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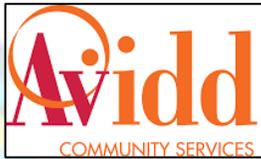
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— Allen Watts

“REMEMBER TO LOOK UP AT THE STARS AND NOW DOWN AT YOUR FEET. TRY TO MAKE SENSE OF WHAT YOU SEE AND WONDER ABOUT WHAT MAKES THE UNIVERSE EXIST. BE CURIOUS. AND HOWEVER DIFFICULT LIFE MAY SEEM, THERE IS ALWAYS SOMETHING YOU CAN DO AND SUCCEED AT. IT MATTERS THAT YOU DON’T JUST GIVE UP.”

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I LOVE THE LIGHT FOR IT SHOWS ME THE WAY, YET I ENDURE THE DARKNESS BECAUSE IT SHOWS ME THE STARS.

—Og Mandino

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As a professional association, we are committed to the development of the industry and support of our members by ensuring continued progress toward greater quality of life for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. NJACP actively focuses its efforts on achieving its mission by advocating for the rights and needs of all people with intellectual and developmental disabilities including establishment of a sustainable consumer driven, community-based system of care, with services and supports that focus on quality community living, person-centered planning, and freedom of choice with fair and reasonable reimbursement that supports sustainable provider business models. We support the community-based provider community by:

- Advancing Practice Standards and Ethics
- Achieving Personal and Professional Development and Industry Growth
- Promoting Education and Advocacy to Support Quality Community Based Services and Supports
- Ongoing Networking and Communication

“THE GOOD THINGS YOU DO FOR OTHERS WHEN NOBODY SEES YOU MAKE YOU A REAL STAR IN THE SKY, A SHINING NOBLE STAR BEYOND REACH!”

– Mehmet Murat Ildan



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GOVERNOR

June 18, 2024

Dear Friends,

On behalf of the State of New Jersey, I am pleased to extend a warm welcome to all those in attendance for the Annual Community Stars Celebration, hosted by the New Jersey Association of Community Providers (NJACP).

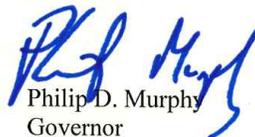
Since its inception, the NJACP has made innumerable contributions to the Garden State by providing a multitude of community-based support and services that represent and enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

As Governor, I commend the entire NJACP as you remain committed to improving the overall quality of life for all New Jerseyans and continue to gain tremendous support for this worthy cause.

I would also like to congratulate each of today's recipients on your reception of the NJACP 2024 Community Star Award. This year, over 30 Stars have demonstrated an extraordinary level of personal achievement and dedication to their communities that is truly worthy of special recognition. I join with your family, friends, neighbors, and colleagues in wishing each recipient utmost success in all their future endeavors.

Best wishes for a memorable and successful event.

My very best,


Philip D. Murphy
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Greetings:

It's my pleasure to welcome you to the New Jersey Association of Community Providers Annual Community Stars Celebration.

It's always exciting to come together each year to recognize individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities for their outstanding achievements. These individuals are true stars - as luminous and incandescent as any we see sparkling in the night sky.

These individuals each have their own remarkable stories to tell. They are vital members of our communities - friends, family members, neighbors and coworkers. Through their independence and self-advocacy, they've shown extraordinary determination and made New Jersey a better place. They are inspirations to us all.

Please accept my heartfelt congratulations and best wishes for a wonderful celebration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Sarah Adelman".

Sarah Adelman
Commissioner
New Jersey Department of Human Services

A Message from the CEO, Valerie Sellers

Dear Friends,

STARS is here yet again, and we at NJACP are excited as ever! This event is the favorite of the NJACP staff members because we get to highlight such deserving individuals. STARS provides us with an opportunity to recognize and honor the remarkable accomplishments of our awardees. Their stories will be sure to move you. Our Stars continue to be shining examples for everyone around them. As we continue to face unprecedented challenges in our field, our Stars continue to overcome challenges and obstacles to achieve their goals.

In addition to our Stars, NJACP holds this event to highlight the many Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) and staff that have helped make the STARS' achievements a reality. I would be remiss if I didn't acknowledge that achieving such success as our STARS have done is a team effort of DSPs and staff with family and friends, among others, all working to provide support, in-person and virtually. We applaud all of you, as well.

As we prepared for another year as a virtual ceremony, agency staff rose to the challenge of making this event happen. A member from each agency with a STARS recipient served as STARS captains and had major responsibilities, such as hosting award ceremonies to putting together the watch party celebration we will all be watching on June 18th. We could not have had a virtual STARS event without their assistance.

I want to extend my deepest appreciation to some of the other volunteers that made this event possible, including Terry McKeon and Audrey Winkler, co-chairs of NJACP's Member Resources Committee as well as to all members of this Committee as they give so generously of their time and are so committed to ensuring STARS is a success for our awardees as well as for all of those attending.

As you enjoy the watch party, you can well imagine the commitment of time and planning that goes into a virtual event such as STARS. Thank-you Colleen Klepser, Torilyn Villafana, Maureen Shea, Ryan Levine, and Shanique Brittingham, NJACP's staff, for making this daunting task a reality.

I wish all the best to our NJACP STARS!



YOU CAN BE THE MOON, AND STILL BE JEALOUS OF THE STARS.

—Gary Allen

Dear Friends,

Welcome to NJACP's 2024 Community STARS Award watch party! Today we join so many of our fellow member agencies to honor and celebrate the amazing accomplishments of the individuals we serve. Seeing the team members, families, and guardians who have supported their loved ones in their journey towards independence inspires me every year and reminds me why I continue to be dedicated to this work. Watching the videos and hearing the stories of struggle and triumph confirms the significant difference being made in our individuals lives every day.

I would like to take a moment to acknowledge some of our partners whose contributions make this such a successful event. First, thank you to the NJACP Strategic Partners for all that you do to support our members throughout the year. You truly show your commitment to the community we serve. We also thank all the advertisers and sponsors whose contributions make this event possible. NJACP is always grateful for your support!

In addition to each agency who nominated a STAR, there are numerous people who make this event possible. A big thank you to our STARS captains for shooting the videos and preparing the celebrations that make this an extra special day for the award winners. This watch party could not happen without you! I also would like to thank our Member Resources Committee, led by its chairs Audrey Winkler and Terry McKeon, for all of their hard work and dedication in planning this event. And lastly, I want to recognize our CEO, Valerie Sellers, the NJACP staff, and our Board of Trustees for your ongoing efforts on behalf of those we serve. Let's join together to celebrate some of the inspiring stories of those we serve!

Sincerely,

Brian Hancock
NJACP President

“THERE IS NO NEED TO REACH HIGH FOR THE STARS. THEY ARE ALREADY WITHIN YOU.”

- Unknown

Dear Friend of NJACP,

The NJACP Member Resources Committee welcomes all of you to the 2024 Annual STARS Award Event. This Watch Party allows our STARS to celebrate with family, friends, and supporters. The STARS Award is a very special event.

All of the individuals we honor are served and supported by our member agencies and have worked hard to achieve their goals. Their accomplishments and successes are to be celebrated. Many have had to overcome challenges and obstacles.

We thank our STARS peers, family, and New Jersey legislators for recognizing their accomplishments and determination.

We hope the I/DD community watching this event live or later on the recording, values the effort and fortitude of our STARS.

As you look through this program, please read the inspiring and heartfelt stories written about our STARS. They will remind you of the abilities each person can offer if given the opportunity to thrive in the community.

It is our hope that each STAR's success story will inspire everyone to continue in their efforts to expand and improve the network of support to the individuals served throughout our communities.

Many thanks to all who made this event possible; especially the staff of our member agencies, the NJACP Board of Directors, those on NJACP's Member Resources Committee and especially our CEO, Valerie Sellers, along with NJACP staff members; Colleen Klepser, Torilyn Villafana, Maureen Shea, Ryan Levine, and Shanique Brittingham.

And finally, we gratefully acknowledge our thanks to the Community STARS themselves. We applaud your achievements and are honored to be a part of your journey.

Sincerely,

Terry McKeon, Audrey Winkler, and the Member Resources Committee

WE ARE ALL STARS, AND WE DESERVE TO TWINKLE.

—Marilyn Monroe

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ANNUAL STARS AWARDS **2024 LOGO/GRAPHIC DESIGN WINNER**

When the STARS Awards became virtual, NJACP looked for a way to give all of its members' staff and individuals in their care an opportunity to have some input into the annual event's "look" or theme.

And inspiration came at NJACP's headquarters. If you walk through the building, you see beautiful art hanging on the walls courtesy of our Member Agencies and their talented individuals. We asked our Members to submit graphic designs made by either their staff, individuals or a group effort that represents the STARS Event. The logo/graphics contest began.

