, as staff and individuals had the opportunity to contribute to a project that will benefit programs across the agency. It served as a wonderful reminder of how much can be accomplished when everyone shares a common goal, supports one another, and celebrates collective success.





# SPOTLIGHT

DAY HAB PROGRAM

## DAY HAB | HICKSVILLE



The **Hicksville site** has partnered with **Food Rescue** to support the community. Every other Monday, the team picks up fresh bread from **COBS Bread** and delivers it to the **Mary Brennan Inn** in Hempstead. This effort allows the team to help fight hunger and provide a valuable resource to individuals and families in need. The Hicksville team is proud to know that their work is making a real difference.





# SPOTLIGHT

DAY HAB PROGRAM

DAY HAB | PLAINVIEW

## Plainview Celebrates

# Lizards Day

On August 14th, the **Plainview** site had a fun and unique celebration for **Lizard Day**. Thanks to Manager **Jessica Powell**, a friendly bearded dragon visited the site. Everyone got an exciting chance to touch and learn more about this fascinating creature. The day was filled with laughter, curiosity, and plenty of smiles, proving that the smallest visitors can sometimes bring the biggest joy.





# SPOTLIGHT



DAY HAB | PLAINVIEW | LEVITTOWN



## TOUCH A TRUCK EVENT

The Plainview and Levittown Day Hab. sites went to the Mineola Library with their Activity Specialist, Amy, to attend a Touch-a-Truck event. Everybody was able to explore trucks from different occupations, talk to the drivers, and take pictures with them. They were pleasantly surprised to see a Stormtrooper and Marty McFly lookalike with his car wandering around the event, which was especially exciting for the many Star Wars and Back to the Future fans. It was a wonderful day with beautiful weather, providing a great opportunity to engage with the community, make new connections, and create lasting memories.





# SPOTLIGHT

## DAY HAB PROGRAM

### LEVITTOWN DAY HAB



## "Levy the Whale" Brings Home a Win for Levittown Day Hab!

**Levittown Day Hab** recently made a big splash in a food drive for BCCS, contributing to an incredible 300-pound haul of canned goods. To make the drive more exciting, sites were challenged to decorate their donation boxes for a chance to win an ice cream party.

The Levittown team embraced the challenge with creativity, choosing a playful blue whale to match the summer theme. Led by DSP **Ephraim Rok Dabney (Roky)**, the team worked together to bring the whale to life. Everyone participated, painting the box and whale parts blue, adding white accents, and assembling the pieces. Roky even added a special artistic pattern and proudly painted "Levittown" on the whale's tail.

Their hard work paid off—"Levy the Whale" won the "Most Creative" award! The team was thrilled with the win and proud of their efforts, which symbolized teamwork, creativity, and the joy of giving. Roky shared that it was a fun project that got everyone involved and that it was "amazing to see them sharing ideas and working together to create something special."





# SPOTLIGHT

## FREEDPORT PREVOC GROUP

### Sowing Seeds of Success: The Prevoc Crew's Impact at the TBT Garden

For three seasons now, our Prevoc group, affectionately known as The Crew, has been making a huge impact at the TBT Garden at Temple B'nai Torah. What started as a partnership has blossomed into a truly "win-win" relationship, with the guys gaining invaluable skills and the garden thriving under their care.

Every week, The Crew tackles a variety of tasks that keep the garden flourishing. From the ground up, they've mastered everything from seed planting to composting in a multi-bin system. They're also responsible for the rewarding work of harvesting a bounty of fresh vegetables like tomatoes, potatoes, carrots, cucumbers, and kale.

But their contributions go beyond just gardening. The Crew also handles essential tasks like weeding, irrigation, and sweeping, while also helping with beautification projects. They've learned practical skills like weighing the harvest and record-keeping, meticulously logging the weight of the vegetables to track their progress.

Their hard work doesn't go unnoticed. The vegetables and herbs they help grow are donated to local food pantries and churches, providing much-needed food for families facing food insecurity.

Susan Salem, Co-Founder of the Garden at TBT, had this to say about The Crew's dedication:

"The Nassau AHRC Crew comes to The Garden at TBT every Tuesday and we are so grateful for their support. They help us with chores in our 'Grow to Give' garden, and their hard work really makes a difference. Their positive spirit and 'can-do' attitude inspire us all. We truly appreciate the dedication they bring each week."

The commitment and positive energy The Crew brings each week is a testament to their growth and the power of this incredible partnership. We're so proud of the work they do, not just in the garden, but in our community.



