

# In Bloom



## Winter 2024

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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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*Housemates Ted, Jessie, and Roberto beat the winter blues with a day of bowling and bonding. More fun trips on page 3!*

# NEW VAN ARRIVED IN BUDD LAKE

One of our group homes in Budd Lake, NJ received a new transport van! This was achieved through fundraisers including the 7th annual "Day of Dreams" golf event, and the "Run for the Rose House" 5K walk/run, plus greatly appreciated donations.

Our clients rely on transport vans to bring them to medical appointments, day programs, jobs, and fun day trips. Rose House does not receive funding for these vans from the State of New Jersey or Medicaid, so thank you for making this dream become a reality!

Pictured with the van are clients **Jennie** and **Maryann**.

[Watch the video of our van's arrival on our YouTube page!](#)



## 2024 GOLF EVENT

Rose House's 7th annual "Day of Dreams" golf event in 2023 raised a record \$54,000, and we've already started planning the 2024 event!

It will be held on Monday, July 8, and will once again take place at the Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park, NJ. This year, the golf event will raise money for a new transport van at the Moraine Group Home.

We are currently in need of high-quality prizes for the event's annual silent auction. Anything of value (\$300+) that attendees can bid on would be greatly appreciated, such as...



- Tickets to a sporting event or show
- A week's stay at your rental vacation home
- A basket of items from your business

If you have prizes to spare, please call: (973) 984-0006, or email: [contact@therosehouse.org](mailto:contact@therosehouse.org)

## WEBSITE MAKEOVER

Ring out the old, ring in the new! The Rose House website will be redesigned in 2024, thanks to our friends at FatRabbit Creative of Chester, NJ! It will feature a modernized look and easier navigation.



In the meantime, we've added some new, heart-warming success stories to our current website's [Client Connections](#) page. We have featured seven clients to date with the most recent post about **Jennie** (pictured) and her big move from Texas to New Jersey. Other archived client profiles include **Jessie, Ted, Lisa, Jenny, Rachel, and Billy**.



# 2023 DAY TRIPS AND AT-HOME ACTIVITIES

The year 2023 was another one filled with fun events for our clients, thanks in part to the generosity of our supporters. Here's a look at some of the memorable day trips and activities in their forever homes...



**Photo Captions:** (All names are from left to right)

1. **Rachel** dressed as a cupcake, and **Nick** a cowboy, at Employment Horizons' Halloween Bowlathon
2. **Joyce** at Build-A-Bear Workshop after her discharge from the hospital
3. **Mark** treated his Hanover Apartments housemates to a clarinet performance
4. **Felicia** and **Diana** took a day trip to Wightman Farms in Morristown, NJ
5. **Willie** and **Jesse** at a Sussex County Miners baseball game
6. **Billy** picked vegetables from the gardens that FatRabbit Creative built for our residents to enjoy
7. **Maryann** dressed as **Barbie** and **Michael** as Woody (Toy Story) for their Halloween party
8. **Billy**, **Lisa**, **Danny**, **Abby**, and **Mark** enjoy a relaxing yoga session led by **Rachel** (not pictured)
9. **Beverly**, **Maryann**, and **Jenny** saw the Paw Patrol Mighty Movie
10. **Danny** celebrated his birthday with housemates **Lisa**, **Rachel**, **Mark** and **Abby**
11. **Willie**, **Michael**, and **Joel** picked apples at Alstede Farms in Chester, NJ, then made apple pie at home
12. **Ali** earned her cooking certification from a class offered at Employment Horizons
13. **Lisa** and **Beau** at the DAWN Center for Independent Living's holiday party

# CELEBRATING OUR STAFF FOR DEDICATED SERVICE



Rose House held its first annual Staff Appreciation Week from December 11 to 16, 2023. Surprise gifts and food were delivered to staff at group homes throughout the week. Events included a luncheon at Nicky's Firehouse Pizzeria & Restaurant in Madison, NJ to celebrate those who have been with us for at least 10 years.

CEO **Tom Mitchell** (pictured far left) and Director of Marketing & Development **Josh Speert** (pictured far right) congratulated employees by presenting employees with their choice of recognition gifts and a certificate of appreciation. They are from left to right: **Mia Davenport** (20 years; Director of Independent Living & Self-Directed Services), **Dwight Pleasant** (11 years; Program Manager at the Alison House Group Home), **Camille Chevannes** (14 years; Assistant Manager of the Hanover Apartments), **Kelly Epps** (12 years; Assistant Manager, Independent Living Program), **Viveca Stewart** (11 years; HR Coordinator), **Ray Woody** (19 years; CFO), and **Janes Getuba** (12 years; Direct Support Professional at the Moraine Group Home).

Not pictured are **Zaina Ndiba** (17 years; Direct Support Professional at the Diane Bloom Group Home), **Lashonda McBurroughs** (14 years; Direct Support Professional at the Glencove Group Home), **Cheryl Carroll** (13 years; Director of Residential Services), **Ian Dinnall** (12 years; Direct Support Professional at the Hanover Apartments), and **Rajwant Kaur** (12 years; Assistant Manager at the Diane Bloom Group Home).

Thank you for your dedication to our organization and clients with special needs! In addition, we'd like to wish **Viveca** best of luck in her retirement. We and our clients will miss you!



Speaking of milestone anniversaries, Rose House will be celebrating 25 years on August 1, 2024!

We'll keep you posted on festivities happening later this year. If you don't already receive emails from Rose House, please send a message to [contact@therosehouse.org](mailto:contact@therosehouse.org) and we'll make sure to keep you in the loop!