



A STAFF APPRECIATION DAY TO REMEMBER!

Rainbows, cotton candy, and laughter filled the air as the mansion was transformed into a carnival wonderland on August 15th, 2024. Our annual Staff Appreciation Day was a whirlwind of fun, games, and unforgettable memories.



Mother Nature may have rained on our parade for our original date, but her plans were quickly foiled as we utilized our rain date. The sun emerged on August 15th just in time for our carnival extravaganza. The day kicked off with a vibrant atmosphere, complete with colorful decorations, festive music, and a DJ spinning tunes to keep the energy high.

No carnival would be complete without classic games, and we had plenty to offer. From ring toss and skee-ball to volleyball, there was something for everyone to enjoy. Prizes were plentiful, and the competitive spirit was fierce as colleagues cheered each other on.

For those seeking a more relaxed experience, our "Zen Den" was a haven of tranquility. Professional massage therapists were on hand to soothe away the stresses of daily life, leaving our staff feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. Feeling relaxed out of their massages staff lined up for some beautiful henna creations.

But the fun didn't stop there! Double Dutch jump roping exhibition brought out the inner child in many, while the juggler amazed the crowd with his incredible skills. Karaoke enthusiasts belted out their favorite tunes, showcasing hidden talents and unleashing their inner rock stars.



Of course, no celebration would be complete without delicious food. Our carnival-themed menu featured an array of tasty treats, from cotton candy and popcorn to hot dogs and burgers. As well as pizza, vegan, vegetarian and gluten free delights and of course ice cream treats. There was something to satisfy every craving.

The day was a resounding success, filled with laughter, camaraderie, and a sense of appreciation for our incredible team. Thank you to everyone who helped make our Staff Appreciation Day a truly unforgettable experience!

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Message from the CEO

Dear Colleagues,



I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful summer!

As we transition into the vibrant fall season, I find myself reflecting on the myriad activities and events that brought our family of organizations together. From Employee Appreciation Day to Camp Loyaltown, the Employee of the Quarter recognitions, BCCS Prom and Graduations, Shoreham Day of Belonging, and our very first June Jubilee, it's clear we've had an incredible few months. Not to mention the invaluable learning opportunities in DEI, the NADSP Credentialing program, and the heartfelt celebrations for Teachers, Nurses, and Psychologists Appreciation Days.

I want to take a moment to express my sincere gratitude to each of you for your hard work and dedication in planning and executing these numerous events. Your efforts not only enhance the quality of life for our students and those we support but also enrich the experience of your fellow employees. Our teams are truly remarkable. The way you

collaborate to achieve our shared goals and outcomes is nothing short of inspiring. It has been a joy to witness staff from various programs and organizations unite to achieve outstanding results. Your camaraderie and teamwork continue to position our organizations as beacons of excellence in leadership and support for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families.

As we look ahead, our advocacy efforts are once again gaining momentum. Your attention and support will be crucial in raising awareness of the pressing issues affecting our field:

- Ensuring the inclusion of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) in the Standard Occupational Classification (SOC)
- 2. Advocating for a 7.8% increase in our rates as a vital investment in our field
- Requesting the establishment of a wage commission to evaluate compensation for human services positions, including DSPs
- 4. Seeking capital financing to support necessary infrastructure upgrades for providers

Please keep an eye on your emails and our companies' social media outlets to make your voice heard on these important issues.

Finally, I invite you to join me in congratulating Chris O'Connor, our Chief Operating Officer, on receiving the prestigious Mentor Award from the National Conference of Executives during the Arc's National Convention in Columbus, Ohio, next month. Chris is truly deserving of this recognition, having mentored countless staff members throughout the years, fostering their professional growth and advancement. His unwavering commitment to tailored professional development and mentorship highlights his dedication to their success. Chris has a keen eye for talent and understands the importance of investing time, support, and training in his team members. His enthusiasm for staff excellence is contagious, inspiring mentees to become invaluable contributors dedicated to providing the best support possible. We eagerly anticipate the celebration in Ohio!

Thank you all for your dedication, teamwork, and commitment to high-quality services. We are indeed stronger together!

As always, your comments and feedback are greatly appreciated.