The rules have been kept simple. Original art only (no clip art or stock photos). Any entry that used graphics that could be affiliated with another organization (such as Autism puzzle pieces) could not be considered for legal reasons. The artwork submitted must be in good taste, and represent the STARS Award. Artwork must be created by an NJACP member's staff, individual, or any combination thereof.

All entries are submitted for an anonymous vote by the Member Resources Committee. NJACP wishes to thank the following organizations that submitted a design entry this year:

- 21 plus
- Beacon Specialized Living NJ
- Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health
- JESPY House
- Jewish Services for the Developmentally Disabled (JSDD)
- Partnerships for People

The 2024 Logo graphics design winner is: "STARs in Stained Glass" created by Angel M. and submitted by: JSDD



The graphic was chosen for its colorful design. The Member Resources Committee found it cheerful, and made everyone smile! Congratulations Angel for submitting the winning design!

One of Angel's favorite things to do is work on the computer. You can often find him there creating digital art by combining shapes, bold colors, and strong lines. He also enjoys mixing photography with his digital artwork. Angel wants people to feel happy when they look at his work.

STARS RECOGNITION FROM VIPs

A special thank you to the following people who took the time to create and send us a video for the STARS! celebration...

- Kaylee McGuire, DHS Deputy Commissioner
- Speaker of the Assembly Craig Coughlin (D-19)
 - NJ State Senator Gordon M. Johnson, Assistant Majority Leader (D-37)
 - NJ State Senator Patrick Diegnan Jr. (D-18)
 - NJ State Senator Vin Gopal (D-11)
 - NJ State Senator Latham Tiver (R-8)
 - NJ State Senator Andrew Zwicker (D-16)
 - NJ Assemblywoman Aura Dunn (R-25) Co-Chair of the Disability Caucus
 - NJ Assemblyman John Allen (D-32)
- NJ Assemblywoman Margie Donlon M.D. (D-11)
 - Assemblywoman Shama Haider (D-37)
- NJ Assemblywoman Luanne M. Peterpaul Esq. (D-11)

24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY STARS AWARDS CAPTAINS

Because our STARS Awards event is virtual, we need help to pull the event off...and a member of each agency with a STAR recipient stepped up. We refer to them as our STARS Captains because they were the "captain" that arranged for the videos to be taken, provided NJACP with all the needed information needed, from photos and success stories to t-shirt sizes. They also coordinate all of the festivities for their STAR's Award ceremony and watch party! There would not have been a virtual event this year without the help of these captains:

- Mariah Hall
- Stacey Hawkins
- Katherine Siwy
- Maureen Idleman
- Chirylene Mims
- Robyn Steinman
- Jennifer Manno
- Sabrina Houston-Bey
- Fran Szabo
- Pedro Vargas
- Brooks Sanders
- Alyssa Chalow
- Dilicia Hernandez
- Michael Pearson, Jr.
- Shaleice Jenkins
- Shila Baidoo
- Regina Woods
- Erica Fletcher and Malika Smith
- Amanda Jordan
- Meghan Jacob
- Christopher Morano
- Porsha Ogawa
- Robert Missovoulos
- Angela Coyoy-Alvarado
- Shana James
- Lafia Roberts
- Matilda Lobban
- Courtney Clarke
- Maxine Antoine
- 21 Plus Inc.
- Abilities NW Jersey
- Alternatives
- Avidd Community Services of NJ
- Bancroft
- Beacon Specialized Living New Jersey
- Delta Community Supports
- Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health NJ
- Department for Persons with Disabilities, Diocese of Paterson
- Dungarvin
- Eden Autism
- Elwyn NJ
- Everas Community Service, Inc.
- Family Resource Network
- JESPY House
- Jewish Services for Developmental Disabilities (JSDD)
- Kelsh NJ
- Merakey
- Midland Adult Services
- National Institute for Persons with Disabilities (NIPD)
- New Jersey Institute for Disabilities (NJID)
- Oaks Integrated Care
- Occupational Training Center Services
- Partnerships for People
- PennReach
- Quality Management Associates
- ResCare NJ
- SERV Achievement Centers
- Their Place

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24TH ANNUAL COMMUNITY STARS AWARDS RECIPIENTS

- Tuesday Loperfido
- Emily Smith
- Michael Slinski
- Scott Saltis
- Tabitha Hegmann
- Jeffrey Manghisi
- Ronald Charnecki
- Christopher Anderson
- Susan Wilson
- Nicholas Bieksha
- Charles Schwaneberg
- Jerome
- Marvin Navarro
- Michael Vacca
- Jordan Frazier-Whitney
- Alicia Liptscher
- Lindsey Freed
- Donna
- Ryan Shaw
- Chris Connolly
- Joe Deliso
- Robert Prost
- Michaela Caden
- John Yuskaitis
- Kelly Martin
- Myles Debbage
- Victor Clairmont
- Jordan Hogan
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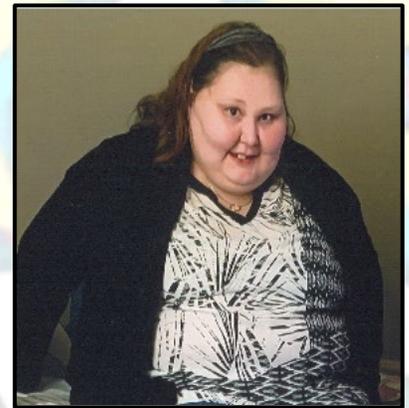
TUESDAY LOPERFIDO



21 Plus proudly nominates Tuesday Loperfido for the 2024 NJACP STARS Award. Tuesday has faced many challenges and struggles over the past few years which included staff turnover, a change in program locations, loss of a housemate, and transitioning from the COVID shutdown to a new routine practically overnight. While it has not been the easiest road for Tuesday, she has put forth a tremendous amount of effort and demonstrated great growth this past year. Tuesday really went

“above the threshold” in 2023 and has proven her dedication and drive to help her to achieve whatever she desires.

By the end of 2022, Tuesday really wanted to improve her health and work to obtain alone time in the community. She worked hard and both of these goals were achieved by the end of 2023! Tuesday worked hard with her staffing supports to ensure she followed her prescribed diet, which at times meant choosing certain meals over her preferred choices, monitoring, and changing her snacking choices with support from staff, and working diligently on her coping skills during more difficult times. We



know that with continued drive and support, she can continue to shoot for the stars and work to achieve anything she desires. We are proud to recognize Tuesday for this award based on all

her hard work in 2023 and we are excited to see all her continued accomplishments in 2024!



EMILY SMITH



Abilities of Northwest Jersey, Inc is proud to nominate **Emily Smith** for the NJACP 24th annual STARS award.

Emily is a wonderful woman that lives at home with her parents and their dog, Skye. She loves to spend time with her two brothers, her niece and with her friends from school. Emily loves to listen to music and dancing and is very involved in activities at school. She has been a cheerleader for ten years, played softball for nine years, and she was a part of the bowling community. Emily is also part of a planning committee at school for all inclusion activities. She helped plan an inclusion basketball game and cheered on the sidelines with the other cheerleaders. She is currently planning an inclusion dance for the end of the month.

Through all her accomplishments, Emily also had struggles, but was determined and worked very hard to overcome her challenges. Emily became a member of our Abilities internship program in 2023. She interned at the Lopatcong Center in Phillipsburg, and worked under the charge of a nurse supervisor and a very supportive team. When Emily started working, she was extremely nervous. She had completed job sampling through school, but this was her first real job. Emily was very shy and had a hard time communicating her thoughts and feelings with others. Throughout her time at the nursing home as an intern, we have seen Emily make great progress. Emily became more confident and overcame many obstacles and hurdles with her communication, self-confidence, and self-advocacy. Emily even became a trainer of another new employee and lit up during her training time with him. It was amazing to see her come out of her shell.



Emily communicated to her job coach that she was ready for the next challenge. In advocating for herself with her supervisor, she began working one on one with patient care in the nursing home. She has taken on the task of a more personal role to connect with the patients in the nursing home. Her job includes speaking to each resident, building relationships, and passing out water.

Emily is graduating from Phillipsburg High School in June and looks forward to working full-time. We are so proud of the progress she has made and know that she will be successful in everything that she does. Because of Emily's determination and desire to always "do the best she can," amazing work ethic, and for always working hard with everything she does, it is our pleasure to present Emily Smith for the NJACP 24th Annual STAR award!



MIKE SLINSKI



It gives us great pleasure to nominate Mike Slinski to receive the 2024 NJACP Star Award, in recognition of his many achievements and accomplishments over the last year. Mike has come a long way after an injury and stay at a rehabilitation center, where he worked tirelessly on physical and occupational therapy so he could return home. When Mike returned home, he continued to work hard to be able to gain back his physical independence. Being independent has always been a priority for Mike from the time he lived with his family, then moving into a Supervised Apartment and into one of our Group Homes in 2023. Mike's determination to overcome any challenge is admirable.