*The group gathers in their newly created mulching area, looking forward to future planting.*



*Darin triumphantly holds a vibrant, firm green tomato, perfect for frying.*



*Maribel carefully prepares the rich soil, getting it ready to nurture new seeds.*



*Patrick and James team up to pick up a donation of compost, bringing new life to the garden.*



*Raymie weighs the day's harvest while Darin records the data in the log book.*

**Contributed by Eric Homburger, Assistant Director of Employment Services**



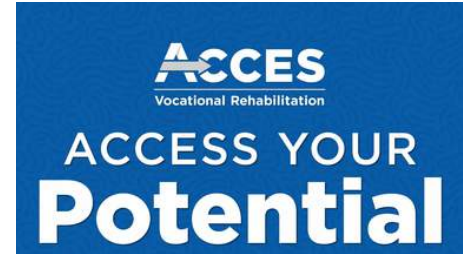


# SPOTLIGHT

FREPORT ACCES-VR

(Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation)

## Andrew Tortora's Journey to Employment



With help from **ACCES-VR (Adult Career and Continuing Education Services – Vocational Rehabilitation)** and the support of his family and the team at AHRC Nassau, Andrew recently secured a position working as a dishwasher in the kitchen at AHRC Nassau in Freeport—a role he approaches with both diligence and pride.

ACCES-VR is a New York State agency dedicated to helping individuals prepare for, obtain, and maintain meaningful employment. Its mission is rooted in promoting independence, self-sufficiency, and full participation in community life. Through vocational rehabilitation services—ranging from career counseling and job placement to skills training and workplace accommodations—ACCES-VR supports people in building sustainable careers while fostering personal growth and confidence.

For Andrew, this meant more than just finding a job; it meant having the right resources, guidance, and encouragement to match his skills with an employer who valued his abilities.

At AHRC Nassau's kitchen in Freeport, Andrew's work may be behind the scenes, but his contribution is front and center in keeping daily operations running smoothly. As a dishwasher,

his role touches everything—from ensuring clean, ready-to-use cookware and utensils to helping maintain a safe and hygienic workspace. It's the kind of work that's essential yet often underestimated—but Andrew embraces it wholeheartedly.

What sets Andrew apart isn't just that he shows up on time—it's how he does the job. He's known as "hard-working" among colleagues, someone who doesn't shy away from "elbow grease." In the bustling kitchen, Andrew is efficient, consistent, and ready to assist wherever needed. Beyond skill and diligence, colleagues describe him as reliable in a high-paced, often demanding workspace. His solid work performance has made him an appreciated member of the AHRC Nassau/Wheatley Farms kitchen team.

In short, Andrew Tortora's success story is twofold. It's proof that when programs like Supported Employment and ACCES-VR function as they should, they can launch one's professional life, and that has profound value. AHRC Nassau in Freeport didn't just gain a dishwasher—it gained a dependable teammate and a genuine, well-liked presence who helps keep things running smoothly.

**Contributed by Eric Homburger, Assistant Director of Employment Services**



# SPOTLIGHT

## PROGRAM WITHOUT WALLS

### PWW | FREEPORT | ANCHOR 4

#### **Wenceslao Herrera Takes 1<sup>st</sup> Place in 2025 Art Competition**

We are proud to announce that **Wenceslao Herrera** from Oceanside Anchor 4 has won first place in the Landscape & Realism category of the 2025 Art Competition. His winning piece, "The Natural Afternoon," beautifully reflects his



creativity and passion, drawing inspiration from both his Peruvian heritage and the many places he has explored. This outstanding achievement highlights not only Wenceslao's artistic talent but also his dedication to sharing culture and storytelling through his work. Congratulations, Wenceslao, on this remarkable accomplishment!



### PWW | FREEPORT | HS 4

#### **Frank Basile Honored for Community Service**

**Frank Basile**, a senior at Freeport HS 4, was presented with a certificate of community recognition for his exceptional work food shopping for others. He was pleasantly surprised to receive this well-deserved award.

Frank has built a wonderful relationship with the staff at the hub site and often engages in conversation with them while they review his shopping list. He consistently expresses his gratitude for their support, and the people he shops for always enjoy the process.

### PWW | FREEPORT | HS 3

#### **HS 3 Finds Self-Expression at Oceanside Library Art Show**



**Freeport HS 3** recently attended a craft event at the Oceanside Library. The library, known for its programs for people with special needs, hosted a session where participants created decorative frames for their portraits. During the activity, the instructor encouraged everyone to take turns describing themselves and their feelings, fostering a sense of self-expression and community.