Best regards,

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- Dr. Sarah Gonzalez-Noveiri, Ashley Orgill, Shaun Weathers, Sean Stalling, Bridget Cariello, Jerri Walker, Denise Lamb, and Lisa Larice-Nielsen for planning and hosting our Crown Act Celebrations.
- · Mel Tsarouhtsis for his enthusiasm and dedication in the execution of his role as the Greenhouse Manager.
- Lisa Shortell and Wheatley Farms Catering for the planning and hosting of Anne Miller's Retirement Party.
- Anne Miller for thirty years of dedicated service to the agency.
- The Engagement team for efficiently hosting and attractively decorating the Ballroom for the Employee of the Quarter Event.



- Princess Thomas and the team for supporting the transition of a service recipient into a new space.
- Nikki Katz for her years of service and congratulations on her retirement.



- Talent Engagement Department on a fun-filled, well-executed Staff Appreciation Day.
- Pamela Curtiss, Assistant Director of Social Enterprise for her work on successfully securing the NCC.
- Nicky Faranda, Pamela Curtiss, and Percival Aquino for their work on the newly redesigned WF website.
- Happy DSP Recognition Week, to all DSPs. Thank you for your commitment and support to all the individuals we support!
- Thank you to Chris and Barry and the Program Management teams for planning and hosting DSP Recognition events in honor of the commitment and hardworking DSPs that care for all the individuals we support!
- The Community Resources team for highlighting on our social media pages the events related to DSP Recognition Week and our hardworking DSPs.



Welcome New Team Members

Pictures from our weekly New Hire Orientation

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The DSP Connection

The everything DSP connection with DSP only programs, advice and special events



National Alliance for Direct Support Professionals (NADSP) and the State University of New York (SUNY), are providing a special grant program that provides full funding for tuition, fees, books, course

materials, and NADSP credentialing. The curriculum

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is hands-on and highly interactive.

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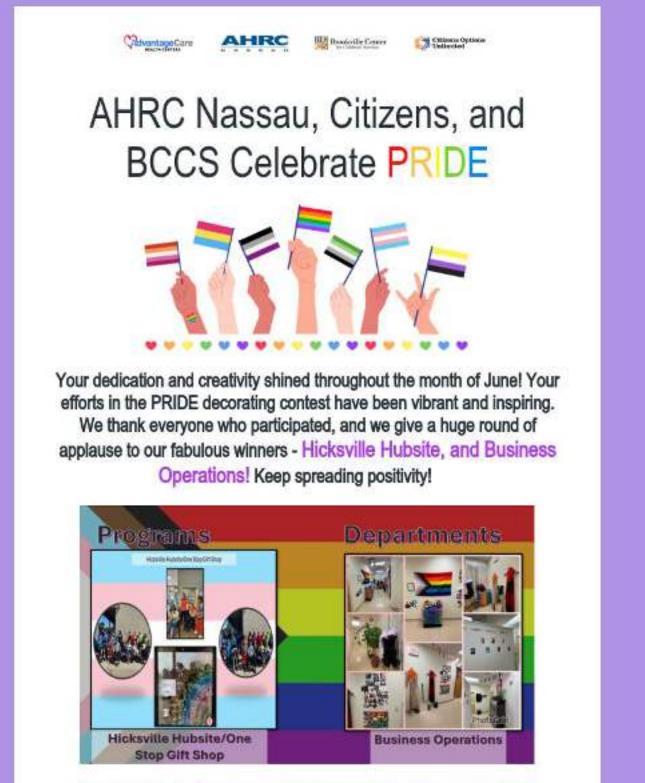
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PRIDE Decorating Contest Winners



Use the link below to see all of our wonderful submissions!

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Employee of Quarter 2 2024

On July 18th, 2024 we gathered to celebrate the outstanding achievements of our EOQ2 honorees. The event was a testament to the hard work, dedication, and positive impact these individuals have made on our organization. The event was filled with joy, laughter, and a sense of camaraderie. It was a true celebration of our team's achievements and a reminder of the importance of recognizing and rewarding our employees for their hard work.



Employee of Quarter 2



BCCS CRE; Shawnies Durn

BCCS - Pre-School; Natalina Sagliocca

BECS - School Age: Nick Lepore & Najoya Steward-Leslis

Administration: Andrew Mott, Michelle Rudoff, & Jeanette Vespe

<u>Advantage Care:</u> Ana Frias, & Carmen Rodrigues

Citizens: Vicky Mawley, Cynthia Orwald, & Danielle Siebert

LLS: Pamela Bills & Pamela Royle

Community Habilitation: Kathy Ragget

Day Mahilitation: Gardine Laguerre & Jumes Reeder

Treepart: Jana Lichtenthal, Johan Montanez Mendez, & Jason Trotman

Helen Kaplan: Renes D'Avanza

Shoreham: Imily Barcelona & Lileen Plumacher





What's Happening @ Borden Avenue

AHRC Nassau Gives Back to Veterans at Borden Avenue Residence

On Saturday, July 20th, AHRC Nassau partnered with Compass Church and Billy McDowall to honor our local veterans. This heartwarming event took place at the Borden Avenue Veterans Residence in Long Island City.

