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From the Desk of Karen Adams-Gilchrist, President and CEO of Providence Center



*Providence Center's CEO
Karen Adams-Gilchrist*

Community. It is a word that is spoken by each of us at Providence Center multiple times a day. We believe in a community that benefits each of us and draws strength from our collective contributions. These beliefs push us day in and day out at Providence Center.

Community is a central theme in this issue of *That's Providence*. You'll read about Mike's Crab House, one of

our new community employer partners, and how Jessica is

contributing to their team. You'll hear from one of our parents who represents people with disabilities in our area at the state level. And you'll meet Carlos, who works at Papa John's Pizza and is making an impact on his community.

At Providence Center, we have been working hard to expand our community-based supports. As we have reported to you, federal mandates are directing providers across the country to support people in their community as much as possible. We believe this is the right thing to do.

In February, with help from a grant from the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council and Maryland Works, Providence Center began to develop and implement our plan to support people more fully in their community. This effort

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Employer Spotlight: *Mike's Crab House*

If you live in the Annapolis area, you have probably cracked open crabs on the riverfront deck at Mike's Crab House in Riva. Providence Center is fortunate to have this iconic seafood restaurant as one of our valued employer partners.

Jessica Woods works at Mike's where she rolls the silverware and napkins for guests. Jessica has been working to gain a job in her community since she graduated from Maryland School for the Blind. Her job at Mike's is her first paid job and she is happy to be part of the hardworking team at the restaurant.

Mike's Crab House was built on hard work and ambition. It was established in 1958 by Mike Piera who came to America from Cyprus as a young man with only a few dollars in his pocket. He and his wife Kathe built their business, which now includes a restaurant and bar, banquet area, a package goods store and a second location, Mike's North, in Pasadena. Manager Tony Piera said, "My dad always told us, if you work hard in this country, you can live the American dream." Tony and his three brothers continue to run the business today.



*Jessica Woods, who works at Mike's Crab House,
with Manager Tony Piera.*

Tony is pleased to have Jessica working at the restaurant and recommends other businesses consider employees supported by Providence Center. He said, "Jessica is getting the job done." He adds, "Having her here is very rewarding and a win-win for everyone involved."

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Meet Carlos

Carlos Incencio has been a member of the Providence Center family for many years. He enjoys taking advantage of the numerous opportunities Providence Center has to offer him and has been working towards greater community goals.

As part of the Community Connectors program, Carlos stepped out of his comfort zone and joined the Papa John's Pizza team a year ago. It is his job to distribute promotional flyers door to door to homes in the Cape St. Claire and Arnold areas. "I like distributing flyers and meeting the people," he said. His confidence and independence have increased. He's continually learning how to be more efficient by navigating obstacles such as avoiding "no soliciting areas" and hanging the flyers appropriately depending on the location.

Carlos is very proud of his job. Dressing nice is important to him and he is especially honored to wear his Papa John's uniform. He tells us that he is happy to use his paycheck to do the things he wants including buying his lunch once a week.

Supporting his community is important to Carlos. He helps Meals on Wheels each month by delivering meals to 10 to 15 elderly, homebound people. Carlos has also volunteered at Lake Waterford and Quiet Waters Parks cleaning up trash.



Carlos at work delivering flyers for Papa John's Pizza.

When he is not working or volunteering, Carlos enjoys cooking, listening to music, dancing and spending time in his community going to restaurants, bowling, shopping and getting his morning cup of coffee.

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includes input from stakeholders across the organization, the people we support and family members.

We are expanding our Community Learning Services program where people with similar interests, who live in close proximity to one another, learn what is available to them in their community and how to advocate for what they want. In July, we started our second round of Employee Development classes that include classroom-based training as well as hands on learning out in the community.

I am excited to report that Providence Center has also started an Internship Program thanks to the generosity of the Jesse and Hertha Adams Charitable Trust. This is a critical step for people

who want to work in their community but need real work experience and confidence to be successful in a job.

Finally, Providence Center ended its piece rate work effective September 1, 2017. People who have been in our traditional sheltered workshops are developing greater community goals with employment being a focus.

All of this is thanks in large part to our many donors, community partners and friends who believe in and support our work. I also want to recognize our caring and talented employees who are the foundation of our mission. Thanks to all of you for helping people to learn, grow and advocate for the lives they want within their communities.



Parent Profile: *Kathy Hargett*

Providence Center is fortunate to support so many wonderful people and their families. Our families come from many different backgrounds but they all share a common desire to support people to live their best lives. We recently sat down with parent Kathy Hargett to learn more about her work to improve lives under President Bush and Governor Hogan. This is the first in a series of articles that will focus on the contributions our families are making on behalf of people with disabilities.

Kathy Hargett, Beth Simms' mom, doesn't think her years of working and advocating for people is out of the ordinary. "Advocacy becomes second nature to being a mother," says Kathy. "As family members, we are always looking to make sure our loved ones have the best life possible. We are taking forward steps, not backward steps."

