



# Friends of WCDC Newsletter



## WCDC Angel

*We would like to remember*

## *Mary Baker*

*Mary was one of WCDC's original clients.*

*Our thoughts & prayers are with*

*Mary's Family & Friends.*

*Mary's warm smile and sweetness will be missed*

### Cathy's Corner

I hope everyone had a wonderful summer. It sure was a hot one but that didn't stop WCDC from forging ahead and keeping the staff & clients busy in all 16 Departments plus Friends of WCDC. New clients, a new program with AGH, Community out reach, sales of Inner Ocean Soap & WCDC Peach Salsa, lots & lots of laundry, trips to see the Shorebirds & fun at Jolly Roger, a very beautiful wedding, garage sales & monthly birthday celebrations just to name a few.

Now, as we enter the month of September, Friends will be getting back to work and fulfilling our mission to meet the needs of our clients and provide assistance & support to WCDC.

Please watch for upcoming information on Friends Annual Family Picnic, Pumpkin Roll Sale and a surprise or two.

Our next monthly will be held on Monday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> @ 6 pm. Please plan to join us.

Cathy Gallagher, President, Friends of WCDC

### WCDC & Friends Calendar

**Sept. 3** – Labor Day

**Sept. 10** – Friends monthly meeting – 6pm

**Sept. 17** – Aktion Club meeting- 9:30am

**Sept. 19**- Birthday Celebration – Noon  
WCDC Board of Directors mtg. -6 pm



### September

**By all these lovely tokens,  
September days are,  
With Summer's best of weather,  
And Autumns best of cheer.**

Helen Hunt Jackson

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# *A Message from Our Executive Director*



It has been a roller coaster of a time in our field over the past 3 or so years due to the federal government and the Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA) making wholesale changes in the way we deliver our services. This fiscal year, which runs from July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2019, may just be the most tumultuous one yet. This year is the year DDA is calling the transition year.

Over the next 10 months, DDA will institute new training modules for all our staff, new billing systems and new ways to evaluate our staff and our programs. In my opinion, it is too much at one time, especially since DDA is still not certain exactly what it wants to look like in 5 years.

The biggest change that some of you have already experienced is the importance of the Person Centered Plan (PCP). This will be the document that describes what services we will be providing and where we will provide them. It is extremely important the individual receiving services has in his/her PCP exactly what services he/she wants and exactly where he/she wants these services to be provided. For example, a big deal for us and a number of other agencies is facility-based employment. DDA wants that stopped. They feel the only valuable job is one working for a business in the community. While that is our goal for everyone, the reality is that most people we serve will not be able to work independently in the community. They can, however, be very productive working under the supervision of our staff in our building.

Again, the PCP is the key. The first word is PERSON, which refers to the person receiving the services. That is the individual at the center of it all. If James or Val want to go to work at Fager's Island, that's great. We will do everything we can to help that happen. However, if they wish to work at WCDC, they should be able to do that, too. It should be their program, their choice; and their work, their choice.

I will keep you informed as the year goes on and more changes take place. Feel free to get in touch with me at any time if you have questions.

*Jack Ferry*



# Friends of WCDC

## Garage Sale #3

Our 3rd Garage Sale of 2018 was very successful and our best yet. We raised \$1,504.00 which brings our total for the first 3 Sales of 2018 to **\$3,471.75**.

A great big, 'Thank you' is sent to everyone who donated items for us to sell and to those who worked so hard setting up on Friday, caring for our customers and inventory on Saturday plus breaking down and packing up. I can't find the proper words to tell you how much I appreciate all that you do.

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and last Garage Sale for 2018 will be scheduled for late Sept, early October. Please remember us when you have items to donate.

**Every penny** raised through these sales and all our events goes directly towards providing opportunities for and meeting the needs of WCDC Clients and the WCDC Programs.

*Thank You*

## Meet some of the 'Friends' members



Frieda Truitt



Jack Ferry, Sr.



Vicki Daisey



Libby Davis



Mary Ferry



Linda Fentress



Cathy Gallagher



Rick Baldwin



April Davis



Steve Cohen



Vicki Tillery



Diane Howard



Betty Tustin



Nicole Dobelstein



Sue Blum



Karen D'Aloisio



Vicki Gmurek



Carolyn Drygza

# June Birthdays



L to R – Mary Ferry, Ginny Tustin, Karoline Wood, Charles McCoy, Sylvester Bratten, David Allen, Libby & Eddie Davis



# July Birthdays



L to R – Lou Camper, Mark Pace, Eddie Davis Rhett Spangler Libby Davis, Kevin Greene, Vicki Tillery, Valerie Reed, Betsy Bernier & Amy Azadi

# AUGUST BIRTHDAYS



Front Row L to R – Aaron Hoskins, Logan Creed, Fritz Goetze, Carol Mc Allister  
Back Row – Cathy Gallagher, Vicki Tillery, Robin Dannelly, Vicki Daisey, Libby Davis & Erika Ingram

