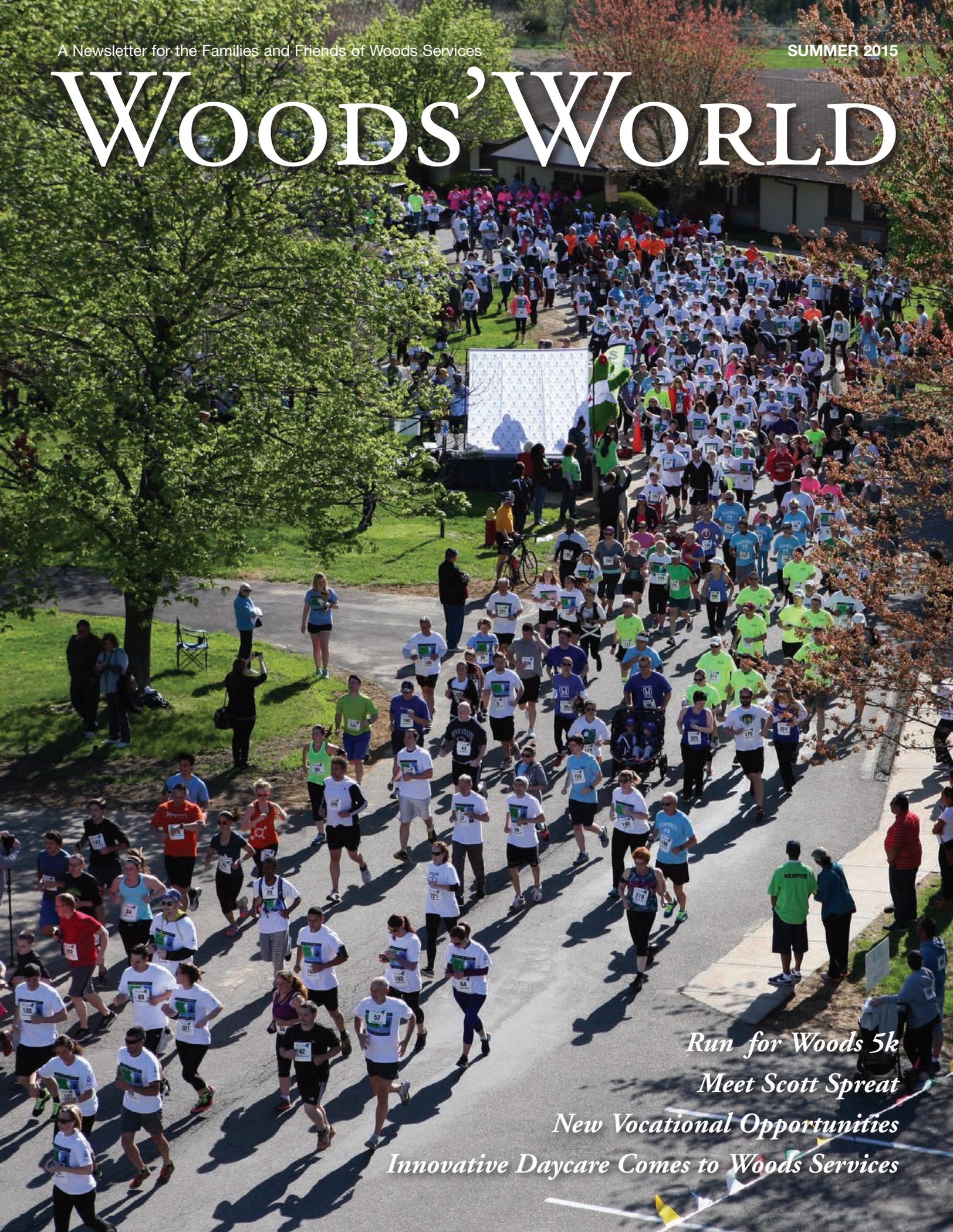


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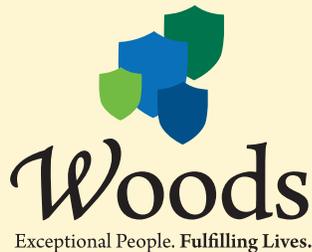


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Home Run for Woods 5k

On May 2nd, 950 people ran, walked and rolled their way through Langhorne and around the Woods Services campus in order to make a difference in the lives of individuals with special needs. Sponsored by the Faulkner-Ciocca auto dealerships, by all accounts, this first time event was a tremendous success.