In 2002, Kathy was appointed by President Bush to serve on the President's Committee for People with Intellectual Disabilities. She served five years, interfaced with organizations like the Special Olympics and was part of a national consortium, including agencies of the Federal government, who were tasked with developing emergency preparedness plans for people with disabilities. The initial focus was people with mobility issues and vision and hearing impairments. Kathy worked to ensure the needs of people with developmental disabilities were understood, included and addressed.

Kathy's commission took her to Manhattan where she met with the New York City Associate Commissioner for People with Developmental Disabilities. Her goal was to understand

what Manhattan did on 9/11 and how they prepared for emergencies. In comparison, she continued working with the consortium to understand New Orleans' efforts during Hurricane Katrina and how lack of planning and allocation of resources failed many of the city's most vulnerable citizens.

In addition to emergency preparedness, Kathy is interested in funding issues that are important to an individual's ability to achieve his or her full potential. She asks the question, "If you follow the money, where does it go?" She wants to ensure it reaches the people and families who need it.

Kathy, who was recently appointed to the Maryland Developmental Disabilities Council (DDC) by Governor Hogan, now has a voice at the state level. The Council's mission is to advance the inclusion of people with developmental disabilities in all facets of community life by eliminating barriers, creating opportunities, empowering people, and promoting innovation. Fellow Council members are people with disabilities, family members, service providers and state agency representatives. Kathy is looking forward to her work on the DDC. "This is an opportunity to contribute closer to home," she said.

Providence Center has been doing its own work with the DDC for the past year on our project to transition to greater community-based services. We received funding from the DDC and Maryland Works to shape and implement our transition plan. For more information on the DDC, visit www.md-council.org.

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Jessica's job at Mike's is a step towards becoming more independent and having a fuller life in her community which is important to her and her family. She likes having a job where she lives and remembers going to the restaurant by boat as a child. She enjoys her job and says, "I'm doing pretty good with work." Jessica is mastering her tasks and can now navigate the store and restaurant with little assistance. She is getting to know and make friends with her co-workers who look forward to her shift.

For more information about Mike's Crab House, visit www.mikescrabhouse.com. For more information on Providence Center's Supported Employment Program, call Rosemary Elger at 443-569-3733 or relger@providencecenter.com.

Providence Center Board of Directors Announcements

On July 19, 2017, Dr. Cathleen Lerner-Beckett was selected to Chair Providence Center's Board of Directors. Cathy previously served as Vice Chairman of the Board.

Cathy is past Principal of Ruth Parker Eason School in Millersville. Her career has been devoted to providing education for young people with disabilities both at Ruth Eason, with the Maryland State Department of Education, The Children's Guild and earlier in her career as a Special Education Teacher.

Cathy succeeds Charles "Chuck" Goodman, Founding Principal of CRGA Design, who stepped down after eight years as Board Chairman and more than 10 years on the board. Under Chuck's leadership, Providence Center has expanded community-based services, completed a \$2.1 million capital campaign, enhanced its transportation program, witnessed a change in executive leadership and a growth in visibility for its programs and services.

Also retiring from the board after nearly 15 years is Dennis Wells who served as Board Secretary for 9 years. Dennis'

expertise in investments and finance has been invaluable to the Board's Finance committee. He leaves Providence Center with a much wider base of support, thanks to the connections he has made over the years and his hard work on the Golf Classic fundraiser.

"Providence Center is fortunate to have such a talented and influential group of volunteer Board members to support our mission," says Karen Adams-Gilchrist, Providence Center's President and CEO. "I look forward to working with Cathy whose expertise will be invaluable as we continue to support people to live their best possible lives. And I want to thank Chuck and Dennis for building such a strong foundation to advance our work."

Providence Center Board of Directors are Cathleen Lerner-Beckett, Chair; F.P. "Rick" Hunsicker, Vice Chair; Thomas Weigand, Treasurer; Sean Doordan, Secretary; Colleen Baldwin; Doug Burgett; Sally Wern Comport; Conor Gilligan; Rob Manigold; Julie Natoli; Carol Snyder; Mary Ellen Tuma and Winship Wheatley.



(Left to right) Cathy Lerner-Beckett, Chair of Providence Center's Board of Directors, Chuck Goodman, past Board Chair, and Karen Adams-Gilchrist, President and CEO, at the dedication of the George T. Moran Memorial Garden on June 20, 2017. George (pictured in the photograph) was a committed friend and supporter of Providence Center and a true advocate for people in the Anne Arundel community.



The George T. Moran Memorial Garden at the Jean Bradbury Building is a wonderful place for people to enjoy the fresh air, recharge and take a break from their daily work. Providence Center was able to install the garden thanks to numerous generous donations in honor of George and the hard work of the Horticulture Team who designed and planted the garden.

