



Northampton County Drop-In Center

Recap

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Someone once said, "Change is inevitable. Change is constant." As fall approaches, there are a lot of changes throughout one's surroundings. The air becomes crisp, the leaves start to change color and fall off the trees. Just as the earth prepares for a change, we constantly are adapting to a new way of existing. We learn to embrace the changes that life throws our way. Change is guaranteed, but growth is optional. These last two months have challenged both Friends and staff to navigate the treacherous waters of change when we lost one of our Friends in September. To say that this loss impacted our community is an understatement and a change that none of us had control over. Together, we not only faced this change, but worked to be positive supports and utilize the strength of the group when individually we all encountered the difficulties in our own processes. In times of adversity, the opportunity for growth arises. Each day, the Drop-In Center Friends and staff have grown both personally and as a community in dealing while dealing with these changes.

The Drop-In Center started September off with Amanda's group night of planting flowers. What better way to embrace growth and change than nurturing these seeds to full fledged plants? On Friday, September 14th, the Drop-In Center hosted the first Friend coordinated dance . It was an overwhelming success! Food, fun, and funky tunes made for a great time for all. In addition, there were trips to the grocery store, Carl's Corner, and a Saturday fishing trip in Allentown !

October started off with a trip to Airport Center Road where the Friends had a chance to do some shopping. There was also a trip to the grocery store and Chinese buffet. We also had a memorial/celebration of life service for our departed Friend. The remainder of the month has our Friends looking forward to pumpkin picking, a Halloween costume contest/mixer, and pet therapy.

RECOVERY VALUES

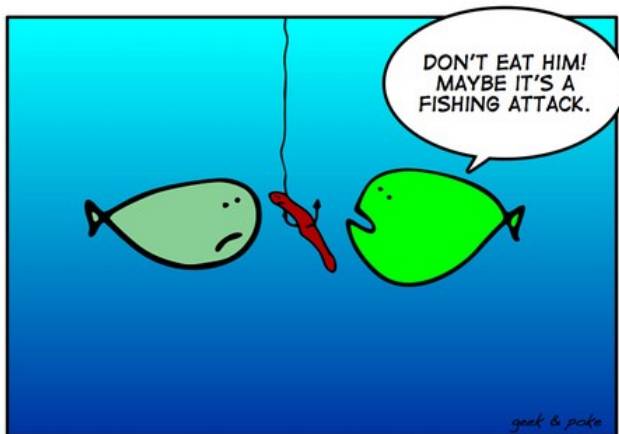
- Hope
- Individuality
- Self-Awareness
- Self-Determination
- Meaningful Life
- Respect
- Peer Support
- Community Focus

Community Outreach

On behalf of Recovery Partnership, The Northampton County Drop-In Center would like to express our gratitude and appreciation to Wegmans, located on 5000 Wegmans Drive in Bethlehem, for their gift card donation to support the Northampton County Drop-In Center activity programming. We greatly appreciate Wegmans continued support and willingness to give back to their local community. Thank you Wegmans!

Fishing and Fun

On Saturday, September 22nd, the Drop-In Center coordinated a special weekend activity where Friends were able to go fishing at Lehigh Valley Parkway. Set up through the Center of Independent Living, from 9am-2pm, individuals were able to come and fish for free! All rods, bait, tackle and fishing licenses were provided for each participant. Our Drop-In Center staff's family was able to land three trout! While the rest of us managed to catch everything from branches to trees to each other, it was a very much enjoyed outdoor activity that Friends found "relaxing" and "nice to be outdoors." There was also a helicopter at the event that was giving individuals rides that they Friends also enjoyed. Thank you very much to Michelle Marks from the Center of Independent Living who let us know about this wonderful opportunity during her guest speaking engagement months prior. Also, thank you to our CEO, Scott Kiefer, for allowing us the opportunity to participate in the event.





Thanksgiving Word Search

Challenging



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CELEBRATION
 FALL
 GOBBLE
 HOME
 NOVEMBER
 PILGRIM
 STUFFING
 TRADITION
 WISHBONE

CORN
 FAMILY
 GRATITUDE
 LEAVES
 PECAN
 PLYMOUTH
 THANKFULNESS
 TURKEY

CRANBERRIES
 FEAST
 HOLIDAY
 MAYFLOWER
 PIE
 PUMPKIN
 THANKSGIVING
 VOYAGE



Friends' Corner

A Letter From the Friends

To the Drop-In Center,

Me and Dave Lee thank the people that helped us to have a good dance party. We were very happy that it turned out to be wonderful. We don't know how to thank you. It means a whole lot to us that they (Drop-In Center) let us have a dance here. We are thinking of having another dance soon!