Despite being born with paralysis in his right hand, Mike remains fiercely determined to be independent. He trusts and works diligently with all of his therapists and doctors to ensure he can be as independent as possible for as long as possible. He has formed trusting relationships with all of his caretakers at his group home and keeps everyone on their toes with his funny jokes and dry humor. In addition to his hard work at home, Mike works with NJ DVR to ensure he is out working in his community at every opportunity. Like all of us, Mike loves to earn his paycheck. It is so important for Mike to feel as if he has a purpose in life and that he remains involved in the workforce and his community.

Mike values family tradition and hard work and has always spoke of his late mother, his brother Ray, and his sister-in law, Cathy, for teaching him those values, supporting him at home, encouraging him to accept change gracefully and to overcome any life challenge. Mike adores his nephews and speaks of them often, sharing with us his proud stories of them as children who have now grown into adults. Mike loves to sit out in the warm sun to "suntan" and often tells us stories of the warm weather on his trips to Florida with his mother. In addition to his time sitting outside, Mike likes to attend recreation activities, he is an incredible artist, and loves the beach. When Mike needed to move into a Group Home for extra support the only house available to him was in Ocean County. Mike took the help but was always determined to get back to Phillipsburg to be closer to his family. In January 2024, he was able to do just that, and took a placement in Phillipsburg, closer to home, where his heart is.



On behalf of all of Mike's caretakers, family, friends, roommates, and co-workers, we cannot think of a better person to receive the NJACP 2024 STAR award. Congratulations Mike! We are so proud of you!



SCOTT SALTIS



Scott grew up in Netcong with his parents and two brothers. He has fond memories of spending summer days at Lake Hopatcong State Park with his family. Shortly after graduating from High School he began working at Walmart. Once his parents passed away his living situation was uprooted. He had to leave his job and childhood home to move in with his aunt and Uncle. Scott always kept a positive attitude and persevered through all of these many changes and is delighted that he was able to find a secure and loving family environment in his new home with Avidd and his new job at Panera Bread.

Scott is grateful for the staff's assistance and continual support with improving his health and hygiene. Scott has lost over 40 lbs. by being educated and assisted with making healthier choices. Scott is now more confident in himself and involved in conversations with others. He takes pride in himself and his possessions.



Scott is a respectful gentleman who always has a smile on his face. He is always willing to lend a helping hand whenever it is needed. He is loved by all his housemates and staff members. His housemates speak highly of him saying he's a hard worker, and a great friend/housemate to them. He always opens the door for his female housemates and often assists them with getting into the van by holding their hand and even putting on their seatbelts. Scott never shies away from a task or chore and brings a sense of calmness to the home.



Scott enjoys adventures and visiting different places. Since moving to Avidd he has been able to fulfill his love to travel. He has been to Key West, Disney World, and most recently Puerto Rico. He plans on going to California next! Congratulations Scott!!

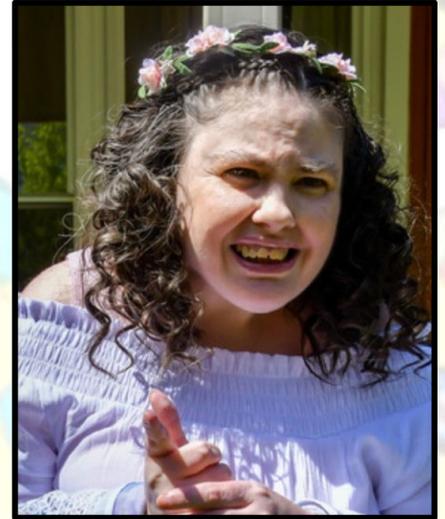


TABITHA HEGMANN



Tabitha's story is one that has to consistently be told. Tabitha, who prefers to be called "Tab" originally came to our organization as a youth in one of our pediatric programs that focused on acute behavioral needs. The goal of this program was to implement strategies to reduce behavioral challenges and allow kids to be discharged to more independent settings. Not only was she successful within this program, but she continued to progress through our continuum.

This progress was truly just the start of Tab's accomplishments. Throughout those initial behavioral challenges, Tab's personality shined through, and every single person part of her journey loved her. She was funny, smart, and witty. She knew when to throw comments into any conversation to tell you how she really felt. In fact, she was the best person to be part of our team meetings because she would either agree or disagree - but no matter what, her opinions were strong enough to leave everyone laughing.



As an adult, one of the things that Tab struggled with was going into the community for outings, but due to her progress, her Mom was able to take her places such as Disney World, the beach, and everywhere in between. These trips provided meaningful experiences and memories- something that is a goal for so many families to get to experience with their children.



Tab's ability to grow and fight through challenges took on a new intensity after receiving a cancer diagnosis. Unfortunately, Tabitha lost her battle with cancer less than a year ago, but during her last year with us, she overcame so many different things. Not only did she medically stay strong during her cancer diagnosis, she continued to have her vibrant personality shine through. Up until her last week with us, Tabitha smiled, talked to staff, and continued to thank us for helping her through all the battles she continued to fight. Tabitha is someone who always fought every battle thrown her way. She continued to progress clinically, was able to make friends in the home, and always knew how to make her support team laugh. No matter what Tabitha had been through, she showed she would put up the best fight to her ability, even to the end.

Tabitha truly touched the hearts of everyone that was ever involved with her care and we will continue to honor Tab for years to come.



JEFFREY MANGHISI



Jeffrey Manghisi has been a consumer with Beacon Specialized Living New Jersey (Previously Enable, Inc.) since July 2019. While placed in our day program, Jeffrey engaged with others, made friends, and attended community outings.

In August 2022, the heart of the COVID pandemic, Jeffrey transferred from another group home into one of our homes. He was very excited although sad to leave our day program where he had made friends. Jeffrey completed community outings once it was safe to do so and enjoyed creating relationships with the other consumers in the home. When we were unable to locate a day program in the area, we made the decision to transport him back to our day

program where he would be able to engage with others and reconnect with his friends. Jeffrey handled all these changes positively and used communication to express any concerns.

Jeffery has been an aide with staff regarding transportation to the program and reminding them to pick up another consumer who rides along with him to program. Jeffrey has shown and expressed that he is excited about attending the program daily and has also shown interest in doing more outings with his staff and peers. Weekly he volunteers with Meals on Wheels, attends the recreation center, learns money management while shopping, and enjoys the weekly cooking activities.



Being placed in our group home provided more opportunities for Jeffrey to visit his family and attend family events. He likes to walk the boardwalk, go out to eat, loves being with the family dogs, and celebrating birthdays with family. Jeffrey has a wonderful personality, and most days enters the room with a big smile which helps everyone else to have a great day as well.



Jeffrey, we are so proud of you and how you have grown and changed over the past 5 years. You have shown that interacting with others and attending community activities have created positive change in your life. The staff at Beacon Specialized Living New Jersey can't wait to see what the future brings for you as you continue to explore opportunities and make new

friends. Congratulations Jeffrey!



RONALD CHARNECKI



Delta Community proudly nominates Ronald Charnecki for the 2024 STARS Award in recognition of his success and resilience. He is truly an inspiration for our clients and staff.

Ronald has a strong spirit and loving attitude which manifests in his actions as a hard worker and willingness to help others. Ronald enjoys going for walks, going to the zoo, and enjoying ice cream. COVID forced Ronald to stop working at Staples, but as soon as he was able, he took the initiative to walk around town and apply for a few jobs by himself.

Ronald now works at a Mexican restaurant down the road from the group home twice a week.

On his days off, Ronald enjoys helping the Delta Community staff with cleaning, taking out the garbage, cleaning up the yard, and helping his housemates. Ronald has lived with his housemate for a while now and is consistently concerned with his welfare. Ronald will help him get into the car, bring in his groceries, and help him at the store. Ronald truly cares about everyone and always puts a smile on everyone's face when they see him. Ronald truly enjoys going out and meeting new people and is recognized by numerous individuals in the community.



Ronald Charnecki is an amazing individual who gives us all a tremendous example of resilience in life despite daily challenges. Ronald embraces and is defined by his resilience in his life's journey...It truly defines him.



CHRISTOPHER ANDERSON



Devereux Advanced Behavioral Health New Jersey is honored to nominate Christopher Anderson as our 2024 NJACP STAR Award recipient. Christopher is being nominated for his outstanding achievement in obtaining and maintaining employment at the Rainbow Adult Day Care Center. For many years there was a misconception that Christopher would never be able to obtain employment due to some challenges he was experiencing. However, he has worked hard to become employed and now he has been an Activities Coordinator at the Rainbow Adult Day Center for over a year now! We have watched Christopher significantly improve over the years and want to recognize his hard work and achievements.