Sponsorships and donations made up the bulk of the \$227,000 raised that will enable Woods Services to continue valuable programming that isn't covered by fees paid for services. The dealerships formed eleven teams that helped to raise support and drew about 150 participants. Joe Faulkner, partner in the Faulkner-Ciocca dealerships, and his wife, Mary, also formed "Team Mikey" in honor of their son who receives supports from Woods Services.

The opening ceremonies included a greeting and thanks from Diana Ramsay, the President of Woods, parent company for Woods Services. She was followed by Jason Speer, who was captain of the Maplewood Cheetahs, a team consisting of young men served by



Woods Services, their staff and family members. Jason delivered a personal thank you on behalf of the 600 people who will benefit from the generous support raised by the Run for Woods participants. And finally, Miss Teen Pennsylvania, Jasmine Daniels welcomed everyone and was followed by Lisa Farrell, a singer/songwriter who performed the Star Spangled Banner. A color guard from the Jesse Soby American Legion Post in Langhorne presented the flags and cheerleaders from North Penn High School gave a rousing chant to inspire the runners.

Race day weather was perfect. The Phillie Phanatic was on-hand to greet everyone as only he can,

thrusting his rotund stomach at anyone who ignored his advances! He also helped to kick-off the event and strolled a portion of the one-mile walk. Roughly three miles of the 5k course ran through the idyllic and historic town of Langhorne. Numerous runners commented about how much they enjoyed the encouragement from Woods' neighbors who lined the streets and cheered them on.

The one mile course remained on Woods Services' campus. The 5k fastest runner, 17 year old Jerrica Bauer, completed the course in 19:14. She was followed by David Oyler at 19:27 and Gordon Szabo at 19:37. Every event participant received a run medal as they crossed

the finish line.

Awards were given to the top three women and men as well as top three male and female winners in seven age categories. Dr. Scott Spreat, President/CEO of Woods Services, opened the Awards Ceremony by presenting State Representative Frank Farry with the Woods Services Humanitarian Award in appreciation of his ongoing support of Woods Services and our individuals and staff, as well as his dedication to serving the local community. Farry serves as the Fire Chief for the Langhorne-Middletown Fire Company and sits on the boards of numerous organizations.

Dr. Spreat also gave a shout out to our friends at the Langhorne Borough Business Association (LBBA). The LBBA combined their annual run in Langhorne (in honor of Clayton Thomas) with the Run for Woods and we were grateful for their support. After awards, lunch was served while the crowd listened and danced to the band A Sharp.



Later, Bourelly O.N.E. gave a karate demonstration.

Speaking about the attendance, V.P. for Development at Woods Services, Hilary Stephens said, "We were stunned by the response to Run for Woods. We actually had to stop taking registrations a week before the event because we wanted to be sure we could provide a good experience for everyone."

Registrations doubled two

weeks before the event sparking the pre-registration closing. The event planners now have a better idea of what to expect for next year and will be able to plan accordingly. The Faulkner-Ciocca Dealerships have offered their lead sponsorship again next year, so it looks like Run for Woods 2016 is already shaping up to be an even bigger success! We hope you will plan to join us on Sunday, May 1, 2016!



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START at Woods Services

The START (Short-Term Autism Residential Treatment) program serves children and adolescents diagnosed with autism or other pervasive developmental disorders who are experiencing significant behaviors beyond what is typical for them. Oftentimes, these behaviors are due to a separate co-morbid mental health disorder. These severe behaviors impact and limit their functioning in all settings, but especially at home and in school.

START provides intensive treatment services to address each individual's behavioral and emotional challenges. The clinicians work closely with both the individual and their families by providing therapy, parent training, case management, and other clinical services as needed. The main objective is to help the individual return to his or her home and school as quickly as possible. Staff Counselors assigned to the START program are active team members who provide care and treatment both at Woods as well as in the family's home during the transition process.

The START program utilizes evidenced-based behavior therapy principles that are aimed at enabling individuals to communicate in ways that are more functional, socially acceptable, and safe. In most cases, students attend school at Woods Services in a classroom that meets their individual needs.