From,

Kerrie Ann G. and Dave L.

Interviews With Friends

This Newsletter's featured Friend is:

Kerrie Ann G.

Kerrie Ann has been coming to the Drop In Center for three months now. She is 50 years old and has been a Bethlehem resident for about one year. She is originally from Catasauqua, Pennsylvania. She is a mother of one son, Danny and has many nieces and nephews in the area. She enjoys the fun and Friends at the Drop-In Center and looks forward to years to come.

Friends' Corner

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

On behalf of the Northampton County Drop-In Center, we would like to recognize the following Friends for achieving perfect attendance for the month of August:

Dave "Ping Duck" L.

Kerrie Ann G.

We would also like to recognize the following Friends for perfect attendance for the month of September:

Michael King

Dave "Ping Duck" L.

Kerrie Ann G.

Congratulations to all of the Friends who have made perfect attendance. We appreciate your participation and support!

Guest Speaker Spotlight: Pet Therapy

Each month, Virginia and Sarge come to visit the Drop-In Center and spend time with the Friends. This month, in celebration of Halloween, Sarge came fully dressed in his witch costume. The Friends loved his outfit and wanted to take pictures with him. We are grateful to have Virginia and Sarge continue to visit us each month!

A Tribute to A Friend



In Loving Memory of Dale “Morrison” Wieder Jr.

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania

Sep 9, 1953 – Sep 10, 2018

The Northampton County Drop-In Center lost a faithful friend on September 10, 2018. Dale passed away at his home in Bethlehem, Pennsylvania on September 10, 2018. He had just turned 65. Born in Easton, Pennsylvania, Dale graduated from Easton Area High School and served his country as a member of the Navy during the Vietnam War. A man of humble nature, he would only smile and nod to acknowledge any thanks for his service. As great a service as this was for our country, Dale continued to serve his community far beyond his time in the military. For many people, he was the first person to welcome you or show a stranger a kind gesture. Dale truly touched the hearts of nearly all he came in contact with. His genuine and authentic compassion profoundly impacted the lives of those blessed enough to get to know him. Dale was a gentle soul who enjoyed spending time with his adopted family at the Northampton County Drop-In Center. He enjoyed doing crafts, playing board games and he loved to make people laugh. He enjoyed cooking and would often boast about his chili and how everybody loved it. Dale was a huge Beatles fan, especially John Lennon, but he really enjoyed pretty much all 1960's and 1970's rock and roll. He really loved The Doors and would joke about changing his last name to Morrison. He enjoyed going to the Bethlehem YMCA to spend time with friends and exercise. His all-time favorite TV show was the X-files and he was so excited when he realized he could still watch the reruns on cable.

- Megan W.

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In Loving Memory of Dale “Morrison” Wieder Jr.

Prior to his passing, Dale was interviewed for this newsletter by staff. Here is what he shared with us during his interview:

Interviews With Friends

Dale (Morrison)

Dale is 65 years old and is a 15 year resident of Bethlehem, PA. He originally was from Easton, PA. Dale has lived upstairs at Moravian House IV for 11 years. What he likes most about the Drop-In Center: “The staff and all my Friends are here. It took me a long time to make Friends in Bethlehem. I stayed in my apartment for three years when I moved here. This place (Drop-In Center) is like my family.

Quotes from Friends

“He loved music. He was a military veteran and he loved to exercise and work out at the YMCA. Dale was also a truck driver, a roofer, and a true friend.” -Mike K.

“He was a really nice guy; A kind-hearted man and he was a good friend. He was helpful and will be missed and never forgotten.” - Steven G.

“Dale and Megan were a good team on Ladderball. He was a very understanding, kind-hearted person. He was a sweetheart and very down to earth.” - Kerrie Ann G.

“He was a good friend to me and listened to me when I talked to him. He gave me a black leather jacket to wear.” - Dave L.

“Dale made the best chili and toxic mac & cheese I’ve ever had. I will miss having conversations with him.” - Jean A.

“I became a member in 2002 at Twin Rivers in Easton. Dale was always there to welcome people and made everybody laugh.” - Ron W.

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Hours of Operation
Monday, Wednesday, Friday

3-8 PM

Tuesdays and Thursdays

12-8 PM

We're on the Web!

www.recoverypartnership.us

Welcome Friends!

***We offer a Wii gaming system, Arts
& Crafts, games, cards, and snacks.***

See You There!

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****If any of the Friends of the Drop-In Center would like to submit an article for the newsletter please see any of the Drop – In Center Staff ****