Celebrating 90 Years!

TOGETHER

We Make a Difference!

The Newsletter for MARYHAVEN

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Maryhaven owes its heart and mission to a small community of nuns from France, the Daughters of Wisdom. On July 20, 1930, the Right Reverend Thomas E. Molloy blessed and dedicated the Wharton Memorial Institute. The building was constructed with funds specifically bequeathed by William J. Wharton for the establishment of an Institute which would provide services for “mentally and emotionally disturbed children.” On September 12, 1930, the Sisters moved into their new home and set about their task of caring for forty disabled children. By 1961, the school had been renamed Maryhaven to better identify the work of the Sisters and staff in a school setting. Today, the work begun by the founding Sisters has been passed on to a new generation of well-trained caregivers who continue to provide its caring programs through a network of facilities located across Long Island.

We are proud to support and touch the lives of thousands of individuals each day. With unwavering dedication and uncommon devotion, our staff members honor our distinctive history while continuing to provide the kind of assistance, leadership and opportunities that have been helping people overcome their challenges.

For 90 years, Maryhaven Center of Hope has been bringing joy to the lives of people with intellectual disabilities, mental health and/or substance abuse issues. As one of the largest and most progressive multi-service agencies on Long Island, Maryhaven supports more than 1300 people on a daily basis and helps them realize their full potential through innovative programs and services that build confidence, improve self-esteem and encourage community integration.
RECOGNIZING THE MARYHAVEN NURSING TEAM

Who would have imagined that our country would be facing a global pandemic and that we would face an extensive rate of infectious disease? During this unprecedented time, the importance of nurses become so clear.

While life as we know it has changed, the needs and value of nurses have not. At Maryhaven we there are approximately 35 nurses who oversee and provide nursing services at our 77 locations. Their primary responsibilities include monitoring and managing medications, wound care, and the creation and management of care plans. However, in mid-March their responsibilities grew to include the implementation and management of COVID-19 health care. They were responsible for reporting compliance with the Department of Health and the Center for Disease Control. They also oversaw COVID infection control, staff and individual education for personal protective equipment, as well as, oversight and management of the central supply. Members of the nursing team took part on the COVID committee to develop policies and protocols for the agency as a whole, and maintained communication with the medical team at Catholic Health Services – LI.

In addition to providing exceptional care to those we support, the Maryhaven nurses also cared for the mental and emotional wellbeing of the entire staff. Their courage, dedication and teamwork came so naturally to them as they took charge to ensure the safety and wellbeing of our Maryhaven community. Life as we knew it may have changed, however the strength and core values of our nurses has remained steadfast.

Thank you to Maryhaven Nursing staff during these uncertain times.

RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM

Celebrating the Holidays

From Mardi Gras, to sharing heart felt wishes on Valentine’s Day, followed by an abundance of Irish blessings and a visit from the Easter Bunny, the individuals take holiday celebrations very serious at Maryhaven Center of Hope. With the support of our staff, they love organizing holiday parades, hosting parties, baking and even dressing up in holiday attire. Wonderful lifetime memories are made during the holidays.

Janelle brings so much joy to our Maryhaven community. She loves to paint! During quarantine she painted this beautiful rainbow with an inspirational message for all to be safe and strong.
RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM Highlights

Self Advocacy Group  ~  Written by Ellen Jacobs

“Just because we have a disability doesn’t mean we can’t do stuff like everyone else; we want to have fun too.”

As a member of the Maryhaven community I am writing this article to share the importance of including myself and my peers as part of our community.

It is important that our community learns as much as they can about Maryhaven, as an agency, and about the people that live within a Maryhaven residence or attend a day habilitation program. My peers and I want to take part in volunteering in the community as well as at fundraising events. We would like to adopt parks and our local beaches where we would clean up the garbage and other debris. This is a goal of our Self Advocacy Group. As we become more engaged in the community I think the negative names associated with people like myself will go away.

I love to go out, shop and do things in the community but sometimes people will stare at me and my peers. In the past, I have overheard people calling my peers, who are my friends, bad names. People need to understand that those with a disability are “normal” people and that we can do everything other people can do, maybe in just a different way.

Thank You!

Maryhaven 853 School Staff and Administrators for your Service!
What a Difference you have made in the lives of so many.