During his time at Devereux, Christopher consistently worked hard with his staff and interdisciplinary team to build vocational and employment skills and develop an understanding of what it takes to obtain and maintain employment. He then was able to develop positive relationships with the staff at Rainbow and was offered a job as Activities Coordinator and has been doing a tremendous job working with the clients at Rainbow Adult Day Center. He exhibits remarkable professionalism in his interactions with both the staff and clients at the Rainbow Adult Day Care Center and he helps ensure a safe, nurturing, and fun environment, conducive to the clients that he serves at the Adult Day Center. His ability to establish trust and rapport with the clients at the Center is truly remarkable.

Christopher exhibits exceptional creativity in the development and implementation of activities for the clients at the Adult Day Center. He can problem solve and come up with alternate activities if the clients request a change in a particular activity. All of the client's and staff thoroughly enjoy the service that he provides at the Adult Day Center so much so that he went from working twice a week to working 4 to 5 times a week!

Christopher's hard work and dedication makes him the perfect STARS Award winner as he has already become a star in the eyes of the clients and staff at the Rainbow Adult Day Center and the Devereux Day Program where he continues to develop and practice his employment skills. We are confident that he will continue to make a positive impact on the lives of the clients at his job and wherever he goes. Congratulations Christopher!!

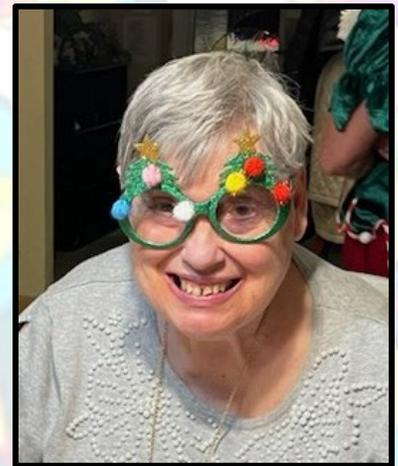


SUSAN WILSON



The Department for Persons with Disabilities (DPD) is proud to honor Susan Wilson as our 2024 NJACP Community STAR! Susan originally moved into DPD's Kelleher Apartments in 2006 after growing up in Clifton. In 2019, Susan moved to our Walsh House in Succasunna where she still resides today.

Susan is a faith-filled woman who is kind and loving. She will always greet you with a hug and her big smile and brightens any room she enters. At Walsh House, Susan was instrumental in welcoming a new resident to the home this year. Susan has made them feel right at home by inviting her to games and activities and they have formed a beautiful friendship.



Susan has overcome many challenges in recent times including health challenges that have prevented her from enjoying her daily routine in the way she was accustomed to, but this has not dampened her spirit. She continues to enjoy going to Gruenert Center every day and putting in a full day of activities. She recently began participating in the cooking group there and loves it!

Susan is also an active member of DPD's Fight for the Right community service group, where she enjoys giving back to others in need. She has been a part of gathering donations for local food pantries, animal shelters, donating cell phones to soldiers, putting together special Mother's Day gift baskets for women in need, and many other worthy causes. She enjoys going to St. Luke's Special Needs Ministry, is an active participant in our Catholic Adult Religious Education (CARE) program, and she attends Mass at St. Therese in Succasunna. Earlier this year, Susan was honored with the Frank X. Graves Award as DPD's Resident of the Year at our Murray House Dinner Dance.



Susan, we are so proud of all you have overcome and the love you spread to all you meet! You are a true friend and we are blessed to have you as part of the DPD Family!



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NICHOLAS BIEKSHA



It is with great pleasure that we nominate Nicholas Bieksha for the esteemed honor of being recognized as our agency's 2024 NJACP Star. Despite facing numerous barriers and medical hurdles, Nicholas has shown tremendous growth and improvement in various aspects of his life. His journey is a testament to his resilience, determination, and unwavering spirit.

One of Nicholas's most remarkable accomplishments has been his ability to overcome medical challenges. Despite facing these hurdles, he has consistently demonstrated remarkable strength and perseverance. Nicholas's resilience in the face of adversity serves as an inspiration to both his peers and the staff who support him.

In addition to his medical journey, Nicholas has also made significant progress in his social interactions and emotional management. Previously, he struggled to connect with others and effectively express his feelings. With dedicated effort and support, Nicholas has learned alternative ways to communicate, such as writing

down his thoughts on paper. This newfound ability has helped bridge the communication gap and enabled Nicholas to effectively express himself.

Nicholas has become more adept at managing his emotions and advocating for himself. He no longer allows his feelings to remain bottled up inside. Instead, he has learned to openly communicate with staff, family, and his support coordinator, effectively expressing his needs and desires. Nicholas's newfound self-advocacy skills have empowered him to call his own meetings and initiate discussions to bring about changes that he deems necessary. Nicholas has made great progress in every area of his life from 2018 till now. Nick has learned to manage his thoughts, feelings, and behaviors by writing down whatever he may be feeling. When Nick is unable to write down his thoughts and feelings, he will talk to his staff about his feelings and thoughts. One area that Nick has improved in is that he loved going to the hospital, which was a behavior, but for the past four years we have not seen such behavior. Nick also used to elope from the home, but that also has not occurred over the past three years.

Another significant milestone in Nicholas's journey has been his ability to form meaningful connections and friendships. He has successfully built relationships within his household and day program, fostering a sense of belonging and social integration. Nicholas is a friendly guy who enjoys spending time with his family. He also enjoys listening to gospel music, playing video games, playing his guitar, watching sports games. Nicholas's newfound social skills have not only enriched his own life but have also positively impacted the lives of those around him. He has learned to use his common interest to connect with others.

Nicholas loves playing basketball, going to MetLife stadium to watch his favorite team the Giants. He loves going to the gym almost every day. Nick loves music and is always looking forward to joining his music instructor on Wednesdays. Nicks love for music has made him have strong connections with his staff Ola. They both will play his saxophone and flute together. Nicholas strives every day to make sure he gets the chance to play his guitar and the saxophone with staff. Nicholas always looks forward to going home every weekend. Nicks love for his family and music has been his constant motivation for his achievements.

In conclusion, Nicholas Bieksha is a shining example of resilience, growth, and determination. His ability to overcome medical hurdles, improve his communication skills, manage his emotions, form meaningful connections, and advocate for himself is truly commendable. Nicholas's journey serves as an inspiration to others facing similar challenges, demonstrating that with perseverance and support, one can triumph over adversity.

We wholeheartedly support Nicholas's nomination for the 2024 NJACP Star award, as he embodies the positive and uplifting spirit that we strive to foster within our agency. His remarkable achievements and personal growth make him a deserving candidate for this prestigious recognition.



CHARLES SCHWANEBERG



Eden Autism is very pleased to put forward Mr. Charlie Schwaneberg as our nominee for the 2024 NJACP STARS Award! Eden has chosen to nominate Charlie for this award for his consistent dedication to his career and local community.

Charlie has been with the Eden Autism adult day program since 2005. Currently, he is a member of our Bendas center at the Old Trenton Road building in West Windsor, NJ. Charlie has been employed at Wawa since 2019.

What makes Charlie so incredible and a perfect candidate for this award, is his success at his job sites. When Charlie first started working, he attended two times a week for four and half hours, total. In one year's time, the progress he made and his ability to stay on task made him the perfect candidate to increase the days and hours worked. Currently, Charlie consistently works five days a week, working at two different Wawa's for a total of nine and half hours. At Wawa, Charlie completes the following tasks: collecting trash from inside and outside, as well as picking up debris from outside.



Charlie is a long-time member of the Eden family. He graduated from the Eden School and made a successful transition over to the day program and residential. With the skills he practiced and developed while at the school he was a perfect candidate for supported employment. In another couple of years, he will be receiving his 20-year service award.

Charlie currently lives at one of Eden's residential homes, Hinkle House. It is in Hamilton, NJ, where he resides with five other housemates. While at home, he enjoys trips out in the community, especially getting a hot cup of coffee! Charlie is also a yearly athlete in the Special Olympics, where he participates in Cross Country Skiing.

Charlie continues to develop and reach his goals both personally and professionally, he is an inspiration to all of us at Eden Autism and we are proud to call him our STAR!



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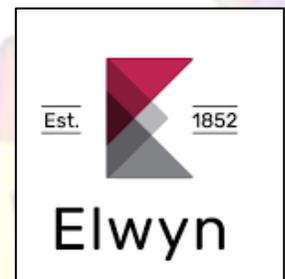
Jerome resided with Durand Academy since he was 6 years old. Jerome underwent surgery in March of 2023, and due to complications from the surgery, his medical and physical needs increased greatly. He spent just about 7 months in the hospital and it was very challenging for him. With the new medical needs and support Jerome needed, Durand was unable to support him any longer. It was a very difficult decision, but knowing it was for Jerome's best interest to be in a facility that could support him the way he needed, in October of 2023, Jerome moved into our medically supported group home with around the clock

nursing care. Jerome struggled in his new environment and was unfortunately readmitted to the hospital due to other/new medical conditions.