Community Relations Liaison, Lynne Brewer, spearheaded this initiative by rallying Facebook followers to donate essential toiletries. Thanks to her efforts and the generosity of Howie's Hearts, AHRC Nassau was able to provide an abundance of toiletries to the veterans. The lovely ladies of Livingston Street, led by volunteer Barbara Cipriano, also joined the effort, ensuring all the donated items reached those in need.

The day was filled with gratitude. Every veteran received the toiletries they needed, responding with heartfelt thanks and blessings. In addition to AHRC Nassau's contribution, Compass Church generously provided lunch, clothing, and footwear. Crumbled Cookies also went above and beyond, donating over 600 delicious cookies!

The event was a resounding success, leaving a positive impact on all involved. AHRC Nassau is looking forward to returning to continue supporting our veterans.

Interested in joining the team or donating to this worthy cause? Please reach out to Lynne Brewer at Lbrewer@ahrc.org



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MILESTONES



Working since 1979

What was happening in 1979:

Music: Movie: TV: Fashion: Inventions:

No. 1 Billboard Song: "My Sharona" by The Knack No. 1 at the box office, Superman, ticket price \$3.30 Most watched program, 60 Minutes on CBS Slim fitted suits, bell-bottoms, mini skirts, pant suits and platform shoes Personal Computer, Voicemail, Dual Cyclone Vacuum Cleaner, Ring Pops and Hubba Bubba bubblegum, Sony Walkman

News Story: Soviet Union invades Afghanistan, starting the Soviet-Afghan War.



Working since 1989

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What was happening in 1989:

Music: Movie: TV: Fashion:

No. 1 Billboard Song: "Look Away" by Chicago No. 1 at the box office, Batman!, ticket price \$3.97 The very first episode of The Simpsons aired Statement patterns, exaggerated sleeves, broad power shoulders Inventions: The World Wide Web News Story: Exxon Valdez oil spill, Fall of the Berlin Wall

Working since 1994



Cindy M. Becker, Robin J. Favichia, Scott R. Kuntz, Deserie Legette, Tina J. Lopez, Anne F. Miller, Andrew A. Ross, Teresa L. Rowe, Jim Stock, Sabrina R. Torres-Ciolek

What was happening in 1994:

Music: No. 1 Billboard Song: "I'll Make Love to You" by Boyz II Men No. 1 at the box office, The Lion King ticket price \$4.18 Movie: TV: No. 1 Seinfeld Fashion: Denim, Velvet, Animal Prints, Babydoll Chic, T-shirts under sundresses Reese's Peanut Butter Puffs, Cereal, World's first smartphone, QR code Inventions: News Story: Nelson Mandela South Africa's first black president, Skater Nancy Kerrigan attacked, Northridge earthquake rocks LA



MILESTONES



25 YEARS ANGIULI, KRISTEN AUGUSTE, CHELA BARNES, FAYE BOYD, SHARON BROWN, PATRICIA CANNET, JULIE COLLINS, MICHELLE DANVERS, MARGARET DAWKINS, KAREEN DOUSO, DEBORAH FERNANDEZ-SERRANO, PABLO



20 YEARS AHMED, BASHIR ALLEN, NATHLIE BARREIRO, RODOLFO BOUCICAULT, NATHACHA BRADENSTEN, JEANNEMARIE BROWN, LUCILLE BUCKMON, BETTY BUCKNOR, LATOYA CASTOR, JEAN CLAUDE CHENG, ELLEN CLARKE-LEWEY, JUNE COLE, BLOSOM CRESPO, GRICEL DAMSKER, KRYSTIE DESGROTTES, GINETTE



15 YEARS AKINOLA, BABATUNDE ALICEA, CHERYL BAILEY, JAMES BENNETT-RUIZ, DIONNE BROWN, SASHAUNE CHUNG, DEVON COOPER, JOYCE DESROSIERS, TIFFANY EDWARDS, SAPPHIRE EUSTACHE, HENS FAIRWEATHER, SHARON FERGUSON, JOSEPH GASPARD, NIKEICHA GE, YIFAN GOLDMAN, PAUL