# SPOTLIGHT

PROGRAM WITHOUT WALLS

## PWW | OCEANSIDE | MOTT ST HS

### Dream Tour for Helicopter Enthusiasts



**Kevin Emilcar, Kirk Grant, and Nicholas Traglia** from the Mott Street hub site recently enjoyed a special tour of the Suffolk County Police Aviation hangar at MacArthur Airport in Ronkonkoma. For Kevin, who has always been fascinated by police and helicopters, the visit was a dream come true.

Police officers and pilots took the time to explain their equipment and duties, and the group even had the chance to sit inside the helicopters for photos. Everyone was thrilled with the opportunity and is already looking forward to visiting again next year.



## PWW | FREEPORT | HANSE AVE HS 6

### Stepping Into a Firefighter's Boots



**Freeport HS 6** recently had an exciting and educational trip to the Nassau County Firefighter Museum. They explored exhibits, learned about the history of firefighting, and saw a close-up look at real fire trucks, hoses, and gear.

The group especially enjoyed the interactive displays, trying out hands-on activities and imagining what it would be like to respond to an emergency. It was a day filled with smiles and laughter, leaving everyone feeling proud and excited about their memorable outing.



# SPOTLIGHT

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

## CLS | TEAM 5 | CEDAR STREET

### Cedar Street Heart of the Home

#### Thank you to Our Cedar Street Team and Families

To our amazing **Cedar St DSPs**-THANK YOU!! Every day, you bring heart, patience, and kindness into your work. You create moments of joy and connection. Whether it's finishing a puzzle, swimming, biking, or simply showing kindness. You make Cedar Street not just a house, but a home. We are so grateful to you.

Assistant Manager, **Apcelon Woods** and House Manager, **Shelly-Ann Gordon-Hackshaw**: Your leadership is not just about schedules or responsibilities, it's about the genuine love, patience, and guidance you bring every single day. The difference you make cannot be measured; it is felt in the smiles of our young men at Cedar Street, in the trust of our families, and in the strength of our team. Thank you for everything you do, both seen and unseen, to make Cedar Street a true home.

And to our wonderful parents and guardians, thank you for always being there. Your visits, your outings, and your support bring comfort, stability, and love. You remind us that we are not in this work alone. You are part of our team, and together we are building a place filled with compassion, dignity, and hope.

Cedar Street is more than a program, it's a family. Because of each of our staff, managers, and families, it has become a place where love lives, respect is shown, and everyone truly belongs. Thank you, from the bottom of our hearts.

*Sincerely, Roshni John (CLS- Assistant Director)*



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# SPOTLIGHT

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

## CLS | TEAM 5 | BROADFIELD PLACE



### To Our Amazing Broadfield DSPs

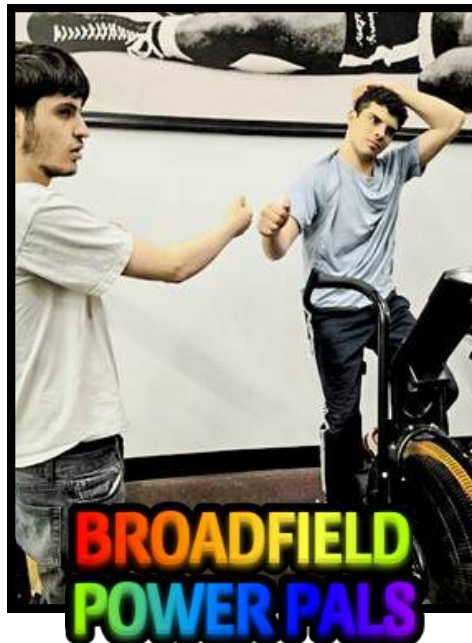
I want to take a moment to thank each of you. I know the past few months have not been easy with changes in leadership and the difficult situations we've had to navigate together. Through it all, you've shown strength, compassion, and care for the ladies and gentlemen in the house, and for one another.

What stands out most is the way you continue to create stability and comfort despite the uncertainty. The patience, kindness, and resilience you bring each day are what truly make Broadfield a home.

We are also deeply grateful to Covering House Manager **Sherry Qualls**, who has stepped in with her leadership to help guide and support Broadfield during this time.

I feel grateful and proud to work alongside such a dedicated and caring team. Please know how much you are valued and appreciated

*Sincerely, Roshni John (CLS- Assistant Director)*



Contributed by Roshni John, Assistant Director, CLS



# SPOTLIGHT RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

## CLS | TEAM 5 | DALEX COURT

### Dalex Court: The Place Where We Shine

To our **Amazing Dalex Court DSPs**, Assistant Manager **Kowan Bethune**, and House Manager **Salman Qureshi** THANK YOU for the heart you bring to Dalex Court every single day.