In November of 2023, he came back to Elwyn Group Home and started building rapport with his staff. Some adaptive equipment was discontinued due to Jerome's progress. Jerome and our staff have worked very hard to get to know each other. Jerome continues to work hard on both his physical and behavioral health.



We are very proud of Jerome and the staff that have worked tirelessly to ensure that Jerome's life resembles the capabilities that he once had. They have formed positive connections and a strong bond. We are proud to nominate Jerome for the 2024 NJACP STAR Award.



MARVIN NAVARRO



Marvin Navarro settled into his new home at the Monmouth Group Home in July 2023. From the outset, Marvin wasted no time immersing himself in the community, eagerly participating in activities at his group home and his day program. He exudes warmth and friendliness, effortlessly lighting up any room with his welcoming presence and genuine smile. His friends, family, and support staff enjoy his company and are proud to recognize him as this year's NJACP Community Star.

Marvin has many attributes to love, he's sociable and enjoys greeting everyone warmly. Marvin's interests include drawing, listening to music, dancing, and swimming. If there's a body of

water around, you can be sure to find Marvin in it. Additionally, Marvin has a knack for building; he delights in dismantling household appliances such as vacuums and radios to reconstruct them. Marvin thoroughly enjoys joining community outings, whether it's a trip to the mall or a simple coffee run; he finds great joy in being out and about. The support staff admire Marvin's polite and respectful demeanor he carries wherever he goes.



Marvin is a loving son, brother to his two sisters and a proud uncle. He is close with his family and visits them frequently. He looks forward to his weekly dinner date with his mother, weekend visits, and special family occasions and holidays. Marvin does not go a single day without calling his mom to talk about what is happening at the group home and his day program including trips to the museum, arcades, bowling, and dining out. Recently, Marvin attended "A Night to Shine" and loved getting dressed up for a special night of dinner and dancing. He also had a great time celebrating his birthday at the bowling alley with friends and support staff.



Marvin is a stellar housemate and a natural leader in the group home. He takes pride in maintaining a clean and organized living space. He considers himself to be the "man around the house" and demonstrates it through his actions. Whether it's lending a hand to the staff with household tasks or diligently ensuring his room and bathroom remain clean, Marvin's dedication to household chores knows no bounds. From setting the table to taking out the trash, he approaches each task with a sense of purpose and pride. He enjoys helping with the household food shopping and selecting ingredients for the home cooked meals. Marvin has also developed a strong bond with his support staff and goes out

of his way to offer his assistance. He asks them about their day and shows great care for them.

In Marvin Navarro, one finds not just a resident of the Monmouth Group Home, but a beacon of warmth, community, and unwavering dedication to his family and his Everas family as well. It is an honor to recognize and celebrate him with this award.



MICHAEL VACCA



When we asked our Community Inclusion staff if any of the program's participants should be nominated for the NJ STARS Awards, one name was consistently the first to be mentioned – Michael Vacca. As a participant in our Out N About and Respite Getaway programs, Michael takes every opportunity to make new friends, try new activities, and share a laugh with the group. The past year has been filled with accomplishments for him, and we cannot think of anyone who exemplifies this award more than Michael.

To share only one of Michael's achievements would not be exclusive of who he is as an individual. He is a man of many interests and hobbies, a familiar face in his community, and has immense love for his family. Whether it is attending art classes, working at Employment Horizons, or competing with his bowling team, Michael is constantly striving to improve his skillset and meet his personal goals.

A goal of Michael's was to increase socialization with his peers in the community, which he has been successful in achieving. In addition to meeting new friends, and enjoying everyone's company, he has taken the initiative to welcome new participants to the group. On a recent Respite Getaway weekend, Michael was paired as a roommate with an individual who was attending for the first time. This individual did not know anybody, and naturally felt a little nervous heading into the weekend. Michael made sure to interact with them, get them involved in group activities, and make them feel at home. The participants ended up enjoying themselves so much that they signed up for future weekends and referred another friend to our program. Michael's friendliness and consideration made a huge difference in a new participant's experience, and that deserves recognition.



Michael is an exceptional painter. Michael's paintings *Untitled* and *Leaving* were featured in the gallery at the Montclair Art Museum. He has also sold several paintings, including one to the Museum's Director. Although he has experienced this success, Michael continues to hone his craft by attending weekly art classes with the goal of learning different techniques to employ in his projects.

Michael's love of painting was sparked by his involvement in virtual painting classes offered by our Out N About program throughout the pandemic.

In recognition of his many achievements and his qualities as an individual, the Family Resource Network is proud to nominate Michael Vacca for the 2024 NJ STARS Awards.



JORDAN FRAZIER-WHITNEY



Lori Abrams, photographer

Jordan joined the JESPY Day Habilitation Program in 2018. In the beginning, Jordan had challenges with making connections and was dependent on staff for everything. Jordan was unable to navigate the surrounding community and needed lots of assistance with making purchases and budgeting. He participated solely in Day Program activities.

Jordan has now transitioned into a more independent young adult and has made many strides in his life at JESPY. He is able to navigate the South Orange area independently and is getting better at making purchases. He can also keep up with his

own schedule across the departments with very little support from staff. Jordan currently participates in not only the Day Habilitation Program but also consistently participates in activities with JESPY's Athletics & Fitness; Work Readiness and Employment Engagement; and Engagement and Enrichment departments.

Jordan is a joy to have at JESPY and his infectious smile lights up the room when he enters. He is a model young adult in our JESPY Day Habilitation program and is deserving of the NJACP STARS Award.

**“LOOK AT THE STARS. SEE
THEIR BEAUTY. AND IN THAT
BEAUTY, SEE YOURSELF.”
— Draya Mooney**



ALICIA LIPTSCHER



Alicia has an energy and attitude admired by all who know her. Her fun-loving spirit, fortitude, and personal strength in the face of adversity is notable.

When Alicia lost her vision in 2006, her inability to see the world as she used to did not deter her from learning new skills and strategies to navigate the world. She continued to find ways to maintain her sense of purpose, humor, vibrant personality, and find fulfillment in life.



In 2021, Alicia was diagnosed with breast cancer. She displayed the strength of a warrior, resilience of a coral reef, and maintained her smile through the pain as she awaited results. She recovered well and came out of her ordeal with a

renewed appreciation for her health. Alicia is strong, determined, courageous, and ambitious.



Alicia also loves music, shopping, and her family. She regards her four housemates and their families as her own and enjoys reminiscing by sharing stories about vacations, camping trips, the kindness of others, and specifics of interactions from years ago. Life has not always been easy for Alicia, but her outlook on life and determination sets her apart.

As an artist, Alicia's imagination and recall of color, light, images, and emotion are all reflected in her work. As a friend, she makes you feel important and loved.

We are incredibly proud to have nominated Alicia as this year's JSDD STAR Award recipient.



LINDSEY FREED

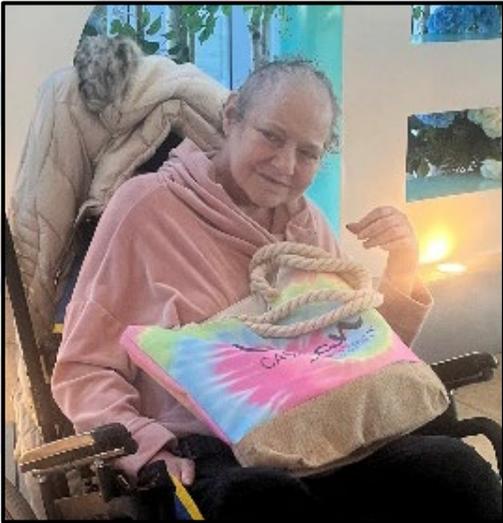


It is with great pleasure that Kelsch Associates nominates Lindsey Freed for the 2024 STARs award! Lindsey has been a part of the Kelsch family since May of 2021. She has always strived to become more independent and to learn a host of new skills. With patience, persistence, and the support of her team, she has successfully completed her orientation through DVRS and obtained and maintained competitive employment in a community setting. Lindsey schedules her rides to and from work via UBER/LYFT services.

She is a welcome team member at work and looks forward to interacting with the staff and customers. Lindsey has learned how to use the air fryer and has mastered making her own foods, including chicken nuggets, French fries, and mashed potatoes. She has also learned how to make Ramen Noodles on the stove top, with limited assistance from staff. Lindsey has successfully completed her community evaluation and now has unsupervised time on the grounds of the complex where she can interact with her peers. The staff and administrators of Kelsch Associates are so proud of these milestones Lindsey was able to achieve this past year and we are looking forward to being a part of her continued growth and success. Lindsey's bright smile and bubbly personality as well as her drive for success is an inspiration for others. Congratulations Lindsey!



