

Fall 2024!



A Message from Catherine McGillivray Executive Director



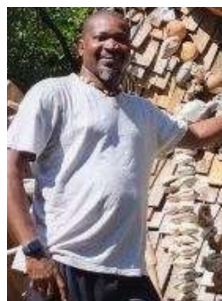
Hello My Dear Friends,

Recently, Gateways to Change partnered with other members of the Community Provider Network and hired a team of consultants from the University of Minnesota. The consultants' mission is to help us recruit, hire and support newly hired direct support professionals. They have conducted interviews with direct care staff, directors and administration. We will know their results by September 24th.



Heather Hotaling

Congratulations to Heather Hotaling, our Direct Support Professional of the Year. Heather works primarily in our day program but is also the first to volunteer for needed shifts in our residential homes. She is a wonderful woman and co-worker. She will be recognized along with her statewide peers at the Community Provider Network event later this month.



Dave Obaseki

I am also proud to recognize Noghayin "Dave" Obasekil from our Redbud Residential Program and Jimmy Afelaci from the Aspinet Residential Program as this season's Staff Spotlight. Dave has been a valuable employee since 2019 and willingly displays energy and compassion. He is always punctual and recognizes the value our folks possess. Dave enjoys spending time in the kitchen, whipping up the favorite meals for our folks. Jimmy is very respectful and cares deeply for our residents. He is always very positive, ready to lend a helping hand, and ensures that a task is completed fully and accurately.

More than 60 of our folks attended the RI Association of Elks annual cookout held at the Masonic Youth Center in Warwick.

Many thanks to Chairman Mark Eaton and the Elks members for treating us to a great party each year! In the blink of an eye the summer of 2024 has us wishing for more. We have had so much fun traveling to many different parks around the state. Once again, we had the privilege of having many individuals participate in Sail to Prevail out of Newport. It is such an amazing experience. We had picnics at the beach and threw pool parties and cookouts. Thanks to a generous grant from the John E. Fogarty



Lesley & Katie enjoy a harbor cruise



Chris & Osiris with Sail to Prevail

Foundation, we have partnered with Cornerstone Farm and introduced horseback riding and grooming activities. Not to mention, our Gateways Gators Special Olympic team played some amazing softball and brought home the Gold Medal. None of this could happen without the loving dedication of our wonderful staff.

On August 26th Gateways to Change presented the newly formed Moussally Family Charity Golf Tournament held at Crystal Lake Golf Club. A record 88 players joined us for a beautiful day on the links, helping us raise more than \$11,000. Thank you to

all the volunteers, players and sponsors who helped make this fundraiser the best yet. Needless to say, none of this could have happened without the 20 years of effort put forth by Roland and Louise Moussally and their family. Remarks from Roland and his son Phil captivated the crowd with the reasons the tournament funds are so important.

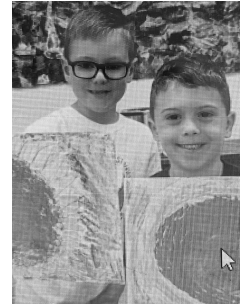


Jimmy Afelaci

A Message from Shannon Casey, Director Artists' Exchange



As we shift into fall, and prepare for our big 20th anniversary gallery show, we are reminded to slow down after the fast-paced summer. Summer camp saw record numbers of children with nearly every camp at full attendance and a huge 441 kiddos coming through the door. Some of our camps sold out with waitlists on the very first day of registration back in February. New for 2024, we ran a drawing camp for the families of TACO that was funded by a scholarship from their company, and we brought on several new teachers that each brought their own flair and fun to the camp day. After a very busy three months, we welcome the change in season and look forward to our upcoming events and fundraisers.



Alexander & Alexander, two best friends at Artist Camp

Save the Date

Artists' Exchange
20th Anniversary Retrospective
September 19th - November 27th

Gallery Opening Reception
September 19th 5-7pm
50 Rolfe Square, Cranston

20th Annual Gingerbread House
Decorating Contest
December 7th, 9am-5pm
50 Rolfe Square, Cranston



2024 Golf Tourney Champs- Dom Moreira, Cory McGuire, Brandon McGuire, Mike Botelho



Gateways Gators Unified Softball Gold Medalists

Thank you to the following donors:

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We anticipate 500 families will attend the event this year and it is all made possible by the generous support of our sponsors and volunteers. Your donation funds the cost of candy, frosting, staffing and countless smiles to our community.

I would like to contribute to the Artists' Exchange Gingerbread House Decorating Fundraiser:

\$50 _____

\$100 _____

\$250 _____

\$500 _____

\$1,000 _____

\$ _____

Please call me. I have thoughts to share _____

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