



Friends of WCDC Newsletter

November 2016

Cathy's Corner

October was a very busy month. We started by kicking off our Pumpkin Roll Sale then we held our 4th and final Garage Sale for 2016, we sponsored our 4th Annual Family Picnic, sponsored Spirit Week and judged the Halloween costumes that were designed by both the staff and clients.

Probably, most of you don't realize that while all of that was going on, several members of Friends were making homemade Pumpkin Roll for our annual sale. I urge everyone to place your order for this delicious Thanksgiving dessert asap. The deadline for orders is Wednesday November 9th. However, because they are so labor intensive to make (average of 10 per day), we would like to have some idea of the number we need before the deadline. More information and an Order Form is included in this Newsletter.

I am asking everyone to support Friends by purchasing at least 1 pumpkin roll. All the money realized from this project will be used to sponsor a Christmas Party and purchase a gift for each client.

Homemade Pumpkin Roll will be the perfect ending to your Thanksgiving dinner and a wonderful way to support Friends of WCDC..

Please place your order today!

Happy Thanksgiving Everyone,
Cathy Gallagher, President

Friends & WCDC Activities

Nov. 9-

Last Day for Pumpkin Roll Orders

Nov. 8 –

Election Day – Remember to Vote

Nov. 11 -

Veteran's Day – Day Program Closed

Nov 14 -

Friends Monthly Meeting -6 PM

Nov. 16 –

WCDC Board of Directors Meeting – 6PM

Nov. 18 –

**Pumpkin Roll Pick up/Delivery
11 AM – 1 PM**

Nov. 23–25-

Day Program Closed

Nov. 24 -

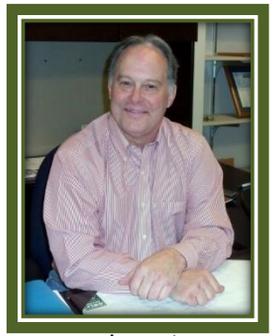
Happy Thanksgiving Day



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From the desk of our Executive Director



Often in the past few years, through this column, I have asked for your help and support for our programs. As you know, there are big changes coming to this agency and the way we provide services because of the Centers for Medicaid and Medicare Services Final Rule. I will be scheduling a few meetings to discuss the future and am just waiting until we get more definite guidance from the state before I finalize the dates. Do not hesitate to call me if you have any questions or concerns in the meantime.

I am not exaggerating when I say we need everyone to get involved and work together so that we can continue to provide a meaningful day for all our clients. The way we have done business for the past 43 years will be ending on March 17, 2019, and unless all of us—families, caregivers, friends and staff—step up to help, our chances for successfully moving into the future are limited.

Please don't think this movement for change is going to magically disappear. It will not. It is here, and we have to adapt or we will not be around to provide services. Neither the federal nor state government are going to give us, or any other agency, a pass if we cannot become compliant by March 2019. There are already a couple agencies in Maryland who have indicated they will not be able or willing to make the necessary changes, and the state is designing a plan to move those clients to other agencies.

You can also support our clients in the near term through some events upcoming. In Cathy's column, she mentions the pumpkin roll sale. This is a major fundraiser for our auxiliary Friends of WCDC, and they need you to support them. The money they raise has enabled clients to attend Shore Bird games, live theater performances in the community and enjoy holiday parties at the center. The money has also gotten families together at the annual picnic and has provided funds to purchase supplies and equipment so our clients could work and earn a paycheck.

Coming up on November 29 is Giving Tuesday. This is a national day to support nonprofits by donating online. The Community Foundation of the Eastern Shore is spearheading this event and 63 nonprofits on the Lower Shore are participating. Please check out the WCDC Facebook page for more information. Staff member Alexandra Jones is in charge of the WCDC campaign, and you can contact her at jones@wcdcservices.org and find out how you can help.

Lastly, right after Giving Tuesday, our annual appeal letters will be coming out. WCDC only runs two fundraisers each year: our golf tournament and the annual appeal. The money we raise from the appeal is the reason we are able to provide the quality services we do. Your donation to the appeal has a direct and dramatic impact for the better on the lives of our clients. Please support us to the best of your ability.