DONNA



It is with immense pleasure and pride that Merakey nominates Donna for the 2024 STARS Award. Donna has been a cherished client at Merakey for over five years and we absolutely adore her! She has built many meaningful relationships with her staff and peers, affectionately calling them by the special names she has created for each one, even though she knows their real names. Donna is quite the social butterfly; when you see her friendly smile, you will understand why.

Donna loves to take weekend trips and shop for dresses, purses, and shoes. She enjoys good food! Her favorite food is cheeseburgers. Donna also loves to attend a good birthday party where she can enjoy some cake and ice cream! She is incredibly funny and quick-witted, often leaving us laughing for days with her remarks. Donna is also a huge fan of "The Price is Right," especially Bob Barker, and you can often hear her enthusiastically saying, "Come on down!"

She enjoys looking through magazines and picture books. Donna loves the color white, requesting to wear a white dress and white shoes every day. Donna also has a passion for music and occasionally sings Michael Jackson songs.

Despite having had a tough year, Donna has shown remarkable perseverance. She is one of the strongest people we know; always managing to smile and say something funny no matter what she is going through. Donna has been a wonderful addition to our Merakey family, and we are thrilled to have her.

**"THERE WOULDN'T BE A SKY
FULL OF STARS IF WE WERE ALL
MEANT TO WISH ON THE SAME
ONE."
— Frances Clark**



RYAN SHAW



Midland is proud to nominate Ryan Shaw for the 2024 STARs award. Ryan Shaw has resided with Midland Adult Services at its Parsonage Hill Drive group home since March of 2021. Prior to his transition to Midland, he resided with his parents and Ryan attended The Midland School from the ages of 6 to 16. He is a very active member of the Midland alumni group, and attends all of the alumni dances.

Ryan's first year of adjustment to the group home proved very challenging for him, his housemates, and staff. He understandably had a difficult time acclimating to this new living situation. Within only a year, Ryan had become used to his new living environment and began to really enjoy having housemates and a much wider and more diverse social circle.

Ryan is a very caring, loving, compassionate, funny, warm-hearted, and easy-going person. He can brighten anyone's day with a joke or conversation! He has achieved so much during his time living in his new group home. He works well alongside many different people, including

direct support staff, his house manager, the administrative team, his parents, his physicians, and the employment team.



Ryan is always receptive to meetings and counseling and he has come a long way in learning to respect and get along with everyone in his life. He has also learned how to process difficult interactions with his peers and to use coping skills, such as breathing and relaxation exercises, to handle challenging situations. He has also learned how to better communicate with his team and to verbalize his concerns and needs to try to work through issues.



Ryan regularly receives positive award certificates from his day program. He is a hard worker and very adaptable to different and unique situations!



One of Ryan's most significant achievements was his commitment to physical fitness. Ryan has maintained a daily exercise schedule and uses the treadmill at the group home, which has helped him maintain a healthier weight.

Ryan is a caring, empathetic, and truly unique person. When Ryan sees or senses that staff or a housemate is struggling with something, he will ask if everything is okay and try to make the situation better. Ryan is a jokester and is always able to make everyone laugh with his wonderful sense of humor. After a time, when he is tired of being so charming, he will say "oh man, give me a break!"



CHRIS CONNOLLY



In 2017, Chris Connolly became a resident of NIPD's New Milford group home under challenging circumstances. His mother had passed away, forcing him to move out of his childhood home and leave behind his friends, neighbors, and everyone with whom he was most comfortable. His experience would have been hard for anyone, but for Chris, it led to years of difficulty with speaking to others.

For months after his arrival, Chris didn't say a word to New Milford staff. When he finally did speak, he barely spoke above a whisper. Even then, he was very selective about who he spoke to, and sometimes he was only able to speak a few words at a time.

For a while, it seemed that he'd always feel uncomfortable in his new home, as he decline any opportunity to connect with his housemates or staff. He avoided exploring his neighborhood, clearly wanting nothing to do with it. He spent most of his time alone in his room, or on a bench by himself in the backyard. He limited communication to the barest minimum, and most people who met him simply assumed he had a standoffish personality.

But, in 2022, the New Milford group home closed temporarily for renovations, and its residents moved to other group homes within the agency. Chris moved to NIPD's Teaneck group home, where staff were prepared to welcome someone who had a hard time communicating, preferred to be alone, and appeared not to be interested in building relationships.



After only a few months in Teaneck, Chris had a major shift in his communication skills. Chris began talking to staff and the other residents and he expressed strongly that he wanted to remain in Teaneck. From there, the shell that he had built around himself

shattered, and everyone was delighted to meet a brand-new Chris.

At Teaneck, Chris's favorite things to talk about include the New York Jets, how often to water the plants in the front yard, his plans for the weekend, and his preferred schedule for Uber pick-ups. From his bedroom window, he monitors the comings and goings of neighborhood traffic, and makes house-wide announcements of day program bus arrivals, as needed. His room is always suitably decorated for any and every given holiday. He's always first to the living room for movie night. He takes long, meandering walks around his neighborhood, sometimes stopping at the local coffee shop to grab a donut. And, most notably, Chris no longer whispers. When he speaks, everyone can hear what he has to say.

Understandably, Chris associated New Milford with the loss of his old life; although he struggled, Chris was able to overcome one of life's greatest obstacles: grief. When given a new home and a new opportunity to be happy, Chris jumped at the chance. Chris has made enormous strides, and everyone at NIPD is excited to see what he'll accomplish next.

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JOE DELISO

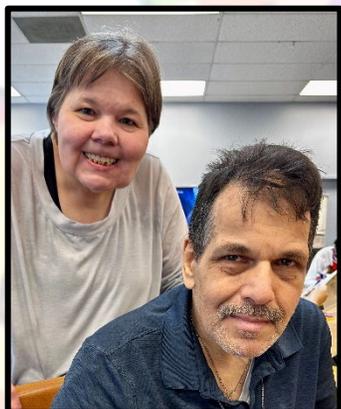


"However difficult life may seem, there is always something you can do and succeed at. It matters that you don't just give up." Stephen Hawkin

With that sentiment in mind, NJID proudly nominates Joseph Deliso for the 2024 STARS award.

Fiercely independent, assertive, and thoughtful are very fitting words to describe Joseph Deliso, who continues to prove that despite life's challenges or disappointments, it is essential to never give up!

It was twelve years ago when Joe was introduced to the wide variety of programs offered by the New Jersey Institute for Disabilities. Joe was then in his mid-40s, and his mother knew that as the years passed, he would need assistance to maintain his independence. This began a time of new experiences, new relationships, and a world of opportunities.



Joe began participating in community-based programs as this was the best option for him. He learned independent living and job skills while building resilience and self-determination. Joseph excelled in work training activities where he found great satisfaction. This set the foundation for Joe to grow his self-reliance skills and he called upon this strength when his beloved mother passed away. With increased supports from NJID Adult Community Support Services, Joe remained in his apartment and soon joined new social programs. He enjoyed bowling, ball games and visits to local museums.

As the years passed, Joe's needs shifted and NJID Residential Programs then offered him the best solutions. Joe now attends NJID Day programs where he takes part in a variety of meaningful activities. As an effective self-advocate, Joe is a strong decision-maker, and he is very much in control of his life. He especially enjoys the Tuesday Coffee Club that is a time for socializing and sharing his great sense of humor with his best friend. He is also an active volunteer in a variety of community activities. Joe is an active member of NJID-Access Arts, and he has performed in more than a dozen live performances and video presentations.

But despite the many changes and transitions that Joe has faced, his faith in God remains the center of his life, the never-changing constant. His prayer life is rich and brings him comfort, reassurance, and strength; Joe's faith sustains him. As a past member of the Knights of Columbus, Joe maintains bonds with church ministers and friends. Joe also values his calls and visits with his brother and his family. They often reminisce about their fond memories of their mother and days long past. With quiet strength and determination, Joe continues to set the course for his life. His perseverance is a quiet inspiration to all who know him. Simply, Joe does not give up... and he continues to create a life of fulfillment and satisfaction no matter what challenges come his way.



ROBERT PROST



Please join us in congratulating Robbie Prost - Oaks' 2024 NJACP STAR Award Honoree.

Robbie prost has a big heart and a free soul; he makes people feel as though checking in on them is an important part of his day. Robbie routinely asks, "What did you have for breakfast last night?" with a head nod, a hand on the hip, and light tap of the foot, while greeting people each morning. He enjoys light-hearted pranks and making others laugh while making himself laugh too. Robbie volunteers himself to his peers and staff; no matter the task or challenge, Robbie wants to be a part of it. Robbie was recently promoted to interim Program Supervisor for the day and made sure everyone was where they were supposed to be, and doing what they were

supposed to be doing. Robbie is a social butterfly and triumphed in his accomplishment. In fact, Robbie has overcome great obstacles to accomplish many of his goals.

