



Northampton County Drop-In Center

Jan-Feb
2020

We are now open Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.!

Van Service is available Tuesday-Friday with pick-up at 11:30am and drop-off around 6:30pm.

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Recap

As the conclusion of this year’s holiday season approaches, the sound of Christmas music begins to fade and we soon realize what a difference a year can make, so resolutions are made and we ring in the New Year. Hal Borland once stated, "Year’s end is neither an end nor a beginning but a going on." We would like to continue by discussing some of the fun activities that have been going on the past couple of months at the Drop-In Center.

The beginning of November started out with decorating for the fall and Thanksgiving season. The Friends enjoyed pizza night and for our Friends with a sweet tooth, had a walking community trip to the Hotel B Ice Cream Parlor and Candy Shop on November 8th. Breakfast is the most important meal of the day, so Amanda made "Breakfast for Lunch" on November 12. Another November trip was our monthly trip to the grocery store. The Friends welcomed Archie for Pet Therapy on the 14th and welcomed Sadie, Christine’s emotional support dog, throughout the month. The Friends gathered on November 26th for the Drop-In Center Thanksgiving, a meal prepared and served by DIC staff. Turkey, mashed potatoes, corn, carrots, green beans, buttered rolls, and cranberry sauces were just a few of the dishes served. The next day, Friends held their Thanksgiving Mystery Buffet, which utilized the leftovers as well as making Shepherd’s Pie with Christine.

Kristen and Amanda were the guest speakers on December 5th. They spoke to the Friends about staying safe during the Holiday Season. On December 10th, we held a New Friend Orientation to welcome new members. Trips included Carl’s Corner, the Chinese Buffet, and Subway. Christine introduced WRAP skills for the holidays, which discussed coping skills for maintaining wellness during the hustle and bustle of the holiday season. On December 24th, the Drop-In Center held its 3rd Annual Holiday Party and Chinese Auction. What way to better end the year than by celebrating December’s birthdays and welcoming the New Year with open arms.

RECOVERY VALUES

Hope

Individuality

Self-Awareness

Self-Determination

Meaningful Life

Respect

Peer Support

Community Focus

Van Transportation

Van transportation for the Friends of the Northampton Country Drop-In Center is available Tuesday-Friday. Each day a Friend would like to utilize van transportation, they MUST call the Drop-In Center by 11AM that day and leave their full name, address, and phone number to be picked up. Van pickups will begin at 11:30 am and drop offs will start around 6:30 pm. We hope to see you soon!

Staff Corner

CONGRATULATIONS BETH!

One of our Drop-In Center Staff members, Beth K., celebrated her one year anniversary of employment at the Northampton County Drop-In Center. Here are some kind words the staff and Friends wished to share:

“You know what I think of that...wait for it...”- Christine M.

“Beth, you are a good person and we are so blessed to have you as part of the DIC family. I look forward to many more years with you!” - Megan W.

“It was like yesterday that she started. She is a good employee.”- Aida M.

“She’s very funny and has a good sense of humor.” - Mike K.

“She is a good person, hard worker, and when an issue arises there is no nonsense. Congratulations on her 1st year here at the Drop-In Center.” - Steven “A.T. Rufus” G.

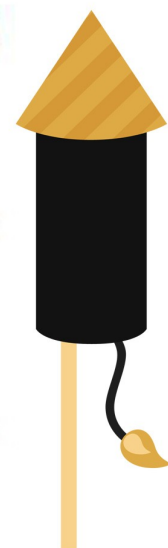
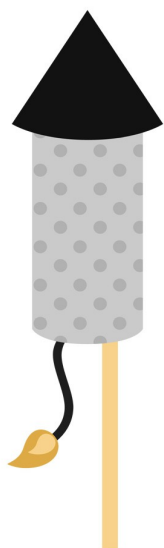
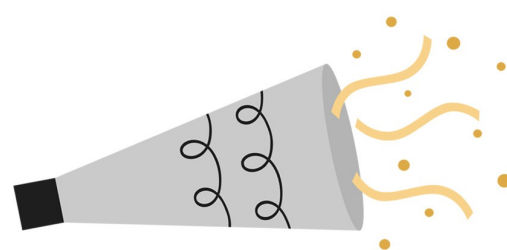
“Beth is a good employee and she is fun to be around.” - James H.

“Beth is a nice person.” - Eugene M.

“Keep on quacking!” - Jimbo H.

“Beth, it has been (and I feel will continue to be) quite the journey. I have had the task of supporting you in building a working professional skill set that I KNOW took immense amounts of determination and perseverance on your part. I look forward to our continued journey together. Congratulations!” - Kristen B.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!



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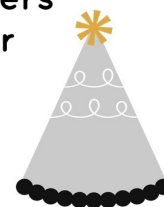
Countdown
 Confetti
 Midnight
 Balloons

Celebration
 Fireworks
 January
 Happy



New Year
 Clock
 Cheers
 Goals

Party Poppers
 Noisemaker
 Resolution
 Sparklers



Friends' Corner

Interviews With Friends

This Newsletter's featured Friend is:

Mario Mendez-Ramos

Can you tell me a little about yourself?

“ I am very family oriented. I like to hang out with friends and cook. I like to have positive energy and vibes surrounding me. I am an empath, so when I feel negative energy in the environment, I get tense. I am currently in school studying game art. I have a son who means the world to me and I will do anything to make sure he is ok.”

What is one of your hidden talents?

“I am a good host and can brighten up a room with my presence.”

If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be and why?

“Japan, because their culture is different from ours and I would like to know how they live. Plus they have cool places to visit and good food to try.”

What do you look for in a friend?

“Positive vibes. It's all about positive vibes.”

What is your favorite food?

“Chicken cutlets with rice and beans, served with a salad.”

Why do you like to attend the Drop-In Center?

“Because of the energy there. I get good feelings when I go there and like being around people like me who send out positive vibes.”

Friends' Corner

Who Am I?

I like taking long walks when it's nice outside, dressing up, eating gourmet food and being pampered. I also love to play and some of my favorite games are tug of war and catch. I love to greet people at the door at the Drop-In Center and comforting them when they are feeling down. I like to sit with the Friends and see their smiling faces and if I'm lucky, there are freshly baked treats for me!

Who am I?

I am friendly, enthusiastic and full of energy! I enjoy being outside at the park with my peers and "letting off the leash" for a while. I enjoy visiting my Friends at the Drop-In Center. My favorite thing to do? Any game that involves a ball!

Who am I?

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 November 2019:

Mario Mendez-Ramos

James Hartnett

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Hours of Operation

NEW HOURS

Monday - Friday

9:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m.

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 ****