Since the program opened two years ago, START has had 26 admissions and 14 discharges; 12 of them returned back to their homes and two went on to residential placements. The first family to experience START told Dr. Carolyn Appleton, Clinical Director of START, that the program saved their family. Upon their daughter's discharge, the parents felt equipped with new ways to help her manage her behavior, and were supported by community agencies that were sought out prior to her leaving Woods Services. She continues to make meaningful progress in these environments towards management of her behaviors/emotions, functional communication, and independence.

Dr. Carolyn Appleton joined Woods in December 2012. She received her Ph.D. from Drexel University and worked as a Family Consultant at the Center for Autism and as a Family Crisis Therapist for the Terry Children's Psychiatric Center. Her vision for START is simple: provide hope to families who have tried other programs with limited success and empower them through new evidenced-based treatments and intensive clinical support.

"Reunification is the ultimate driving force here at START, with every opportunity seen as a therapeutic moment to move these individuals closer to that goal," she states. Additionally, she hopes to partner with agencies in the community in order to propel Woods towards being known as a leader in the field of autism and behavior change. "Woods Services has a lot to offer individuals and families in need of intensive treatment and the potential for developing additional services for the local communities as well as other professionals in need of training is a real and exciting possibility."

Betsy Gard Summer Concert Series

Betsy Gard, a longtime Woods Services resident, had a love for music and dancing. That's why after she passed away last winter, her family decided to pay-it-forward by sponsoring a summer concert series for our residents. The ten week series, which began on May 19th welcomed a variety of different musicians and musical styles to Langhorne. The series has been a big hit amongst attendees.

Weather permitting, the concerts take place outdoors on Redwood Circle, just across the street from where Betsy resided. "It's such a nice tribute to her," said Beth O'Toole, Assistant Director of Mollie Woods Recreation, "I know Betsy has been at every show so far, and she's dancing and smiling down on all of us."

Meet Scott Spreat

This is an interesting time in Woods Services' one hundred-plus year history. The organization that was created by Mollie Woods to serve children with exceptional needs and serve as a resource to the industry is now part of a system consisting of five affiliate organizations that collaborate to provide supports and services to children and adults who have disabilities.

The parent company for these five affiliate organizations was established in the 1990s originally to manage the growth of several new programs for Woods Services and to acquire Brian's House. The umbrella organization, Woods (also known as Woods Resources), now also provides oversight for Allies, Archway Programs and Tabor Services.

Diana Ramsay provided the vision and strategy for both Woods and Woods Services from July 2011 to June 2014 when the Woods Trustees made a decision that would bring about important changes for both organizations. The Board felt it was time to have a dedicated leadership team for each of these organizations and subsequently asked Diana and COO, Peter Shubiak, to assume responsibility for the parent company and asked Diana to hire a President/CEO for Woods Services.

Diana felt it was important that the new President/CEO was an internal candidate who had an understanding of Woods Services and its mission, and someone who was respected and a collaborator. She didn't have to look farther than her executive team. Dr. Scott Spreat who was then V.P. for Behavioral Health accepted her offer. He in turn hired Mike Haggerty, a 27-year veteran of Woods Services as its next Chief Operating Officer.

One year has passed since Scott Spreat was named the seventh President and CEO for Woods Services and we thought it might be a good time to check in with him.



What was Woods Services' biggest challenge this past year?

The biggest challenge this year was the surprise \$2 million increase in pension costs. Because people are living longer and are entitled to pension payments longer, the IRS mandated that more current life expectancy tables had to be used to estimate pension contributions. This change resulted in a 40% increase in pension expenses for Woods Services in a single year, and it was not expected. I was committed to giving a pay raise to staff, and in order to both provide the raise and pay our pension costs, it was necessary to make some substantial cuts. I think we have made these cuts without jeopardizing program quality, but making cuts is always an unpleasant challenge.

What are its most critical challenges going forward?

We are almost entirely government funded, and governments have been systematically underfunding social services for years. Note that the Pennsylvania general budget has gone up 90% over the past 20 years, but the budget for intellectual disability services has gone up only 20%. It is a constant struggle to get paid for the

services and supports we provide. In years past, Woods set its tuition rate(s), and funders, for the most part, paid those rates. This is no longer the case. We still set rates, but a number of large funders refuse to honor our rates. They pay something less, but still require the same quality services and supports.

