Community Crossroads
GUIDANCE. SUPPORT. ADVOCACY.

# A COMMUNITY OF WELLNESS

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# 31ST ANNUAL GOLF CHALLENGE

On Thursday, September 10th, Community Crossroads held our 31st Annual Golf Challenge. The event, which takes place at Candia Woods Golf Links, was filled with positivity and generosity. Check out some of the highlights from this year's fundraiser!









Thank you to all who helped make this year's tournament possible. From employees of Community Crossroads, sponsors, tournament participants and community members, together we made this event possible.

# UPCOMING EVENTS AND OPPORTUNITIES

**Halloween themed Virtual Scavenger Hunt hosted by the Family Support Council!**

**October 24th, 1:45 - 3:00**

**Email apappas@communitycrossroadsnh.org to sign up. There will be free raffle drawings for gift cards. A zoom link will be emailed to you prior to the event.**





# Family Support Council Introduces COVID-19 Grant

The Family Support Council is currently accepting submissions for their COVID-19 grant. This small grant is to help enrich the lives of individuals of all ages that are served by our agency. Any individual we support that spent time at home living with their family is eligible.

The following are ways the grant funds may be used:

Technology: software, hardware, accessories, subscription services, video games, etc.

Recreation: sporting equipment, bikes, music classes, gym memberships, arts & crafts, etc.

The deadline to submit an application is Friday, October 16 and will be reviewed the following week.

Note: Please do not use this form to request funding for household expenses. Contact your Service Coordinator if you need this type of assistance.

You can apply on our website or email apappas@communitycrossroadsnh.org for application

# POLICY WATCH

**The content for the Policy Watch portion of our newsletter is written by Director of Community Partnerships Jennifer Bertrand, Board of Directors member Cathy Spinney and our Public Policy Outreach committee.**

**A major topic of discussion right now in NH as it relates to those with developmental disabilities is the "waitlist". This topic is important to so many. Here is some information about this topic.**

*The Legislature funded the Waitlist: Why are we still talking about it?* - RSA 171-A requires that funding be allocated within 90 days of need for citizens with developmental disabilities on the waitlist, although the legislature has not always appropriated sufficient funding to comply with the law.

The waitlist is a living document, constantly changing as more young adults graduate from school at 21 and need area agency services. The same is true for adults who have been receiving some support at home, but now need more services because they or their caregivers are aging. As a result, the need for additional funding will always be there and the waitlist will continue to be a priority.

# POLICY WATCH

***What does it mean when a NH citizen who experiences a Developmental Disability (DD) or an Acquired Brain Disorder (ABD) is placed on the Waitlist for adult services at age 21 ?***

- ***It means*** that person may experience the loss of skills amassed throughout their public school education experience affecting their opportunity to live as independently as possible.
- ***It means*** that person may lose their job and become unemployed because they will no longer have access to the job supports and staff needed to continue working and contributing.
- ***It means*** a parent or guardian may themselves need to leave their job to stay home and provide direct supports to their loved one, resulting in decreased income, hardships, as well as the individual's loss of dignity and sense of independence.
- ***It means*** a family in this situation may no longer be able to pay their bills, keep their home or their savings, they may lose health care coverage. A once independent family may need and become eligible for state funded services.
- ***It means*** that the more people on the Waitlist translates into lost employment opportunities for the Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) who have dedicated their careers to the work.

# GREATER COMMUNITY HAPPENINGS




IOD's UNH-4U is now accepting applications for their fall Bridges online college and career training series! UNH-4U Bridges prepares young adults (18-24) with intellectual disabilities to continue exploring academic, career, and independent living instruction for gainful employment. Learn more/apply by clicking here!

Fall has arrived and there are so many fun things to do during this season! Here are activities we at Community Crossroads like to do in the fall:

- Plaistow Woods Forest for hiking
- Applecrest Farm Orchards, Hampton Falls. They have a restaurant, ice cream, a store for fall essentials and many fields for apple picking.
- Beech Hill Farm & Ice Cream Barn, Hopkinton. If you like corn mazes and homemade ice cream then this will be fun for you
- Peace, Love, V-Dub car show, Wolfsburg Farm in Holderness, NH. Click here to learn more about the show and tickets.
- Coppal House Farm in Lee has a corn maze.
  - Scamman Farm in Stratham has a corn maze.
  - Drive-in theaters!

# WITHIN OUR OWN COMMUNITY




RB is a 74 year “young” man who moved to EFC in March right before COVID. His brother/guardian was very concerned about how this transition would be for RB because he lived with him with 521 services for years.

I am happy to share that RB is doing very well. He is enjoying life with his HCP,  family and his best friend from LV is as his housemate.

Here is a photo of RB celebrating his birthday and a photo of him on a kayaking trip.

He started Salem Adult Ed virtually last night. We had his ISA meeting yesterday, on his birthday, and his team sang Happy Birthday to him. He sat in front of his birthday cake through the entire meeting so that he could “share” it with his team.

Sent in by Linda



# CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

**Dear Frontline Workers, Thank You For All That You Do**

**Don't Miss This...Child Care Aware of NH Program**