10 YEARS BETHUNE, KOWAN BROWN, CARMEN BRUNY, INDJI BYRD, SHATERRA CAMIZZI, ANTHONY CANNON, JAMIE CIPRIANO, BARBARA DAVID, CHRISTOPHER DESIL-LAM, KERLINE DIXON, LOIE FYFFE, SHANIKA GERDTS, GLENN HODGE, JUON

5 YEARS ADAM, VENLY ADAMS, YOUSEF AGAGA, BOLAJI AQUINO, PERCIVAL BAKER, MARY BIRD, CHARISMA BOKUN, JUSTINE BOURNE, JAMIK BRIGGS, SHANESE BRUNY, MODUPE CARIELLO, BRIDGET CASALE, BERNADETTE CASALE, BERNADETTE CASALE, BERNADET CASALE, BERNADET CASALE, BERNADET CASALE, BERNADET CASALE, BERNADET CASALE, STEPHANIE CASTIELLO, TANYA CESAR, JEAN CHARLES, LADANA COSTIGAN, KEALY CRUSE, LEAH DANIELS, OCTAVIA DESMANGLES, PASCALE DOS SANTOS, RAQUEL EASTER, JACKIE FETUGA, ABAYOMI FLEISCHMANN, KAREN FRAZIER, MARLENE GENTILE, JANENE HAUGHTON, MARCIA HESS, ROSEMARY HORES, GEORGE JONES, TARSHA LOYAL, LAUREN MOORE, TYSHA PECORARO, JOANN PERSAUD, DABICA

DORCE, WISNER ENGLAND, FRANK ERISTHENE, JEANINE FULLER, FAYLYN GOEREN, KATHLEEN GRILL, EILEEN HAMMOND, ROSARIO HENRY, AUDREY HODELIN, STEPHANIE JOHNSON, MARGARET JONES, MELISSA KAPLAN, GLENN KLEWICKI, JAMES LEVEIN-SMITH, LESSORN

HARVEY, ANGELA HINES, TISHA HUNTER Sr., TIMOTHY JACKSON, WINFIELD JACOB, VIJAY JOSEPH, SHERLLA LACAMERA, TARA A. LAZARRE, GUIRLENE MCNAMARA, MARY MANGO, LISA MAXWELL, DECEMBER MORRIS, ANNETTE NEWBY, ROBERT NOLAN, LINDA PEDRONI, LISA RICHARDS WILLIAMS, VIVIENNE

KINSEY, ANTHONY KOREFF, ELLEN LAURENT, VENIKA MALDONADO, JANET MANEY, CAROLYN MARINEZ, ZORANNI MCDONALD, DAWNA MELFORD, JANIE MILLER, SONIA MORGAN, IAN NORRIS, STEVEN PARIS, ALEX RAMSEY, DEANNA

ELLIOTT, DAISHAUN ERVES, MARTA FLASH, ZORIA FOOTMAN, DOMINIQUE FRANCIS, SANDRINA GARCIA, FLOR HARPER, JANICE HEALY, JANET IMBERT, FRANTZCESKA JEANTY Jr, WILDER KEEGAN, MICHAEL LENNON-KNIGHT, NANETTE MACK, ERROL-ANN MEGAFU, FRANCIS MILANO, SARAH MONTAGUE, SHAWN MONTANEZ MENDEZ, JOHAN MOORE, TIESHA MORRIS, JUNE MORRIS, JUNE MORROCU, DEBORAH MURPHY, JAZMIN NOEL, SEBASTIEN POLISSAINT, CARIN PRICE, SANDRA RICKMAN, FERN RYAN, KELLY SETTLES, SHAKIRA TENEYCK, LESLIE TUMMINELLO, NANCY

MIDGLEY-MAUROSE, CHARNELL MONTORO, JUDY MOORE, ANGELA MOORE, PATRICIA MOWATT, ALTHEA PERETZ, AARON PORCHER, JULITA RENNIE-MONROE, DENISE RIDGE, MORACIA RODRIGUEZ, TINA SAKAMOTO, ANETA SANTOS, CATHERINE SOUTH, DEBBIE TOULME, AUGUSTE UHRIG, JACK WILLIAMS, TERRIE

RICHARDS, MARLEEN ROBERTS, ELIZABETH ROBENTS, ELIZABETH ROSE, DAPHENE SIKORSKI, TIFFANY SIMCLAIR, JOHN TAIT, MELINDA THOMPSON, WINSTON THORNTON, TANIQUA VASQUEZ, EDGAR WALLACE, LENORE WILLIAMS, CAROLYN WILLIAMS, CHRISTINA WILSON-OTTEY, ANETTE WRIGHT, DIONNE