Robbie came to Oaks as an emergency placement after his mother had a medical issue; Robbie was later transferred into permanent residential placement at Oaks Integrated Care. Robbie struggled to cope with the trauma of his environmental change. This transition left him attempting to navigate a new environment without his family support system and his limited ability to communicate his wants, needs and frustrations. During the transition,



Robbie exhibited some challenging behaviors and required constant supervision. Communication was one of Robbie's biggest obstacles. Through his challenges, Robbie wanted nothing more than to be understood and heard.



Robbie has developed a larger-than-life personality. He has been integrated from emergency placement to a home he can call his own. He enjoys waking up each day to see who is on the schedule to work with him and is eagerly ready to assist with breakfast and the cleanup crew afterwards. Robbie is very clever and has familiarized himself with his computer and will frequently search for new activities to try with staff and identify places he would like to travel to. Over the years, Robbie's communication skills have evolved, allowing him to successfully participate in larger groups that focus on

vocational skill building and learning new abilities to apply and obtain future employment. Robbie enjoys trips into the community with his peers multiple times a week and could probably be a tour guide for a National Park or a ride attendant at an amusement park. He has formed trusting relationships with both staff and peers and now calmly vocalizes his emotions, wants, and needs. Robbie has effectively identified and enhanced positive coping skills that allow him to remain calm and patient during high stress situations. Robbie no longer elopes and takes pride in being responsible for his lifesaver watch, removing it before his nightly routine and charging it before bed. After struggling to find his footing and navigate his new life, Robbie now focuses on this morning's breakfast, not yesterday's.



MICHAELA CADEN



OTC Services is thrilled to nominate Michaela Caden for the NJACP Stars award. Since joining our program in April 2023, Michaela has undergone an incredible transformation. Initially struggling with anxiety, she only attended the program one day a week, often seeking individual attention from staff members and requesting to be picked up early. However, over time, Michaela's confidence has grown and her attendance and participation has drastically increased.

Now, she is a dedicated participant, never missing a day and eagerly anticipating each upcoming outing. In the past year, she has embraced a variety of experiences, from exploring historic museums to enjoying nature in parks across the tri-state area. She even initiated some ideas for outings herself.



Michaela participated in a special tour of the Voorhees Animal Shelter. Michaela not only interacted with the animals but also collaborated with her peers in crafting a thank you sign for the shelter. Michaela was so inspired by the animals that she is now helping to organize a donation drive for dog food for the shelter.

Not only has Michaela flourished personally, but she has also become a valued and welcoming member of our day program community. Michaela interacts with new peers as they start the program to help make them feel more comfortable and always lends a helping hand to others when needed. At program, she has developed her independent skills and continues to demonstrate a keen awareness of her peers' needs, often alerting staff members when assistance is required.

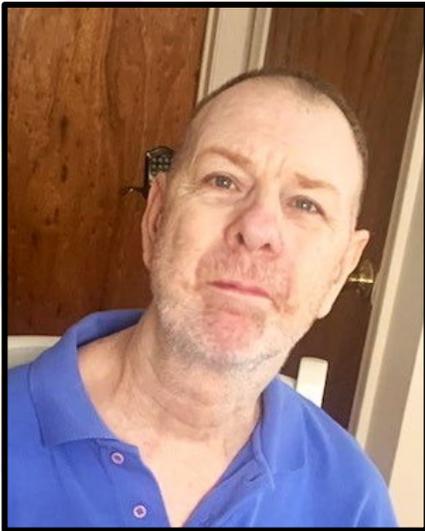


From her initial shyness, Michaela has blossomed into a confident and active participant in our program. We are eager to watch Michaela shine and continue to maximize her potential. Her dedication, compassion, and enthusiasm

make her an exceptional candidate for this award.



JOHN YUSKAITIS



Partnerships for People, Inc. is delighted to have nominated John Yuskaitis as our 2024 NJACP Stars! Awards nominee and recipient.

John resides in Linden, New Jersey and is a resident with Partnerships for People, Inc. John was nominated as a Stars Award recipient for having a "caring" and "big heart."

John has a love for house pets and volunteered to take on the responsibility for caring for his neighbor's cat, Princess, while his neighbor was away dealing with an emergent health issue. Ironically, at the same time, John was dealing with his own health challenges. Taking

care of Princess seemed to improve John's mood, made him more joyful and helped to improve his own healing process. This experience gave John something else to focus on, other than what he was going through personally.

John went to great lengths to ensure that Princess had food and water daily and that her litter box was clean and fresh. He offered Princess lots of affection, which she readily soaked up. Overall, John appeared much happier. If Princess only knew the impact that her friendship had on John!

Although his neighbor has now returned home, John continues to maintain a relationship with Princess and to help with her care.

On a personal note, John enjoys drinking a great cup of coffee in the afternoons while relaxing. His favorite food is a great steak or hamburger and don't forget the fries! He often enjoys the company of his neighbors and he also enjoys his time alone watching his favorite show, "Let's Make a Deal," which he never misses, along with some old western movies. John also spends time alone challenging himself with word search books and crossword puzzles.

He often reminisces about a Volvo he used to drive and recently requested an employee to take him to his brother's home to go for a ride in his Volvo that still sits in the driveway.

John's favorite color is blue and on occasion he loves to add more blue shirts to his wardrobe.

John is a champion at weathering any proverbial storm while welcoming a good conversation with anyone he meets and keeping a smile on his face.

John Yuskaitis is an exceptional individual, which is why he was nominated at PFP's 2024 NJACP Star!



KELLEY MARTIN



Kelley Martin is an outstanding example to all of us at PennReach. She is a bright star with her dazzling smile and warm appreciation for all people. She is often the first person at PennReach that people meet as she conducts the tours at the Fort Lee location, her home. She is happy to show prospective residents and their families the apartments, office and gym and regale them of her activities in the community and the special events they could attend like the PennReach Prom, summer picnic and sporting events.



Kelley came to us when we opened the Fort Lee location in 2020, having never lived on her own. She moved with her family's love and support and soon embraced having her own apartment and living on her own. She has continued her close relationship with her sister, nieces, and nephews.

She participates in the Special Olympics and is part of almost every event offered by PennReach. The party does not start without Kelley!

Kelley is a great advocate for herself and others. She is a woman with definite likes and preferences and is happy to share her dreams and priorities.

On moving into her own apartment, Kelley has continued to play an active role in her community.

Kelley volunteers her time on Sundays to teach Sunday School with the children. She also volunteers at the Animal Shelter, visiting the animals and helping the attendants. Kelley believes in giving back to her community; finding purpose in helping others.

We all find purpose in seeing Kelly enjoy life; finding ways to help others and make a difference in their lives. Kelley is truly a STAR in our eyes!



MYLES DEBBAGE

Family, friendships, independence, and trips to Wawa mean the world to our very own Myles Debbage.

Myles is a son, brother, uncle, and friend to all who encounter him.

QMA has serviced Myles for over 20 years. We've watched him grow into the man he is today.

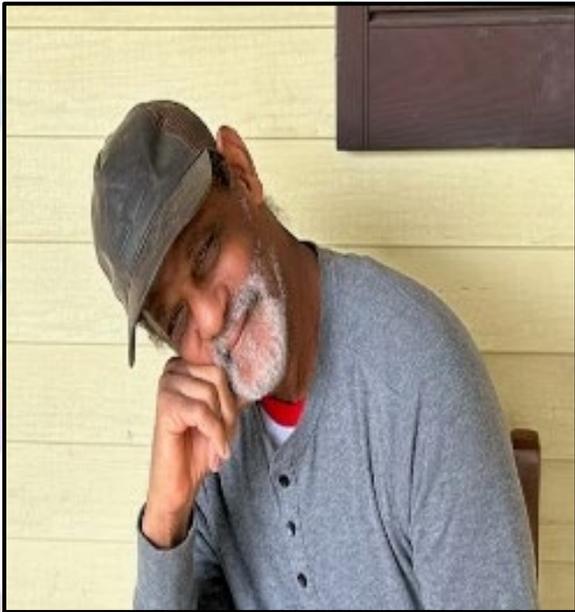
He has a very close relationship with his family and enjoys spending time with them. He has built friendships with his long time housemates.

He has gained independence and worked hard to overcome adversity in completing things that others thought he could not do.

We are so proud of Myles's commitment and dedication to being the best version of himself!



VICTOR CLAIMONT



It is with much pride and great pleasure that ResCare NJ nominates Victor Claymont for the 2024 STARS Award. Victor moved into his current group home in Willingboro NJ in 2019. Victor has made great strides in his transition to his home and earned the nickname of “The Mayor of Tillman.” Victor, although retired, has become very active and willing to engage in a variety of activities with his staff.

