Summer is finally here and as usual, we’ve been extra busy this quarter. Our ABLE I & II programs held their Annual Open Houses and were great hosts by making some very tasty snacks for their visitors. The Children’s Program held their annual Graduation and Prom festivities. As you can see by the photos in this newsletter, Jessica, Michael, Stephen, Logan and David looked great in their cap and gowns and had an amazing time with their families, friends and staff. After the Graduation Ceremony, our graduates attended the prom festivities with their friends. Staff went all the way again this year in assisting the kids with their prom outfits; ordering a beautiful, delicious cake; the gym was beautifully decorated and the DJ was awesome and he knew exactly what music we liked to dance to.

CONGRATULATIONS to Jessica, Michael, Stephen, Logan and David, we wish them the best with what leads them in the future!!

Kathleen Lovenbury

Congratulations...

Jessica, Michael, Stephen, Logan and David... Our Class of 2019
Who likes to go grocery shopping?? WE DO, the residents at 38 Narrows residence that is. They have been having so much fun shopping for ingredients so that they can make their meals. They have been so creative and you can check one out on our Facebook page. The house smells amazing!! Everyone in the program have been very busy these past 3 months. Individuals have been seeing quite a bit of movies at the theatres, celebrating birthdays with friends and family, going out to lunch and dinner among other things. The weather has warmed up and we’ve been making the most of it by going for walks at local walking paths and running tracks, visiting Buttonwood Park Zoo and other local parks. WalMart, Bath and Body Works, Rick’s Music World, the “Pinterest Club” at the Fall River Public Library, Dunkin Donuts and several local Chinese restaurants have been frequented by us quite often. A couple of our residents took a fun-filled road trip with staff to Washington, DC to visit with their families. 

The ABLE I program has continued to remain active in the community. We have a lot planned for the summer and the individuals used their communication skills to make choices as to where they would like to visit. We visited several malls and local stores, including Dollar Tree, Wal-Mart, Target, 5 Below, Stop & Shop for shopping and baking projects and recycling. We also continued with our Kindness Rocks project, distributing decorative and inspirational rocks throughout Fall River and Tiverton. We also visited beaches and parks in the surrounding areas, such as Pierce Beach, Kennedy, Heritage and Bicentennial Park where the historic Iwo Jima monument is displayed. In addition, some of the individuals visited Gillette Stadium, which was a lot of fun and we are hoping to give others an opportunity to go in the near future. We continue with our weekly trips to the YMCA to go swimming, Wellspring Farm and Faxon Animal Shelter to visit with the cats and dogs.

We hosted our annual Open House, which was a Hawaiian Luau theme. This event is always a success for the individuals as it gives them the opportunity to show their loved ones what they do each and everyday.

Summer’s here and we’re planning community trips and events, and searching for new ideas for the individuals to experience. 

We kicked off this quarter by hosting our Annual Open House. This year, we had a “Group Baking Challenge”. During our Open House, we asked visitors to taste our baked goods and vote on their favorite. The winning group received donuts from one of our favorite bakeries. They were kind enough to share with everyone since we all worked so hard to find and create unique baked goods for our visitors.

We have been enjoying the warm weather and going out into the community with friends and staff. Some of our favorite things to do are going for walks on the board walk near the Battleship in Fall River, enjoying time outside at local parks and eating lunch at different restaurants with friends and staff, not to mention our volunteering in the community continues. We’re beginning preparations to host a cookout for everyone at our program.
The Children’s program just celebrated the graduation of five of our students in Crystal Springs’ 2019 ceremony and prom!! Both events were terrific and the students did a great job coming up to accept their certificates at the podium! A touching chronological picture montage of each graduating student, and heartfelt sentiments expressed by staff members who spoke on their behalf afforded everyone in attendance an opportunity to look back on all of the growth and successes experienced by each of our graduating students. We wish them all our most sincere best wishes for a lifetime of continued growth, well-being and happiness.

Our Education Department held their Annual Field Day. The students enjoyed the nice weather, prepared side dishes and made their very own t-shirts to distinguish themselves from other classrooms.

Meanwhile, summer is upon us!! Students are out and about enjoying the trappings of the good weather with cookouts, water play and other outdoor recreation activities. There are many beautiful areas and activities on our campus, as well as, our nearby community to make the most of – and we will!! Please check out our Facebook page and encourage others to do so to get a look at picture postings that capture the spirit of both the graduation and warm weather season. Stay safe and hydrated, use sunscreen, and have a fantastic rest of summer!

Save the Date!
Crystal Springs
End of Summer Block Party

Saturday, September 7 - 10:00 am till 1:00 pm
38 Narrows Road, Assonet, MA 02702
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