

Quarterly Newsletter

November 2024

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Basket and Brews Event

Another successful year for Friends Aware's
Annual Baskets & Brews Fundraiser!

The community was gracious in providing overwhelming support.

It's the icing on the cake as we wind down a year of
70th anniversary celebrations!



A special shout out to
1812 Brewery for
allowing us the use of
their beautiful venue.

See ya next year!



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Annual Picnic

Sponsored by the Social Committee

**A special thanks to
Wamba Caravan
#89, DJ Jim Corley
and Orchid Owls
for their assistance
with the picnic.**



Congratulations!

The 2024 "Yes I Can" awards were presented to

Paul Cooper and Megan Sneathen

by Friends Aware Executive Director, Mark Bittinger.





Welcome!
New Employees
of Quarter 3

Substitutes

Leslie Moreland	Kelsie Linn
Jasmine Atkinson	Crytal Blake
Heather Flanagan	Delanie Loar
Skylar Fields	Dezeray Fincham
Emma Morton	Liam Swauger
Matthew Woolard	Kiasha Urgent

Community Development Assistant

Robert White	Kyia Cook
Makenna Twigg	Katlin Weems
Christina Pittman	

Community Living Assistant

Janessa Boyce	Emily Atkins
Amber Harris	Devin Keener
Renee Carpenter	Carly Trevathan
Abigail Ridenour	Kayla Lewis
Cassandra Jenkins	Dekota Deal
Keesha McClellan	

MDS Resource Manager Assistant

Roseann Workman

Residential Counselor

Julie Squires

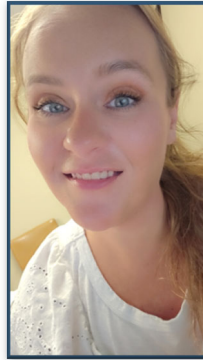
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Mark Slider

Staff Accountant

Gina Riggle

Employee Spotlight



Hillary Kerr

Hillary has been employed with Friends Aware since January 2023.

Hillary began her tenure as the Residential Counselor for the Furnace Street Group Home.

She accepted the Residential Manager position in October 2023. Prior to her employment with Friends Aware, Hillary was employed as a GNA at a nursing home.

Hillary grew up in Cumberland, Maryland. She attended Fort Hill High School. She currently resides in Mount Savage with her two daughters; Madelynne(15) and Emmylynne(11). She also has one dog (Hansel) and one cat (Eisenhower) whom she adopted from her grandfather.

Hillary enjoys working with the diverse population of both staff and individuals served by the agency. She takes pleasure in watching individuals work towards their life goals; celebrating all accomplishments with them. Hillary truly believes we as staff learn so much from the people in our agency.

Hillary delights in the variety of work each day brings. She loves her job and working at Friends Aware.

FAI at the 2024 TAM Conference



Executive Director along with Community Relations & Resource Development Director David Goad attended the Transportation Association of Maryland (TAM) conference.

Employee Anniversaries

38 Years

Susan Heavner

18 Years

Phil Merrill

13 Years

Tina Blume

Jacie Abe

11 Years

Karen Pryor

9 Years

Tremaina Bullett

6 Years

Tiffany Shook

Valerie Trent

Hannah Merlevage

3 Years

Faith Sieunarine

Bethany Stemple

2 Years

Wayne Wolfe

Summer Harris

Bayleigh Dinicola

1 Year

Gail Fazenbaker

Brittany Jackson

Gary Steele

Elizabeth Dolly

21 Years

Rita Crites

17 Years

Donald Boyer

12 Years

Haley Fitzpatrick

10 Years

Ember Fadley

Mark Bittinger

7 Years

EJ McGreevy

5 Years

Josh Jacobs

Elissa Washington

Shae Livengood

Linda Garlitz

Brianna Ketterman

David Goad

Tara Moessner

Cathy Wolford

Nick Graves

Jennifer Roddy

Latoya Taylor

4th of July Picnic



Staff and Individuals
enjoyed a picnic to
celebrate
Independence Day!

*Fourth
of July*

INDEPENDENCE DAY



\$70 for Our 70 Years!

We will hold a monthly employee drawing through
December of 2024 giving employees a chance to win \$70!

Congratulations to our quarter 3 winners!

Taylor Pollock

Anna Mattero

Haley Fitzpatrick



Activities!

We were out having fun in the sun this Summer!