In 2013, 32.5% of Pennsylvania agencies that provide services to people with intellectual disability lost money. One must question how long an industry can endure such a situation. This problem of underfunding will likely worsen as baby boomers begin to need increased levels of in-home or nursing home support.

What opportunities do you see for Woods Services in the future?

The development of a specialized program to support people with intensive behavioral needs. I'm envisioning a program that offers innovative behavioral treatment to enhance the welfare of people with disabilities. We have also discussed a couple of less intensive behavioral programs, and over the next several years, I'd like to see us establish ourselves as regional leaders in the treatment of severe behavior problems.

While I anticipate a continuing need for

campus-based programs, I am convinced that community programs are successful and can offer excellent qualities of life for persons in the community. Our own limited community-based endeavors in the Langhorne area confirm this. Over time, I hope to increase Woods Services footprint in the community.

Today, approximately 11% of Woods Services residential customers live in community homes. This will have to increase and we've begun to make strides. The Mollie Woods Program will add a Philadelphia-based group home to its community programs over the next couple of months, and we anticipate opening a second one soon after. We anticipate offering a Bucks County-based community home for a Crestwood graduate, and plans are underway to propose a special treatment home in Mercer County (NJ).

There is also the possibility for increased outpatient services. Beechwood NeuroRehab is offering an increased level of services to persons living in the nearby community. Overall, there are 58 individuals participating in some sort of day only program at Woods Services, mostly through the Gardner Education Center and Beechwood NeuroRehab. We hope to continue this.

Some families are concerned about the elimination of workshops as a vocational opportunity for their loved ones. How is Woods reacting to and preparing for this?

Advocates view workshops as places that segregate people with disabilities and keep them from participating in the mainstream of community employment. Supporters of workshops view them as appropriate vocational alternatives for people with disabilities. I suppose that the truth lies somewhere in the middle.

I would like to see more individuals with intellectual disability employed in the community; I'd like to see more individuals without disability employed in the community as well. While we are technically not in a recession, economic growth is modest at best and jobs remain hard to find whether one has a disability or not. The realities of our local economy impose real limits on our ability to place individuals in supported employment, and frankly, the behaviors and physical limitations of some of our customers contribute to this challenge of finding supported community jobs.

I have concerns that while community employment is an excellent goal, I am not convinced that it can be reached to the extent advocates would like. I recently completed a 15-year longitudinal study (with Jim Conroy) of employment of Oklahoma citizens who have intellectual disability and who lived in the community for the entire 15 years of the study. At the beginning of the study, about 40% of the sample worked in supported employment and about 40% worked in sheltered workshops. After 15 years, about 40% still worked in supported community employment, but the percentage of workshop workers fell to about 10%. Where did they go? Clearly not to supported employment as hoped. I fear that the elimination of sheltered workshops will simply lead to unemployment for a large number of individuals.

One approach that I find appealing is the creation of our own community-based jobs. The kiosk in the Oxford

Valley Mall where clients and staff sell products to the community was an initial step. Mike Haggerty and I have discussed the possibility of creating a Yellow Daffodil in the community that would provide jobs for both Woods Services individuals and for persons in the community. Another intriguing idea was developed by a program in Maryland. They seek contracts from larger companies to do cleaning and related types of services and they then train people with disabilities to perform these jobs.

The future with regard to employment will be interesting, and I suspect that there will be lots of opportunities for agencies that are creative in the development of meaningful vocational activities. Given the nature of funding for our sheltered workshop, I don't see major changes coming from outside of Woods; we will continue to try to expand modestly and safely into the community for vocational opportunities.

Adequate funding for people with ID/DD seems to be declining. Is this true, and if so, how does that impact Woods?

I wouldn't say that funding is declining; it just isn't keeping up. Our costs go up. We want to give staff raises. We want to refine our services. We want to maintain our property. With each passing year, this task becomes more difficult. Our margin (revenue in excess of expenses) this year is going to be just a little over 1%. This is really cutting things close, and it stands as a tribute to the skills of our management staff who have created this margin. As I noted before, many programs like ours are losing money. Relatively speaking, Woods Services is doing well, but our industry is not healthy.

Ultimately, the funding shortfall will result in increased merger and acquisition activity because certain economies of scale can be achieved by larger organizations. Smaller companies simply won't be able to afford to continue.