Jack Ferry, Jr.
Executive Director



'Thank You' consists of just 8 little letters that form 2 of the most meaningful words in the English Vocabulary. Debra Norville

October Birthdays



Libby & Eddie Davis, Mary Ferry, Ariel Godwin and Vicki Tillery

November Birthdays

LaShana Byrd - Nov 3	Glenmoral Pinkett - Nov 18
Betty Sturgis - Nov 8	Jennifer Downes - Nov 20
Lynette Tindley - Nov 10	Alice Price - Nov 22
Michelle Hamlett - Nov 12	Tammy Timmons - Nov 24
Emril Getscher - Nov 16	Michele DeShields - Nov 28
Hunter Schoolfield - Nov 16	Virginia Clark - Nov 29





Don't wait until tomorrow Order your Pumpkin Roll Today!



Hello My Friends,

It's probably one of the most important times of the year for the Friends of WCDC. Why???? Because it's time for our Annual Pumpkin Roll Sale.

All ingredients are fresh and every pumpkin roll is made by hand and sprinkled with love by members of Friends. In addition to being a wonderful Thanksgiving dessert, many people purchase them for gifts, holiday gatherings and a few extra for the family freezer. 2016 is the 5th year that we are holding our Pumpkin Roll Sale and we have received wonderful comments each and every year.

All proceeds, every penny, is used to provide services and opportunities for the clients. A few of the social activities, include a trip to see the Shorebirds, a show at Marva Theatre, Halloween and Valentine Parties, and a Christmas Party where every client receives a gift selected specifically for each male & female client. Friends also assists WCDC by purchasing needed equipment and supplies that the clients use to successfully complete work within the facility and also in the community.

Attached please find an order form. Orders can be returned to WCDC, emailed back to me at Csgallagher1@aol.com or phoned to 570-956-4721. Checks can be made payable to 'Friends of WCDC'.

Thank you for your support and loyalty. The clients, staff, board of directors and Friends membership are truly grateful for all you do.

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Cathy Gallagher, President
Friends of WCDC

**Deadline for Orders is
November 9th**

Friends Of WCDC



2016 Homemade Pumpkin Roll Sale

\$15.00 each

Orders Due Nov. 9th - Pick up Nov. 18th
Deliveries for 5 or more



To order please list your name & phone # below

For more info contact Cathy @ 570-956-4721 or WCDC @ 410-632-2382

Company / Business Name:

Name & Phone #	# of Pumpkin Rolls	Cost / Payment
1.		
2.		
3.		
4.		
5.		
6.		
7.		
8.		
9.		
10.		
11.		
12.		
Total		

2016 Friends/ WCDC Family Picnic October 9, 2016

Despite the threat of Hurricane Matthew raining on our parade, the WCDC cafeteria was filled with 127 people who joined in the fun and enjoyed delicious food, great music, the competition of Bingo, prizes and bidding on the Silent Auction items. A Good time was had by all!





Spirit Week at WCDC





Friends of WCDC

The purpose of Friends of WCDC shall be to see that the needs of people who live with a disability are made known to the community and that these needs are being met. The members of Friends of WCDC shall be advocates for the individuals who live with a disability within the community and are participants in the programs of the Worcester County Developmental Center. Friends of WCDC shall provide support and assistance to WCDC whenever possible.

Friends of WCDC Needs You!!

- * Meetings are every 2nd Monday of the month in the WCDC cafeteria
- * Meetings start at 6:00 p.m. and last one hour
- * Yearly dues are \$5.00
- * New members are welcome at any time. Your talents and ideas are needed
- * All our projects are fun filled
- * All our efforts support the clients and programs of WCDC

2015– 2016 Officers – Friends of WCDC

President – Cathy Gallagher

Vice President – Mary Ferry

Secretary – April Davis

Treasurer – Jack Ferry, Sr.



Friends of WCDC Membership Slip

Name _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Cell _____

E Mail _____



Please return to Jack Ferry @ WCDC or mail to : Cathy Gallagher
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