

# 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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*Billy and Rachel of our Hanover Community Residence invite you to our annual golf event on July 8!*



# ANNUAL GOLF FUNDRAISER IS IN FULL SWING

Have you been practicing at the driving range lately? With your support, Rose House caregivers will do some driving as well — in a new transport van!

Our 8th annual “Day of Dreams” golf event will be held on **Monday, July 8, 2024** at the Brooklake Country Club in Florham Park, NJ. Last year’s tournament raised a record-shattering \$54,000 to [help purchase a new van at our Budd Lake Group Home!](#) This year’s event will help us replace the final van in our 13-vehicle fleet.

Please consider supporting this important fundraising event and our Van Project. Rose House does not receive funding from Medicaid or the State of New Jersey for our transport vans, which transport our clients with special needs to medical appointments, day programs, jobs and other necessities.

## Here are four ways that you can help this year...

### 1. Sponsor the Event

We’ll promote your business at the event and online, and most sponsorship levels include a foursome of golf and luncheon!



Scan me to sponsor



### 2. Enjoy Golf and Luncheon:

Register foursomes and individual golfers, or you can get a luncheon-only ticket here!

Scan me for golf/luncheon



### 3. Support the Van Project

See if your employer will match your gift!



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Jennie and Maryann from our Budd Lake Group Home got a new van last year, thanks to your support!

### 4. Give to the Silent Auction:

Do you have items to donate for our golf event’s silent auction? Tickets to a sporting event or show, a week’s stay at your vacation home and many other ideas are greatly appreciated! **Call (973) 984-0006, x121** to donate an auction item.



# CFNJ VISIT MAKES AN IMPACT



Rose House's Hanover Community Residence houses 12 clients, eight of whom are in the Independent Living Program where caregivers assist them in learning life skills and help them to develop new skills. The Cedar Knolls apartment complex recently received a special visit from [Community Foundation of New Jersey \(CFNJ\)](#) so that they could see how our residents live independently and have inclusivity in the community.

Morristown-based CFNJ manages nearly every kind of giving vehicle and tailors solutions to meet critical needs.

In 2023, it granted more than \$70 million to nonprofits. Pictured (left to right) are Mia Davenport, Rose House Director of Independent Living & Self-Directed Services; Lydia Gracey, CFNJ Philanthropic Services Program Coordinator; Billy, an Independent Living Program client; and Madeline Rivera, CFNJ Program Officer.

Our clients are thrilled to have visitors like CFNJ! If your philanthropic organization would like a tour, please call (973) 984-0006, x121 or email [contact@therosehouse.org](mailto:contact@therosehouse.org).

## NURSE KATHY BRINGS 50+ YEARS OF CARE

Kathleen "Kathy" Dickson, RN, joined us in October 2022. Her career began in 1972 and she has provided care in a variety of settings including Director of Nursing at the Westwin Manor in Franklin, NJ.

Kathy manages care for all of our residences, tracking everyone's medical records and communicating with parents and guardians about their health status. She'll even accompany clients to medical appointments upon request. Kathy is pictured weighing Jenny.

"I'm very lucky to be here working with such wonderful staff and clients," Kathy said. (The feeling is mutual, Kathy!)



## ROSE HOUSE TO CELEBRATE 25TH ANNIVERSARY

We will soon be celebrating 25 years of creating forever homes for adults with special needs!

Rose House was founded on August 1, 1999 by Mark and Pearl Kramer for their daughter Abby, who has Down syndrome (Abby and Mark pictured left). They recruited other parents of children with developmental disabilities, local business people, and community leaders to join them in pursuing the mission of the Rose House.

Our first group home opened in November 2003 and we have grown to six residences across Morris County with the capability to house 32 clients. Abby still lives at the Hanover Community Residence today. As part of our 25th anniversary celebration, we will be rolling out our new website and logo, thanks to our partners [FatRabbit Creative](#) of Chester, NJ.

Stay tuned to your email inbox for more information about events to commemorate this occasion. To get on our email list, please send a message to [contact@therosehouse.org](mailto:contact@therosehouse.org).

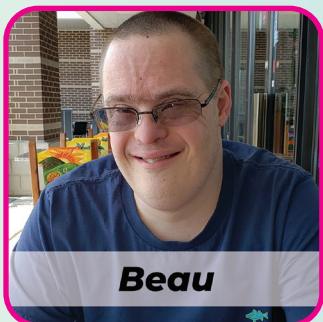


The Sunday Star-Ledger announces Rose House's opening in a 11/21/99 article.





# CLIENT STORIES



**Beau**



**Stephen**

Our latest highlighted clients have known each other since grammar school and both joined Rose House's Independent Living Program in 2011. However, Beau and Stephen each have their own unique personalities, interests and success stories, which we invite you to read about in our latest editions of Client Connection!

- [Learn about Beau >>](#)
- [Learn about Stephen >>](#)



# BEST WISHES, VIVECA!



After 11 years of dedicated service, Rose House said goodbye to **HR Coordinator Viveca Stewart**. She was an essential part of the Rose House Café, one of our first programs, before joining us as a full-time staff member. Viveca provided orientation

to new employees and trained caregivers in lifesaving CPR. From all of us, we hope you are enjoying your retirement! Pictured with Viveca at her farewell party is Ali from our Hanover Community Residence.

# PLEASE GIVE 5 STARS

Please give Rose House a 5-star rating on Google Reviews. It will really help us and our clients with special needs!

[Review here >>](#)



# 3 BIG DONOR UPDATES

We have the following donation portal updates to announce...

## 1. Double the Donation Now Available

Many employers will now match donations to Rose House! When donating to the [Van Project](#) or to the [Forever Home Project](#), please enter their name in the field to see if they participate in a match program!

See if your employer will match your gift

Merrill Lynch NJ Investment Corporation *(Bank of America)*

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Search powered by Double the Donation

## 2. Blanket Giveaway



Those who make a monthly donation of \$20 or more will receive a cozy Rose House fleece blanket, like the one Abby is holding! Perfect for sporting events, BBQs and more, the embroidered blanket rolls up

and includes a handle for easy carrying wherever you go.



## 3. E-Check and Other New Methods



Tired of writing checks and sending them in the mail? Electronic checks are now accepted in our new donor

portal! We now also accept all major credit cards, PayPal, Apple Pay, Google Pay and other new methods, depending on the device you use to make the donation.

- [Donate to the Van Project >>](#) *(via golf event)*
- [Donate to the Forever Home Project >>](#)