To Our Donors
This spring Maryhaven families underwrote the beautification of backyards at several residences. We are so thankful. Now, more than ever, having beautiful, peaceful, outdoor sanctuaries is essential to the mental health and well-being of our residents and provides the perfect setting for family visits.
Wellness Day Habilitation Mediation Room

Throughout the years the staff at Wellness Day Habilitation program in Patchogue wanted to create a space that afforded the program individuals with a place to unwind, relax, and reset. With much research it was decided that a mediation room would be a perfect setting. This beautiful room was created to encompass comfortable seating as well as provide aroma therapy that incorporates herbal scents such as lavender, and lemon grass -- often a calming agent. Soothing sounds, relaxing lighting, and a sympathetic ear leady are some components that make up this tranquil room. The sounds of nature such as; a stream with birds singing in the background coupled with low lighting makes this space serene.

Culinary Arts Day Habilitation
Teaching Daily Living Skills

The Culinary Arts Day Habilitation program staff have been delivering an array of recipes with ingredients to the residential homes. This has enabled the residents to practice their cooking skills and enjoy some delicious treats.

Maryhaven’s IBC Provides Essential Service

Maryhaven Center of Hope’s Integrated Business Center has remained partially open during the COVID-19 health crisis providing Suffolk County Department of Social Services with essential SNAP (food stamp) booklets for families in need. As seen on both national and local news, many families found themselves for the first time without basic food necessities. On March 31, 2020, WABC news reported “Food banks and pantries across Long Island are struggling to keep up with demand as donations of food has stalled and more families are in need of food due to the economic downturn caused by the coronavirus pandemic.”

Maryhaven’s staff are committed to meet the increased production demands required for the SNAP food stamp program booklets in Suffolk County. Following NYS guidelines for social distancing during essential manufacturing processing, Maryhaven’s Rehabilitation Production Supervisors come together daily and work the assembly line, so that people who need the SNAP food stamp benefits for food assistance are able to obtain them in a timely manner. Congratulations for doing your part - Maryhaven’s IBC Team Members!

Growing up was not easy. I grew up in Massapequa and was placed in a special education individual achievement program, at our local school. My mother was told I would never get a job, or a license or live independently. I never went to prom, got a high school ring and I often felt like an outcast. However, with the support and encouragement of my family I was determined to get a job, a license and live a full life.

When I was around 18 years old, Newsday hired me one day per week and within five years I was working there full time on the presses. I proudly worked there for 25 years. After leaving Newsday I moved out of state for a short time. When I came back to New York I was classified as disabled. I live independently under OPWDD’s self-directed program and I was introduced to Maryhaven Center of Hope’s Integrated Business Center. Initially I worked in the business center and eventually I was promoted to oversee the cafeteria. My typical day includes cleaning and prepping the cafeteria for the individuals who work there. During lunch, if needed I help some of the workers heat up their meals, get something to drink and encourage them to clean up after themselves. It is important that the cafeteria is a safe environment where they can relax and feel comfortable. At times I help set up parties and plan events.

What is important to me is educating people on the importance of treating people with disabilities with respect. Advocacy is important and I learned this from the staff of Maryhaven. They allow all those who attend either the day habilitation programs or the work center to be themselves and achieve anything and everything they are able to accomplish.

In my spare time I enjoy race cars, as well as, visiting places like Patchogue Village. I love meeting people and learn about their lives. I have a brother and a sister that live near me. I also have two grown daughters and a grandchild, all of whom I love to spend time with.
Thank You!

Like most humans service agencies, Maryhaven has been dealing with the fast-paced turn of events as we manage the national health pandemic created by COVID-19. Our hearts are heavy as we witness the fall-out from the effects of the pandemic on our community and, we pray for those who are sick and, feel the pain for all those we have lost as a result of this virus.

The Maryhaven staff has done an amazing job during these most difficult times. They have shown up to ensure the best care was and continues to be provided to our residents. They have been working tirelessly, finding new ways to support and uphold the exceptional work that our agency has been providing for the past 90 years.

Thank you to our family members. You have been our partners throughout this most challenging time. Your strength and support for your loved ones, as well as, the staff was remarkable. The phone calls, PPE donations, dinners sent and the donations that we received did not go unnoticed and we are extremely grateful. The Long Island community stood by us during this time. Running clubs, civic groups, local and national businesses and members of our church community helped to ensure that our healthcare heroes were recognized.