Woods Services has the advantage of having multiple funding agencies so we

don't "have all our eggs in one basket." This affords some protections not available to single funder agencies like our affiliate Brian's House.

How can people help Woods Services?

Advocate for improved funding. I guess the 70% differential between the general state budget and the budget for intellectual disability services says it all. The target for intervention and support has to be the legislature. We cannot allow the continued existence of a waiting list, nor can we allow the continued underfunding of existing services. The legislatures of PA, NJ, and NY need to be convinced that people with disabilities have legitimate needs for support, and that insufficient support has been provided. This sort of advocacy can only come from families.

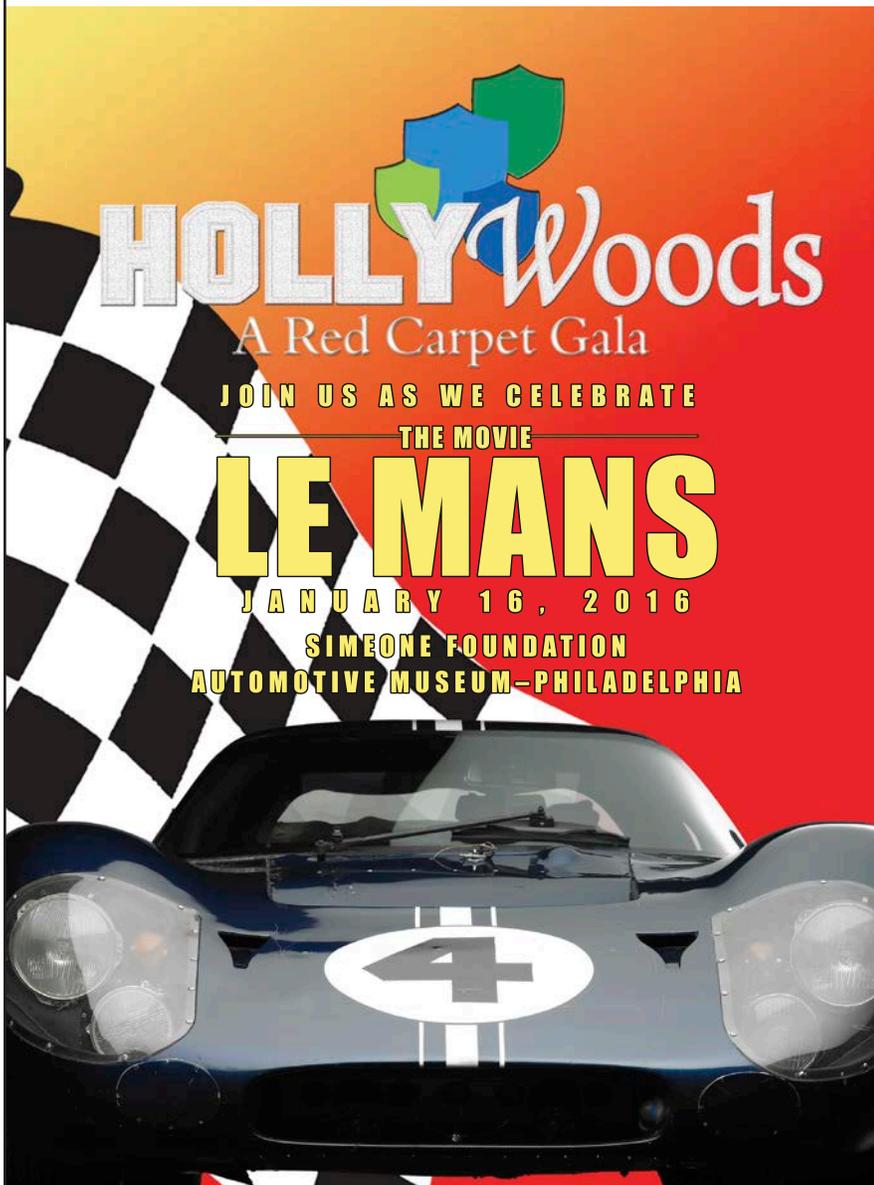
As a Woods Services employee since 1992, I have observed first-hand the tradition of supporting and caring for individuals that pervades this organization. I have had the opportunity to witness our residents learn, grow, and become more independent. I've watched children become adults with much greater levels of independence, and I've seen the care with which Woods Services supports older people through the difficult aging process. I fully expect to continue in the tradition established by Mollie Woods over one hundred years ago of providing the high quality individualized supports and services that enable people with disabilities or challenges to lead fulfilling lives.

