



Northampton County Drop-In Center

Recap

“Springtime is the land awakening. The March winds are the morning yawn.” Before we awaken to the many changes spring brings, we would like to look back on what has been happening at the Drop-In Center for the months of January and February.

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What better way to start the New Year than by having our 2nd annual Drop-In Center Superlatives, where the Friends voted on each other for various categories. The categories included Funniest, Kindest, Most Artistic and many more! January trips included a trip to C Carl's Corner, the grocery store, and the Chinese Buffet. Our guest speakers were Jaimie Partington from Northampton County and a speaker from APS, Associated Production Services. APS shared some of the opportunities that are offered there for our Friends to participate in. Jaimie discussed information about food banks/pantries and where people could go to access emergency sheltering.

February started with decorating for Valentine’s Day. Kristen ran a group for her group night called “L.O.V.E. Stinks!” where Friends were encouraged to identify both positive and negative emotions that arise during this holiday. Afterwards, the group discussed ways to practice love in all relationships and with one’s self. There were three trips this month that the Friends’ enjoyed. The most popular was a Bowling Trip to Town and Country Lanes. A trip to the grocery store and shopping at Airport Center Road were also held.

The Friends’ organized a Valentine’s Day Dance on February 13th. Friends signed up to bring in food and provided the music to make the dance unforgettable. On the 14th, we had Henry from Amerihealth come in to discuss the importance of and access to dental services. Nothing puts a smile on one’s face like discussing dental services on Valentine’s Day!

We look forward to the upcoming trips and activities that March and April have to bring!

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!

Staff Corner

The Northampton County Drop-In Center would like to wish three of our staff members a very Happy Birthday! Christine and JJ celebrated in January with the Friends “Operation Surprise Staff Birthday Party.” With the cooperation of the Friends and a little diversionary help from our receptionist, Linda, both JJ and Christine were extremely surprised and “Operation Surprise Staff Birthday Party” was a success. When asked about how the surprise birthday party went, Christine replied, “I was overwhelmed with emotions. I was really surprised and was so touched by all the kind gestures and Happy Birthday wishes, I started to cry because I was so happy!”



Another staff member, Amanda, celebrated her birthday in February. Although we did not have the opportunity to officially celebrate it at the Drop-In Center, on behalf of all Drop-In Center Staff and Friends, Happy Birthday Amanda!



ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH



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 Emerald
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 Ireland

Parade
 Leprechaun
 Patrick
 Gold
 Rainbow

Pot
 Shamrock
 Green
 Saint
 March

Friends' Corner

March brings St. Patrick's Day and a lot of fun for the Irish and everyone else! April brings Easter and April Fool's Day. They both mean the end of winter I hope. I can't wait until the end of winter. Easter is fun because the families get together and they kids have fun finding and opening Easter eggs. This all means that those two days are lots of fun and that summer is coming and the warm weather is on the way. So I will be writing to you again in two months. See you all and I will be happy again when we can go swimming and are warm again! See you later!

- Don H.

Interviews With Friends

This Newsletter's featured Friend is:

Charlie Cramer

Can you tell me a little about yourself?

"I grew up in New Jersey in a farming town called Buttzville. I lived on a sheep farm. The Sheppard took good care of the sheep and would raise them. They also sold products such as lamb crop, wool crop, and mutton crop."

What is one of your hidden talents?

"Gardening and interior scaping (taking care of indoor plants). I have a degree in Horticulture. I am also a peer specialist for Crisis in Warren County, NJ and a facilitator for NAMI meetings."

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Friends' Corner

Interviews With Friends

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This Newsletter's featured Friend is:

Charlie Cramer

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

“Israel because I have friends there. I worked in a spiritual retreat there for 20 years as a groundskeeper, doing maintenance, and running the organic garden. The owners of the retreat are Holocaust survivors and they were very loving.”

What do you look for in a Friend?

“Honesty. Friendships are built off of trust. I can't stand people who lie. I also look for a friend who uses discretion and is sensitive to other people's feelings.”

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 January 2019:

James Hartnett

Mike King

Michael Semler

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

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Hours of Operation

NEW HOURS

Monday - Friday

12:00 pm -8:00 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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