As our daily lives are reconfigured we will continue to identify the best possible ways to support those at Maryhaven.

Thank you for your love and support.
Gloria’s Determination and Perseverance

For anyone who has returned to any formal learning after high school understands the difficulty and discipline is required to succeed. Now, add major obstacles that could hinder success such as, an addict in recovery who struggles with mental illness, and limited financial means. Despite these hurdles the desire to succeed still burns within. This is exactly what Gloria Lewis had to face when she decided that in spite of these barriers, she would obtain her General Education Development/Test Assessing Secondary Completion (GED/TASC). And she isn’t stopping there!

Gloria was referred to Maryhaven Center of Hope in the summer of 2018 to receive Home and Community Based Services (HCBS), in the Educational Support Services program. Prior to starting at Maryhaven, Gloria enrolled in a GED prep class while incarcerated. During that time, she attempted to take the exam, but only passed two of the five required subjects. To receive a GED/TASC diploma one must pass all five tests: math, reading, language arts, science, and social studies. This is how her story began at Maryhaven.

After evaluating Gloria’s aptitude and knowledge on the subjects she was deficient in, it was decided she should begin with math. Math is a tough subject. So, she started at the beginning and built her skills from the ground up. At first, Gloria struggled with simple addition, but because of her determination and willingness to learn, and with the support of Maryhaven staff, Gloria now grasps complex arithmetic, such as geometry and advanced algebra; this was not an easy accomplishment.

Since HCBS services only met one time a week, it was identified that Gloria was going to need extra support. After doing a little research Gloria and the staff enrolled her in a free GED Prep program. With support from the HCBS program, Gloria was successful, and recently was the recipient of the General Education Development/Test Assessing Secondary Completion (GED/TASC).

Despite Gloria’s personal struggles, she set a goal, and through hard work and dedication, she accomplished her dream of passing the GED/TASC. Gloria’s story has only begun, she has set her sights on passing and becoming a Peer Specialist.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE PROS PROGRAM
MAY POSTER CONTEST WINNERS

May was Mental Health Awareness Month. The individuals in our program took part in a contest to help break the stigma of mental illness and to encourage people to get the help needed.

1st place winner is Joan J- PROS Horizons
2nd place winner is Trisha K- PROS East
3rd place winner is Victoria M- PROS West

If you know someone in need of support call Maryhaven’s Mental Health programs at 631.474.4120.
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- Diane Nanocchio
- Bridgette Brodmerkel

20 YEARS
- June Newill
- Danielle Pastor
- Maria Dinis

10 YEARS (cont’d)
- Allison Watts
- Eleanor Whalen
- Anji Vawasani
- Mohamed Adawy
- Carol Moss
- Francesca Elberfeld
- Erin Voska
- Suzanne Nussbaum
- Christina Parker
- Jessica Gessner
- Maryann Rainey
- Zita Blythe
- Matthew Cavanagh
- Nehemiah Johnson
- Kathleen Hasay
- Nicole Young
- Peter Mowdy
- Meredith Blythe
- Greg Hughes
- Pamela Kirchner
- Glenn Koebl

5 YEARS (cont’d)
- Darryl Manning
- Nathaniel O’Neil
- Gilda Bassi
- Jackson Avery Luke
- Christina Spaulding
- Diane Brown
- James Townsend
- Socorro Tirador
- Michael Robinson
- Dianna Cavinness
- Jennifer Davis
- Kathleen Rodriguez
- Lavanda Brown
- Susan Woods
- Catherine Ferro
- Shanann Duffy
- Randell Sapp
- Meredith Clavin
- Emily Eckler
- Andrew Villafane
- Leroy Brown
- Danielle Micca
- Daree Colon
- Nicole Ramlogan
- Genesis Alvarez
- Helenise Lamy

30 YEARS (cont’d)
- Rachelle Robinson
- Jacqueline Melo
- Pamela Brimmer Kellam
- Sasha Pendleton
- Natalie Hansen
- Deven Jones
- Oana Abidi, MD
- Amanda Lord
- Nathalie Ruiz
- Joseph DiMasso
- Jessica Dugan
- Meghan Carney
- Shania Goulet
- Thomas Hadzima
- Ryan Smith
- Christina Reed
- Debra Whelpley
- Jackie Wolf
- Diane Branch
- Kayla Hodder
- Jennifer Stadier

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- Chandra Laricchia
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- Eric Eid
- Do Han Kim
- Delores Ortiz
- Elizabeth Giraulo

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CELEBRATING MILESTONES

Graduations
- Delores Bardell from ICF 1 recently earned her Nursing Degree!
- Congratulations to Lucas Cioch, son of Chad Cioch, on his graduation from Riverhead High School. Lucas will attend NYIT in the Fall.
- Congratulations to Lilly Kneidl, daughter of Debbie Kneidl, on her graduation from Riverhead High School. Lilly will attend Villanova in the fall.
- Congratulations to Kailyn Knoph, daughter of Karen Knoph, Newfield High School Class of 2020.