After one year in the job, I continue to appreciate the opportunity to lead this historic organization. At the same time, I am humbled by the responsibilities that this opportunity entails. Woods Services does face significant challenges over the next several years, but I am confident that our high quality staff and committed parents will help us to continue to offer high quality services and supports.

Dr. Scott Spreat joined Woods Services in 1992 as the Administrator of Clinical Services. He was responsible for designing, opening and running the Woodlands program for children with behavioral challenges and served as its Executive Director before being promoted to Vice President for Behavioral Health in 2005.

In recent years, Dr. Spreat has been our key liaison with Harrisburg legislators and serves on the board of PAR, the largest intellectual disability provider organization in Pennsylvania. He was a member of the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disability's Terminology and Classification Task Force and served in the work group that developed the definition of Intellectual Disability. He has published 78 journal articles, 12 book chapters, 3 books (co-editor), and two humor articles. He received his doctorate in Educational Psychology from Temple University, and he is a licensed psychologist.

Michael D. Haggerty's career with Woods Services spans 27 years. He's served as Residential Director in both the Mollie Woods and Woodlands Programs and was pivotal in the creation of both the Crestwood and Woodlands programs. Most recently, Mr. Haggerty served as Administrator of those programs and was instrumental in the development of START, a Short Term Autism Residential Treatment program.



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WOODS SERVICES GETS *Musical*

On Saturday, March 28th Woods Services and The Conservatory co-sponsored “Sounds of Excellence” a sensory friendly concert at the Kimmel Center for Performing Arts. About 300 music lovers came out for a 45-minute show featuring musicians and vocalists. Some individuals “listened” to the music by standing and letting their hands feel the vibrations on the stage floor, others clapped along and got the whole audience involved. It was the first concert for many, and it’s certain to be a memory that will last a lifetime. Although the concert was mostly Woods attendees, there were several audience members who joined us from the local community.

The Kimmel Center concert was held in honor of Stephen Francisco, a longtime Woods resident with a love of music! Stephen’s sisters, Jane Francisco and Mary Miller, gave a gift to Woods that provides music instruction and entertainment to individuals in our adult program that is provided by The Conservatory. The musical offerings occur in the residences as well as the Holland Enrichment day program.

“Margret attends the music sessions at Holland and typically has trouble adjusting to changes in routine and isn’t the most agreeable when it comes to trying new things,” said Becky Leach, Holland Manager, “but once we introduced her to the music program, she really wanted to go and loves Katie, the teacher. Another young man, Paul, smiles throughout the entire session and yells ‘That’s so good’ after each song!”

The Conservatory, a non-profit organization, offering a wide range of high quality arts education and performance programs in music, art, and drama, was awarded a grant from Foundations Community Partnership that enables them to also provide music classes to Woods Services individuals 21 and under—so everyone gets to join in on the fun! Those who weren’t able to regularly participate in musical instruction before, can now take part in weekly sessions and gain an appreciation for music of all types.

Music Therapists from The Conservatory visit Woods Services twice a week to provide music instruction, in addition to regularly scheduled music classes through our education department. The therapists introduce new instruments during each visit and allow students to explore, ask questions and try each one. Individuals that prefer to put their vocal talents to good use, were encouraged to participate in an eight week choral program. The Conservatory’s Choir Director and Pianist visited weekly and directed two choir sessions, each with twelve aspiring singers. All 24 chorus members performed group and solo numbers during a concert which was attended by their staff and peers. According to one concertgoer, *I Believe I Can Fly* and *You Raise Me Up* were amongst the biggest hits for the choir groups.

In addition to the on-campus sessions and lessons, residents travel to Doylestown once a month for a 45-minute recital. Recital attendees are permitted to dance, sing, rock, clap and whatever else they are moved to do. The Conservatory grant expired in June, but the organization is in the process of re-applying and is hoping to continue providing these services through next year.





Beechwood NeuroRehab Awarded Contract for the Assisted Living Pilot Program for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury

Earlier this year, the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) announced the award of contracts for the Assisted Living Pilot Program for Veterans with Traumatic Brain Injury (AL-TBI), and Beechwood NeuroRehab is proud to be one of the recipients.