## September Birthdays

Sept. 2 - Cheretha Miller

Sept. 5 - Deborah Parker

Sept. 11 – Norman Purnell

Sept. 12 – Kashmere Spence

Sept. 13 – Nick Haglich

Sept. 14 – Penny Carr

Sept.15 – Lester Mason

Sept. 15 – Edward Smallwood

Sept. 25 – Terrin Jones

Sept. 27 – Bruce Baldwin

Sept. 30 – James Guy





# A Fun Filled Day at Jolly Roger



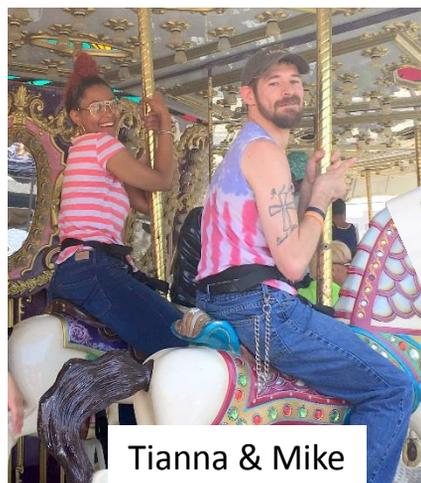
Aaron



Val & Janelle



Michael, Rhett & Kristofer



Tianna & Mike



Jarod & Carol



Courtney & Sonora



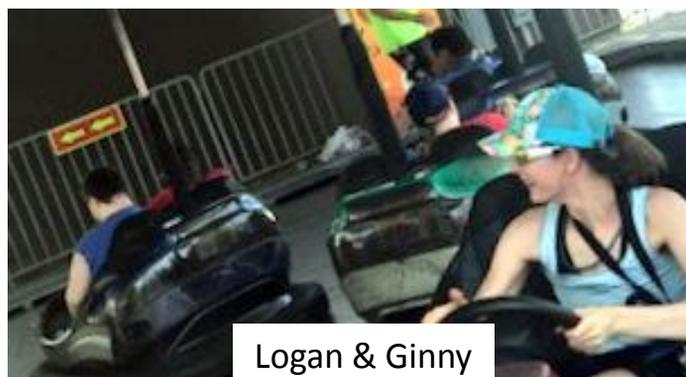
Cory, Thomas, David & Penny



Ariel & Raythel



Kayleen & Alyiah



Logan & Ginny



Katie & Caroline

August 24, 2018



Mr. & Mrs. Bratten

# Congratulations Sylvester & Raythel



*We wish Sylvester & Raythel a lifetime  
of loving, caring and sharing.*



Charlene Brittingham, Patty Evans, Karen Riner, Anne Gaylor, Officiant,  
New Bride Raythel Manuel Bratten, Josh Manuel, Groom, Sylvester Bratten,  
Tymar Victor, Ken Green and Sedric Taylor

# WCDC Cares

As part of the WCDC Health Matters program, a client and a staff member are named Client and staff of the month by a popular vote. Judging is based on how well the person models the WCDC mission, helps others and lives a healthy lifestyle.

## Client & Staff Member of the Month

### July 2018



**Troy Croom**

Troy goes above & beyond helping with chores around the house. He also helps with making dinner on a regular basis. Troy is extremely kind & loves to give people cards on special occasions. Troy is an amazing example of the mission of WCDC. Troy has a job at MBS School where he helps serve lunch to children who attend there.

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**Amy Ballard**

Amy's kind helpful manner makes staff & clients feel welcome & part of the team. Additionally, she promotes a healthy lifestyle & teaches staff how to be safe through trainings, Amy believes in the WCDC Mission & encourages both clients & staff to live a better life

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### August 2018



**Nick Haglich**

Nick is always nice to everyone he greets. He is always willing to help. Nick is attentive & organized which makes him a team player. Nick makes sure he say "Hi" to everyone making them feel valued. He explains everything in detail to ensure that both staff & clients are always informed & safe. Nick works & earns a paycheck weekly. He also lives independently in the community. Nick is an inspiration to staff & clients.

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**Damel Scott**

Damel is helpful with both the clients & his peers. He is always smiling & checking in with all his clients. Mr. Scott works well with everyone. He is all about being a team member. Damel takes the time to explain what being healthy is. His positive energy makes both clients and staff feel better about themselves. Additionally, he likes to include everyone.

Damel focuses on doing his job and doing it well. In doing so he is always puts the clients first and ensures all their needs are met. His positive energy gives the clients the motivation and courage to improve their lives.

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# WCDC Aktion Club



Worcester County  
Developmental Center  
Aktion Club of Kiwanis  
International  
Sponsored by the Kiwanis Club  
of Ocean City & Ocean Pines



Aktion Club members preparing to march in Ocean Pines' 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary parade. 11 members walked 2.5 miles on Ocean Parkway. Everyone had a great time. Thanks goes to WCDC supplying the truck. Our very own Jack Ferry drove.

## Berlin's PEACH FESTIVAL

WCDC participated in the 2018 Peach Festival in Berlin. The 2 products that they sold were both made from scratch by the clients. Inner Ocean Soap and WCDC Peach Salsa were available to the public and they were "Sold Out" before the day was over. Congratulations to the clients and staff for making the best Peach Salsa and the coolest Soap in the Greater Delmava area.



Left – Ariel is pictured cleaning and slicing the most important ingredient in this delicious Salsa...PEACHES.



Right – Elizabeth displays Inner Ocean Soap that is being displayed in a green mesh bag and ready for sale. The soap contains dried seaweed that is harvested from the bay by the clients.

## 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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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

## 2018 - 2019 Officers – Friends of WCDC

**President – Cathy Gallagher**

**Vice President – Mary Ferry**

**Secretary – April Davis**

**Treasurer – Jack Ferry, Sr.**

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## **Friends of WCDC Membership Slip**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone #** \_\_\_\_\_ **Cell** \_\_\_\_\_

**E Mail** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return to Jack Ferry @ WCDC or mail to : Cathy Gallagher  
338 Ocean Parkway  
Ocean Pines, MD 21811**