Births
- Employee, Karissa Scott, welcomed her 2nd nephew Carter Scott on May 29th.
- Andrea Fabrizio welcomed her 5th granddaughter on June 17th. Welcome, Lydia Andraya.

Weddings
- Congratulations Michael Giannetto from the Medford Day Habilitation program who married Stephanie Ahearn, formerly from the Holbrook Day Habilitation.
- Jessica Dwyer the daughter of Jill Dwyer, housekeeper/cook, married John Bartlett on June 27th.
Remembering
MARYHAVEN CENTER OF HOPE

Making a planned gift is a wonderful way to support Maryhaven Center of Hope while taking care of your own personal, financial and philanthropic needs. With the right planning you can and will increase the size of your estate and or/reduce the tax burden of your heirs. Just as important through a planned gift you will make a meaningful gift that will support the individuals served at Maryhaven for years to come.

The following are examples of planned gifts:

**Bequest** - Include a gift to Maryhaven Center of Hope in your will or trust. Make your bequest unrestricted or direct it to a specific purpose. Indicate a specific amount or a percentage of the balance remaining in your estate or trust. Your assets remain in your control during your lifetime. The benefits of this gift structure is that you can modify your gift to address changing circumstances that may arise during your life.

**Charitable Remainder Trust** - With a trust, a donor can receive a fixed annual income or an income that varies with the value of the trust. At the death of the last income beneficiary, the assets in the trust are distributed to Maryhaven Center of Hope to be used as designated by the donor. Trusts may be funded by gifts of cash, securities or real estate and can frequently help donors solve a particular problem or meet an important financial goal.

**Life Insurance** - You can designate Maryhaven Center of Hope as the primary or contingent beneficiary of an insurance policy that you own. You will receive a tax deduction equal to the lesser of the cash value of the policy or your cost-basis once it is paid up and you make Maryhaven Center of Hope the owner of the policy.

**Qualified Retirement Plans-IRA’s, 401K, KEOGH and others** - Retirement assets are often overlooked as potential charitable gifts, they can be a convenient, tax-favored giving option for charitably minded individuals. These plans provide income tax benefits at the time contributions are made and the assets in the plans are allowed to build tax-free.

For more information on Estate Planning, call the Foundation Office at 631-474-4120 ext. 2160.

Maryhaven Center of Hope’s
29th Annual Garden Party of Hope

Honoring
Anne & Robert Jacobs

For more information on how you can recognize the Jacobs and support Maryhaven, call the Center of Hope Foundation Office at 631.474.4120 ext. 2160.

Friends of Hope Monthly Giving Program is a program that allows donors to make a monthly commitment of $20 per month to support the good work Maryhaven Center of Hope. As a member of this special program, donors will receive letters and/or updates from our special individuals, as well as, be invited to an annual celebration reception.

SIGN UP TODAY
By calling 631.474.4120 ext. 2090 or visit: https://maryhaven.chsli.org/friends-hope-monthly-giving-program
Conveniently available to buy online with free shipping. We feature original artwork by the individuals of Maryhaven.

Here’s the story, empower their dream....

Hope Social Enterprises is a social enterprise dedicated to providing a fertile environment for artists with disabilities to maximize their abilities. These artists make the choice to use their significant talents to create greeting cards from their original artwork for your enjoyment. By purchasing these cards and sharing with your friends, you are empowering their dream.

For more information call 631-474-4120 ext 2090

Store link: https://www.etsy.com/shop/HopeSocialEnterprise?ele=shop_open
Maryhaven intranet link: http://intranet.maryhaven.int/
Web site link: https://maryhaven.chsli.org/

Shop Our Cards Now
Visit our Website at: https://maryhaven.chsli.org/

Congratulations to the Class of 2020!