You take time to truly understand each individual's unique needs, preferences, and communication styles. You make sure they feel safe, respected, and valued. Whether it's coordinating last-minute appointments, creating a comforting home environment, or celebrating small victories, you consistently go above and beyond.

Your patience, kindness, and calm presence even in challenging moments - create a home filled with dignity and respect. Each of you models what it means to lead with compassion.

We are so grateful for your unwavering dedication. Dalex Court shines because of you!

*Sincerely, Roshni John (CLS- Assistant Director)*



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### From Transition to Triumph: A Look at Stewart Avenue's Achievements

#### Goals and Achievements from Stewart Avenue

The year 2025 started out with some struggles, as Stewart Avenue didn't have a management team in place. During that time, **Christine Basile** and **Sherry Qualls** stepped in as covering House Managers and did an amazing job supporting the home. As covering House Managers, they brought structure, guidance, and compassion during a time of transition. Their leadership helped keep things running smoothly and made sure the men continued to feel safe, supported, and engaged.

To the entire **Stewart Avenue team** - You show up to work every day for our young men, with patience, kindness, and a genuine commitment to their growth and happiness. Every outing, every smile, every moment of connection has been possible because of you. Your hard work, consistency, and heart have made all the difference.

Over the past few months, there has been so much to celebrate at Stewart Avenue. The men who live here have been exploring new places, trying new things, and building strong friendships both with each other and with individuals from other AHRC homes. It's been a beautiful time of growth, joy, and connection. The team has worked hard to create enriching, inclusive, and enjoyable experiences, helping the men connect with others and build lasting memories.

Here are just a few of the activities they've enjoyed recently:

- Dave & Buster's
- Saturday Bowling
- Rock Climbing
- Horseback Riding
- Mets and Ducks game
- Boardwalk
- Shopping Trips

In addition to these outings, the men of Stewart Avenue have also been building connections with individuals from other AHRC residences. They've had the opportunity to swim at houses with pools, attend barbecues, and form meaningful new friendships. These social gatherings have not only encouraged community bonding but also promoted physical activity and a sense of belonging. Looking ahead, we're excited about the possibility of visits to Legoland and Splish Splash this summer. In the meantime, the relationships being nurtured across residences continue to provide a strong foundation for social growth, joy, and shared experiences.

We're excited to welcome our new House Manager, **Jonaah Larosillere**, and Assistant Manager, **Annmarie Smith**. Since coming on board, they've built on the strong foundation that Christine and Sherry started and are already making great strides. We're proud of the progress and enthusiasm from everyone at Stewart Avenue and look forward to even more great things ahead!

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	AWARENESS
	OTHER
	HOLIDAY/FESTIVAL
	ENGAGEMENT EVENT

SEPTEMBER 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 LABOR DAY	2 EOQ 2 NOMINATIONS	3	4	5 NAT'L 48HRS DAY	6
7 GRANDPARENT'S DAY	8	9	10 DEP WEEK	11	12	13
14	15	16 IT PROF. DAY	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 ROSH HASHANAH	24	25	26 EOQ 2 NOMINATIONS SPM DEADLINE	27
28	29	30				
<div> <div>August 2025</div> <div>October 2025</div> <div>Notes:</div> </div>						

OCTOBER 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH	1 E-BADGE GRADUATION	2 YOM KIPPUR	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 MENTAL HEALTH DAY	11
12	13 COLUMBUS DAY	14	15	16 EOQ 2 LUNCHEON	17	18
19	20	21	22	23	24 UNITED NATIONS DAY	25
26	27	28	29	30	31 HALLOWEEN	
<div> <div>September 2025</div> <div>November 2025</div> <div>Notes:</div> </div>						

NOVEMBER 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		AMERICAN DIABETES AWARENESS MONTH				1
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
9	10	11 VETERANS DAY	12	13	14 WORLD DIABETES DAY	15
16	17	18	19	20 EOQ 3 LUNCHEON	21	22
23	24	25	26	27 THANKSGIVING	28 BLACK FRIDAY	29
30						
<div> <div>October 2025</div> <div>December 2025</div> <div>Notes:</div> </div>						

DECEMBER 2025						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 GIVING TUESDAY	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14 HANUKKAH	15	16	17	18	19 UGLY SWEATER DAY	20
21 WINTER SOLSTICE	22	23	24 CHRISTMAS E	25 CHRISTMAS E	26 Kwanzaa E	27
28	29	30	31 NEW YEAR'S E			
<div> <div>November 2025</div> <div>January 2026</div> <div>Notes:</div> </div>						