Victor is a charming, friendly individual but most of all he has a huge heart and is very caring. He likes to make sure his housemates have what they need to be happy and safe and makes it his mission to ensure that one close friend is cared for. Victor is always willing to lend a hand and is up and waiting for his friend to return from the day program, at which time he will welcome him home, assist him with preparing

a snack and setting his place at the table. Victor will alert staff if he feels his friend needs assistance, because Victor wants to ensure his friend’s day-to-day life is enjoyable.

Victor has been working on his ability to trust his staff and cooperate with such things as medical appointments, medication administration and fire evacuation. This year Victor was struggling with managing his health and cooperating with regular medication administration. However, once we explained the importance to Victor and included him in the administration process, he has begun to take his medication daily. Like all adults Victor likes to have a sense of control and once he feels he is part of the decision-making process he thoroughly enjoys the benefits.

Victor has been a great addition to our ResCare NJ family; we are thrilled to see him demonstrate his autonomy and independence by taking an active part in his day-to-day care, which includes maintaining his own health by cooperating with medical appointments, testing and medication administration. Others continue to benefit from Victor being a caring and friendly individual.

Our goal, along with Victor, is to continue enhancing his activity level by expanding his community involvement, and to engage in positive and healthy outcomes allowing Victor to enjoy all aspects of his life. We are proud to nominate Mr. Victor Claymont for the 2024 STARS award and know that his hard work, energy, and positive attitude will result in even more triumphs.



JORDAN HOGAN



SERV Achievement Centers is thrilled to nominate Jordan H. for the 2024 NJACP STARS award for his kindness, generosity and care for his housemates and others around him. Jordan autonomously works on his ADLs daily and communicates to his support staff if he needs assistance. He writes reminders for himself to accomplish daily tasks like brushing his teeth, cleaning his glasses, taking out his trash, folding his clothes and putting his laundry away neatly to ensure he correctly completes these tasks. Jordan helps not only himself but also his housemates around his home. He will obtain snacks and drinks for his housemates every day after the day program and ensure they are ready each morning before the day program. Jordan always engages his housemates to help each other and support staff around their home. He expresses how much he cares for his housemates and appreciates living together in one house.

Not only does Jordan help with chores in his Group Home, but he also emulates those same skills at his day program, PAC Mercer. Jordan is the first to aid day program staff and his colleagues when needed to complete any task. Jordan communicates his interests and hobbies during the day and chooses which of his goals to work on. There is not a day that goes by when Jordan is not helping someone or offering help to make things easier for his friends and support staff.

Jordan is an active community member and has expressed interest in obtaining a job and receiving a paycheck. He is eagerly working with the DVRS job coach to achieve this goal. He requested assistance from his program staff to create a resume and practice the interview process. Jordan dreams of working in a grocery store, bagging, and organizing shopping karts. He also communicated to his SERV family throughout the year that he would like to learn to count money and eventually be able to hold a certain amount weekly. When Jordan receives money to spend, he always knows which items to purchase on his behalf and writes out a shopping list for his Manager.

Jordan enjoys bowling, horseback riding, dancing, crossword puzzles, and word searches. He has a bowling ball with his name engraved and bowling shoes. Jordan bowls at Hamilton Bowling Lanes with his housemates and support staff. He participates weekly in bowling and eventually wants to join a league with his friends. Jordan also attends monthly dances through Princeton Special Sports and Dances. He meets up with friends from other provider agencies, and they dance the night away!

In summary, Jordan advocates for himself and his peers. He knows what he wants and is always willing to express those wants, needs, and desires. Jordan is an attribute to SERV and others around him. When he puts his mind to something, he is persistent and will not give up hope for his dream. For this reason, we enthusiastically nominate Jordan H. for the 2024 NJACP STARS Award!



STEVEN HYATT



Steven Hyatt, as a young man with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (IDD), faced many challenges growing up. However, with determination, support, and a positive attitude, he transformed his life and is thriving in his day program and inspiring his peers to achieve their potential.

Steven's journey was not easy. Diagnosed with IDD at a young age, he struggled with communication and social skills. School was difficult; he often felt isolated and misunderstood. Despite these challenges, Steven's family encouraged him to pursue his dreams, fostering his love for helping others.

Steven's turning point came when he enrolled in Their Place, formally known as Disability Allies. Here, he found his passion for community service and realized the impact he could make. The program provided him with the skills and confidence needed to interact with others and develop his leadership abilities. Steven's leadership and empathy have created a supportive environment for others.

Steven's journey from facing numerous challenges to becoming a successful leader and advocate for individuals with IDD is truly inspirational. He not only helps his peers excel but also helps to showcase the incredible potential within everyone, proving that with determination and support, any obstacle can be overcome.

Steven's Words: "Their Place always finds a way to make you feel a part of something bigger than yourself. There are always great opportunities for me to take on & try. We are a big family here that goes on trips, cooks at the program, learn different lessons that teach character building & self-advocacy. I always feel welcome here. Most importantly, they have shown me how to use my own voice effectively & how to be a better leader. & it's a judgement free zone that accepts you for who are. We really hope that you choose to join us so you can also experience the amazing opportunities that Their place has to offer."

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—Omar N. Bradley**



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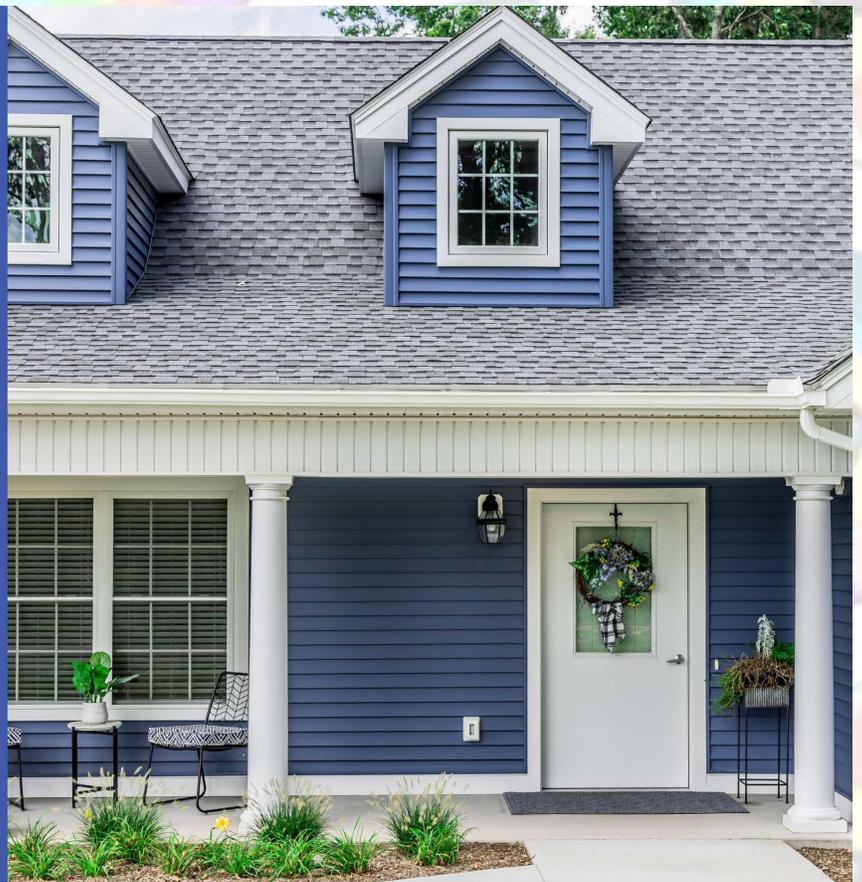
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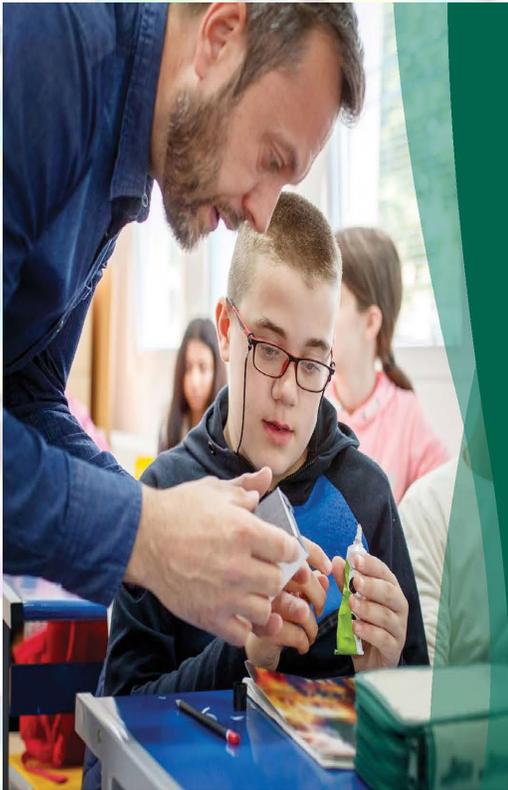
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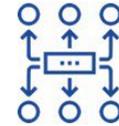
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