Commemorative Gifts

This listing reflects commemorative gifts from February 1 to July 31, 2017.

In Memory of Dee Baker

A Blooming Basket Flowers & Gifts

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Correction from last newsletter.

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Stop by Gifts that Give and Our Greenhouses and Gardens this Fall!



Providence Center's Gifts that Give introduces its new pumpkin luminary.

Fall is a great time to shop at Providence Center. Our Greenhouses and Gardens will be full of pumpkins, gourds, cornstalks and mums in every color. Gifts that Give has festive fall ceramics including pumpkin plates and pumpkin luminaries.

Visit us at our Greenhouses and Gardens: 370 Shore Acres Road, Arnold and Gifts that Give: 1254 Ritchie Highway, Arnold. For more information on Providence Center products and hours of operation, go to www.providencecenter.com.

25th Moran Golf Classic Raises Important Funds for Providence Center

Providence Center celebrated its 25th annual Moran Golf Classic on June 5, 2017. The event netted \$60,000 for Providence Center's programs and services and drew a crowd of supporters for a great day of golf on the beautiful courses at Queenstown Harbor.

Karen Adams-Gilchrist, Providence Center's President and CEO, thanked everyone involved in putting together and supporting such a significant event for Providence Center. "Our Classic has been a vital fundraiser over the years, generating well over \$1 million to support the people and families who count on our organization. Our 25th Classic was no exception and I want to thank our presenting sponsor, Moran Insurance, our sponsors and contributors, our hard working Golf Classic Committee and all our volunteers."

Providence Center's 26th Classic will be held on Monday, June 4, 2018.



(Left to right:) Mike Sabol, Queenstown Pro, Carlos Incencio, Papa John's Pizza employee and community volunteer, Karen Adams-Gilchrist, President and CEO of Providence Center, and Matt Lehmann, Vice President of Moran Insurance and 25th Golf Classic Committee Chair, during the opening remarks at the 2017 Classic.

Thank you to our 25th Annual Moran Golf Classic Committee!

Marc Dorman, Moran Insurance
Eric Flamino, Stevens Battery Warehouse
Rick Hunsicker, Providence Center Board of Directors
Matt Lehmann, Chair, Moran Insurance

Donna Moran, Moran Insurance
Michael Phillips, Schneider Electric- Critical Systems
Dennis Wells, Providence Center Board of Directors

Thank you to our 25th Moran Golf Classic Sponsors!

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The following businesses partnered with us to retail our pottery, wood products or plants from February 2017 to July 2017. With each order, they are helping to support people to live full lives in their communities. Please consider supporting those businesses that support our work.

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Deale, MD

Thank You to Our Employer Partners!

We thank all of the businesses in the area who have hired new employees, new interns or provided new volunteer opportunities from February 2017 to July 2017. Please support those businesses that support our mission.

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Annapolis, MD

Green Valley Marketplace

Arnold, MD

Meals on Wheels

Severna Park, MD

Mike's Crab House

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Glen Burnie, MD

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Glen Burnie, MD

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Edgewater, MD

Thank You to Our Donor Family!

Every donation makes an impact on our work and on the people we support. We'd like to thank the following donors for their recent contributions. A full listing of donors will be published in the 2017 Annual Report.

Thank you to the Jesse and Hertha Adams Charitable Trust for two quarterly distributions totaling \$42,903.28 to help start our new Internship Program!

Thank you to the Foundation for Children with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities and the Civitan Club of Glen Burnie for a grant of \$22,150.00 to help purchase a wheelchair accessible minivan!



(Left to right) Dr. Monica McCall, Maryland Association of Community Services (MACS) Board President, Cheryl Malone, Providence Center parent and volunteer, Martha Rankin-Brown, Outgoing MACS Board President, and Laura Howell, Executive Director of MACS. Cheryl is the mom of Becky Malone and has been involved with Providence Center for 20 years. She runs the Providence Center Kiwanis Aktion Club which she founded 10 years ago and through which people are contributing to many good causes in their community. MACS recognized Cheryl for her work at a ceremony in June.



(Left to right) Laura Howell, Executive Director of MACS, Jessica Holman, Providence Center Supported Employment Case Manager, Patricia Sastoque, Developmental Disabilities Administration Deputy Director of Programs, and Dr. Monica McCall, MACS Board President. Jessica won the Excellence in Supervision Award at the MACS Direct Support and Supervision Conference in Ocean City. Providence Center employees Debra Shepherd and Demetria Jackson-Powell were also nominated for demonstrating excellence in direct support services.



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The mission of Providence Center is to provide services that allow individuals with disabilities to enjoy increased self-determination in leading a more independent, valuable and functioning role in society. These support services are individually designed and professionally managed to support people to exercise higher levels of control over their lives.

For more information on how you can help people achieve their dreams, contact Aimee Bullen in Providence Center's Development Department at 410-766-2212, ext. 110.