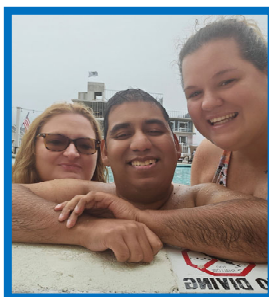
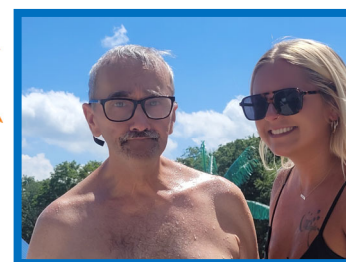
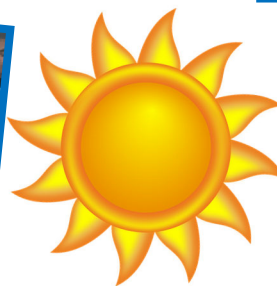
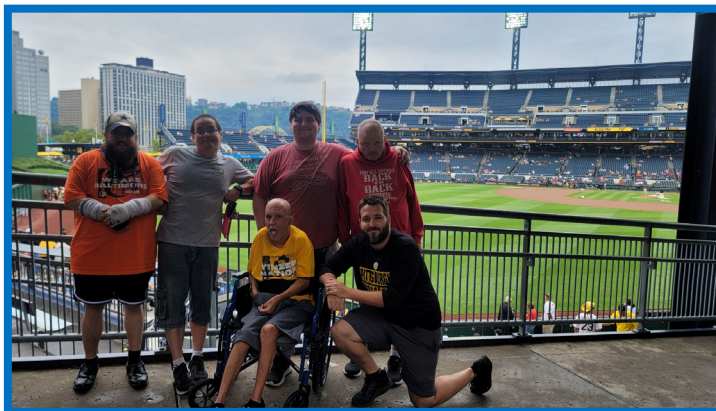
Wally, Drew and Randy were accompanied by staff to a MLB Pittsburgh Pirates game this Summer!

The Parkside residents enjoyed some time at the Pittsburgh Zoo along with a trip to the Bedford Springs Resort for their outings this Summer.

The Long House hosted an outdoor movie night.

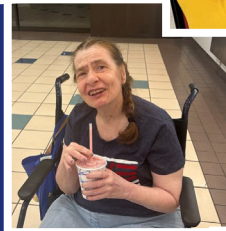
Many participants in our Residential program were able to enjoy a trip to the beach for a Summer vacation!

Summer Fun!

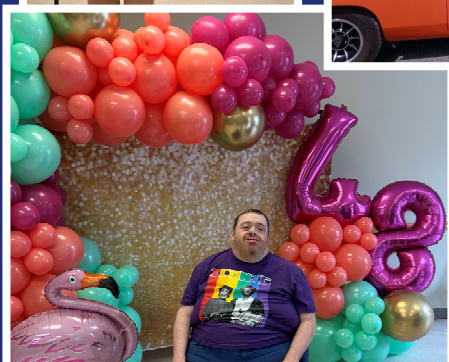
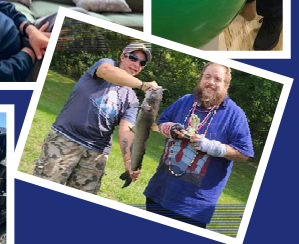




Smiling Faces at Friends Aware!



We celebrated a Hawaiian Day with crafts, food, music and trivia at our MDS Program!



Pictured Right, Kim shares sewing skills with Taylor.





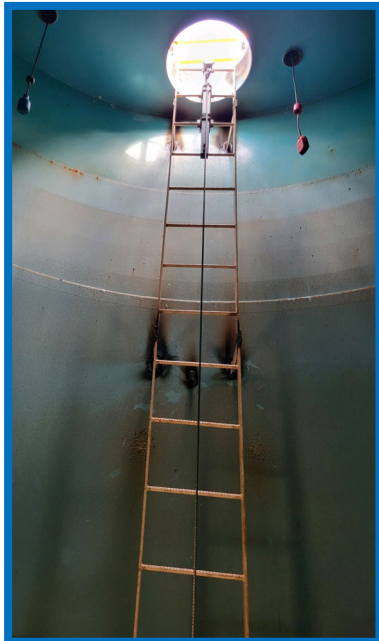
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Capital Improvements

We completed three projects during the summer. We replaced the roof at Furnace Street, installed a back-up generator at the Administration Building, and rehabilitated our sprinkler system's water tank under OSHA standards. These projects were funded in part by a Community Development Block Grant.



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