“We are pleased to extend this valuable program and provide specialized assisted living services to eligible Veterans with traumatic brain injury that will enhance their rehabilitation, quality of life and community integration,” said Dr. Carolyn Clancy, VA’s Interim Under Secretary for Health, “TBI is one of the prevalent wounds of the recent wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and VA remains committed to taking care of those Veterans suffering from TBI.”

Under the AL-TBI program, Veterans meeting the eligibility criteria are placed in private sector TBI residential care facilities specializing in neurobehavioral rehabilitation. The program offers team-based care and assistance in areas such as speech, memory and mobility. Approximately 202 Veterans participated in the AL-TBI Pilot Program in 47 facilities located in 22 states. Currently, 101 Veterans participate in the pilot as VA continues to accept new eligible patients into the program.

Beechwood NeuroRehab is one of 20 programs in 27 states to receive this special contract. The pilot program will remain in effect through October 2017.

“Those with Intellectual Disability and Mental Illness need no longer be alien to our affection or beyond the help of our communities.” –spoken by President John F. Kennedy upon his signing into law the Community Mental Health Act of 1963. JFK’s nephew and former U.S. Rep. Patrick Kennedy reminded us of these poignant words during his keynote address at the dedication ceremony for the Stabler NeuroRehab Center.

Representative Kennedy served sixteen years in the U.S. House of Representatives, and is predominantly known as author and lead sponsor of the Mental Health Parity and Addiction Equity Act of 2008. Now, Rep. Kennedy is the co-founder of One Mind for Research, a national coalition seeking new treatments and cures for neurologic and psychiatric diseases of the brain afflicting one in every three Americans. One Mind for Research is dedicated to dramatic enhancements in funding and collaboration in research across all brain disorders in the next decade.

The Clubhouse Model at Woods Services, the 17th such program in the country, stands as an example of everything Patrick Kennedy’s family has always believed in – supporting individuals’ strengths and celebrating their abilities. The Clubhouse caters to individuals’ needs for life skills development while the members perform the functions needed to keep the Clubhouse running daily.

The Clubhouse is organized into five clubs that focus on culinary, horticulture and maintenance, recreation, communications and Beechtree product development. The goal is to empower “members” to support each other in accomplishing the work of the Clubhouse, while offering socialization and interpersonal skill development. The hope is that people develop skills that they can apply to employment in the community.

Beechwood NeuroRehab also works with the Pennsylvania Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR) in placing individuals in jobs in the community. They offer the full spectrum of job services that includes coaching and placement.

The Stabler NeuroRehab Center cost \$2.1 million to renovate and was funded by a \$1 million grant from the Donald B. and Dorothy J. Stabler Foundation as well as donations from supporters of Woods Services. In addition to the Clubhouse, the Center has space for a variety of therapies including physical, occupational, speech, cognitive, neuro-psychological and occupational programs.



CONSERVATION HEROS

Our organization continues to partner with the Philadelphia Zoo in its critical global conservation effort to save the rainforests from deforestation so that the natural habitat for many tropical animals remains intact. Our students have studied the rainforest habitat, particularly orangutans and Sumatran tigers, and have developed numerous informational displays and flyers that help to raise awareness.

For our individuals, who are often on the receiving end of support from others, this project provides them with a unique opportunity to be a champion for someone else; in this case, animals.

From the Zoo's website:

"Palm oil is the world's most widely produced vegetable oil. It can be found in almost 50% of the packaged foods we eat and in many shampoos, cosmetics, lotions and cleaning products. In the last decade, close to 80% of deforestation in the Sumatra peatlands was driven by the expansion of non-sustainable palm oil plantations, costing orangutans and other endangered wildlife valuable habitat they need to survive.

Plantations for pulp and paper are responsible for roughly 30% of Indonesia's forest loss while an expansion of industrial logging in the Democratic Republic of the Congo threatens the second largest tropical rainforest in the world. Gorillas, tigers, orangutans, and other animals living in tropical forests are losing habitat as plantations for palm oil and pulp and paper expand to meet growing global demand.

Because the palm oil industry is a significant economic driver for millions of people who live in Sumatra and Borneo, avoiding or boycotting palm oil is not the answer. The good news is oil palm can be grown without destroying rainforests. By driving demand for palm oil that's "deforestation-free," reducing waste, and reusing and recycling paper products, project advocates can help protect the forests where gorillas and other wildlife live."