ROBINSON, DANIELLE RUDOFF, MICHELLE SAMUEL, TAMARA SAWYER, SADIE SERVILIUS, SOFIA SEVERE, MODINIQUE SIMMONS, CAROL SINGH, BAVANPREET SNELL, AKKEEM TONICO, SANDRA ULYSSE, CINTHIA ZSUNKAN, SAMANTHA

PARKER JR., KENNETH PELOSI, MARIA RAMAGCA, CARRIE RATLEY, APRILYN REID, MARY RICHARDSON, EDWARD ROBLEDO, JESSE ROSS HOLIFIELD, MPHO ROUGE, WILLIAM SMITH, JOSEPH SYLVESTRE, KIMBERLY TALTON, MICHELLE THOMAS, ROMAINE TSAROUHTSIS, MELETIOS VANTERPOOL, DONALD VASOUEZ, MARDEN WAGER, MICHAEL WALKER, JELISSA WAUCHOPE-GRAHAM, NICOLA

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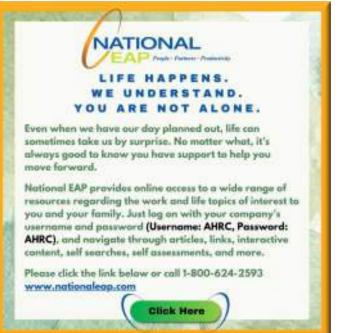
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OCTOBER CELEBRATION MONTHS BREAST CANCER AWARENESS, BULLY PREVENTION, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE AWARENESS

OCTOBER 1	INT'L COFFEE DAY
OCTOBER 2	INT'L DAY OF NONVIOLENCE
OCTOBER 2-4	ROSH HASHANAH
OCTOBER 4	WORLD ANIMAL DAY
OCTOBER 5	WORLD TEACHER'S DAY
OCTOBER 10	WORLD MENTAL HEALTH DAY
	NAT'L INDIGENOUS PEOPLE'S DAY
OCTOBER 11	YOM KIPPUR BEGINS (SUNDOWN)
OCTOBER 14	COLUMBUS DAY
OCTOBER 15	NAVARATRI BEGINS (HINDU)
OCTOBER 16	NAT'L BOSSES' DAY
OCTOBER 22	INT'L STUTTERING AWARENESS DAY
OCTOBER 31	HALLOWEEN
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NOVEMBER CELEBRATION MONTHS

NAT'L GRATITUDE, NAT'L CAREER DEVELOPMENT, DIABETES AWARENESS, MILITARY FAMILY APPRECIATION

NOVEMBER 1	ALL SAINTS DAY
	DIA DE LOS MUERTOS (MEXICAN—DAY OF THE DEAD)
NOVEMBER 6	NAT'L STRESS AWARENESS DAY
NOVEMBER 9	WORLD FREEDOM DAY
	WORLD ADOPTION DAY
NOVEMBER 11	VETERANS DAY
NOVEMBER 13	WORLD KINDNESS DAY
NOVEMBER 16	INT'L DAY FOR TOLERANCE
NOVEMBER 20	UNIVERSAL CHILDREN'S DAY (HUMAN RIGHTS, UN)
NOVEMBER 28	THANKSGIVING
	INDIGENOUS PEOPLE DAY

DECEMBER CELEBRATION MONTHS

HIIV/AIDS AWARENESS, UNIVERSAL HUMAN RIGHTS, NAT'L MONTH OF GIVING

	DECEMBER 1	WORLD AIDS DAY
		FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT
	DECEMBER 2	INT'L DAY FOR THE ABOLITION OF SLAVERY
	DECEMBER 3	INT'L DAY FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES
4	DECEMBER 5	INT'L VOLUNTEER DAY
	DECEMBER 7	NAT'L PEARL HARBOR REMEMBERANCE DAY
	DECEMBER 8	BODHI DAY (BUDDHIST)
	DECEMBER 9	GENOCIDE PREVENTION DAY
	DECEMBER 10	INT'L HUMAN RIGHTS DAY
	DECEMBER 21	WINTER SOLSTICE (1ST DAY OF WINTER)
	DECEMBER 24	CHRISTMAS EVE
	DECEMBER 25	CHRISTMAS DAY
	DECEMBER 26	FIRST DAY OF HANUKKAH
		FIRST DAY OF KWANZAA
	DECEMBER 31	NEW YEAR'S EVE



