

In Bloom



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Our Mission

To create the forever homes that make dreams come true for those with special needs.

Our Vision

A future inclusive community, where everyone has a loving home.

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Joyce from our Dogwood Group Home in Budd Lake enjoyed a day trip to Von Thun Farms in Washington Township, thanks in part to your support of Rose House.

GLENCOVE GROUP HOME OPENS

Rose House's sixth forever home has opened in Morris Plains! Ted, Roberto and Jesse have moved in, and Michael is expected to join them soon.



Ted and Roberto found their new reclining chairs quite comfortable.



Jesse gave his beautiful, new home two thumbs up.



Rose House CEO Tom Mitchell (right) gave Senator Anthony Bucco a tour of the new home.

GRABBING THE GOLD

Rachel and Willy brought home three gold medals and a silver in the sport of bocce in the Special Olympics New Jersey 2023 Summer Games! Rachel and her father Albert, plus Willy and his sister Bea, won gold for their four-person team. In a separate doubles category, Rachel and Albert won the gold and Willy and Bea got the silver. Pictured center is bocce coach, Jesse.



CLIENTS TAKE AKTION

Lisa and Stephen were named new officers of the Morris County Aktion Club! Lisa is now secretary and Stephen is VP. Left to right at the installation dinner are Ted, Lisa, Stephen, Annette (Rose House direct support professional) and Beau.



Aktion Club is the only service club for adults with disabilities, with more than 450 clubs serving their communities, and more than 9,000 members worldwide. The Morris County Aktion Club raises money and donates to local and national causes, plus participates in street fairs and other town and county events.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE, VOLUNTEERS!

We recently received a tremendous show of volunteer support from the community. Here are just a few examples of those who care about our clients with special needs.



Seven volunteers from **FatRabbit Creative** of Chester fixed up the gardens at our Hanover Apartments! They reinforced and stained the boxes, and planted flowers and vegetables for the residents. Pictured is CEO Heather Reddy (left) and Creative Director Jessica Vergano.



As if a generous donation for our 2023 golf event weren't enough, the **Montville Township Women's Club** filled around 2,000 envelopes for our annual 50-50 raffle! Pictured left to right are Gail D'Alessandrio (member), Barbara Preciado (recording secretary) Mary Ann Henry (VP) and Alexandria Sarra (president).

LISA'S AND BILLY'S CAREER LONGEVITY

Two residents of the Independent Living Program at our Hanover Apartments found long, purposeful careers, thanks to caring Whippany-based employers.



Lisa celebrated her 35th anniversary at the Morris County Library this year! She loves sorting returned CDs at her desk.



Billy has been happily working at MetLife for decades. He especially enjoys restocking water bottles in the cafeteria.

CLIENTS OUT AND ABOUT

Just a few examples of how our clients enjoy life outside their forever homes...

1. **Felicia** at the Morristown YMCA
2. **Danny** at a Morristown music festival
3. **Beverly** at the movies
4. **Willy and Michael** at a Sussex County Miners game
5. **Jennie** at a picnic in the park



FUNDRAISER EVENTS

Thank you for your support of our 7th annual "Day of Dreams" golf event this summer! The final amount raised will be announced via email soon. We already know that it was our most successful golf event to date! For photos and supporter list, visit www.therosehouse.org/2023-golf-outing



The "Run for the Rose House" 5K event is back for the first time since the pandemic! And our Billy will DJ once again! The event will be held on **September 30** at the County College of Morris. To register, Scan the QR code with your phone or visit www.therosehouse.org

More info/register:



Our annual 50-50 raffle event has begun! Last year's prize was \$8,000, our highest jackpot ever! Your support will help make it grow even larger this year. The drawing will be held on **December 14**. If you did not receive your tickets in the mail, send us a message to contact@therosehouse.org

How does Rose House use the funds raised from these events?

1. Van Project

Both the golf outing and the 5K race will help us purchase a new transport van. These vans are needed to bring our residents from all six of our homes to medical appointments, day programs and fun events. Rose House does not receive funding from the State of New Jersey or Medicaid for these vans, which is why your support is especially appreciated.

2. Forever Home Project

Proceeds from the 50-50 raffle will help us build independent living apartments, featuring 10 to 12 single-occupancy units, specifically designed for adults with developmental disabilities. Trained caregivers will be available daily for residents who to be integrated into the local community through employment and social events.

How to support these projects anytime...

You can help the Van Project or Forever Home Project even after the fundraisers end! Please Venmo us a donation using the handle "@RoseHouseNJ" or send a check to P.O. Box 544, Cedar Knolls, NJ 07927, and let us know the project of your choice. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary with you in 2024!