Sustainable (de-forestation-free) palm oil is grown on land that has already been cleared rather than destroying additional rainforest. Manufacturers are being encouraged to use only sustainable palm oil in their production process and be certain that its vendors and suppliers are doing the same and to trace the palm oil back to its original source to be certain it is truly sustainable.

How Can you Help?

1. Choose products made by companies that have committed to using certified sustainable palm oil.
2. Check product labels when you shop to see who manufactures the brands you buy. Become familiar with the various ingredient names of palm oil so that you know the products to avoid.
3. Share what you know with your family and friends and anyone who will listen. Help others to understand environmental conservation, and how we can help save the orangutans and tigers from becoming extinct.
4. Contact companies, manufacturers and retailers and ask them to use only certified sustainable palm oil in the products they produce or in the products they sell in their stores.
5. Stop the junk mail you don't want. Using less paper saves trees and energy to save wildlife. An estimated 90 billion pieces of junk mail are sent to US households every year, enough to stretch halfway to the moon. One of the biggest immediate threats to the survival of endangered animals like great apes and tigers is the destruction of their habitat for pulp and paper.

You can register on these sites to stop unwanted mail:

www.catalogchoice.org, www.dmachoice.org

By driving demand for palm oil that's "deforestation-free," reducing waste, and reusing and recycling paper products, advocates can help protect the forests where gorillas and other wildlife live.

New Vocational Opportunities



kiosk opened in the Oxford Valley Mall in November, which gave workers real-world employment experience. Opening just in time for the holiday rush, the booth sold holiday ornaments and wreaths, soaps, candles and holiday flower arrangements. Kiosk employees assisted with sales and stocking, as well as making and creating the items that were for sale.

The on-campus Yellow Daffodil, began branching out its services to reach more customers too. While they still specialize in flower arrangements, they now sell flower seeds, live plants, handmade greeting cards, artwork and other handmade

If you've visited Woods' campus in recent weeks you may have noticed a new addition—a little shop called *Common Grounds Café*. Located at 50 Woods Drive, just across from the Pozez Administration Building, *Grounds* is a coffee and convenience shop staffed by Woods' individuals. Employees are responsible for stocking shelves, taking inventory, assisting customers, operating the register, cleaning and more. The new and improved shop replaces the old Common Grounds coffee stand which was located in the E. Sherman Chase Employee Training Center.

Common Grounds is becoming a popular spot for Woods Services' employees to visit for lunch or to grab a quick snack. The shop now offers a salad bar, hand-dipped ice cream, bagels, wraps, soup, potato chips, candy bars, cereal and more. The store is open Monday thru Friday from 7:30AM until 4:30PM and is open to the public—a Common Grounds employee would be happy to serve you!

In addition to the new and improved coffee shop, Woods Services has also recently expanded services from the Yellow Daffodil. A

crafts. Hours of operation are 9AM to 4PM Monday thru Friday. You can also visit the Yellow Daffodil on Tuesdays and Wednesdays this summer at the Langhorne and Playwicki Farmers Markets respectively.

In addition to the vocational expansions, both Common Grounds and Yellow Daffodil now accept all major credit cards, which has increased sales in both shops.

Common Grounds and Yellow Daffodil offer Woods Services individuals job training that will provide excellent skill development and training as students prepare for supported and competitive work in the community.





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Innovative Daycare Comes to Woods Services



Tabor Innovation Academy of Langhorne opened in mid-July to serve the children of Woods Services staff and the community. The center will serve all children in the Langhorne and surrounding area from Infants through Kindergarten. Their hours of operation are from 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Tabor Innovation Academy utilizes a fun, project-based approach to learning. Through engaging hands-on projects, children will learn the skills they need to share ideas, create products and learn to work together in small groups as they learn about the each other and the world around them.

Formerly in the Brookwood home, Tabor Innovation Academy provides ample space and 11 beautiful, age appropriate classrooms designed to facilitate learning in a way that blends the PA Learning Standards and a STEAM (Science - Technology - Engineering - Arts - Math) curriculum. The center participates with Keystone Stars and proudly employs certified teachers with degrees in Elementary and Early Childhood Education.

Please contact Mary Carpenter, Center Director at 856-750-4008 for additional information, to set up a tour for enrollment.

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