HAPPY NEW YEAR!! The holidays have come and gone and I hope that you enjoyed your time with family and friends. This quarter was an especially busy one. Our Children’s Program expanded and opened a new classroom and the residents in our Adult Program were out and about in our local community enjoying the holiday season. Thanksgiving came with many thankful thoughts, where we stopped for a moment and thought about how grateful and lucky we are to have wonderful staff, residents and their family and friends. December was especially busy with our Annual Employees of the Year breakfast where we celebrated all of our nominees and winners. Congratulations to Alan Silvia and Carla Soares!!

Santa and Mrs. Claus came to visit and took photos in our tree-house which was followed by arts & crafts, cookies and music in our gymnasium. Adults and children alike had a wonderful time as we looked forward to Christmas.

“And now let us welcome the New Year, full of things that never were.”

- Rainer Maria Rilke

Congratulations Alan and Carla and all the Employees of the Year nominees!
We are extremely excited that we expanded the Education Department with the opening of a new classroom. And of course, we celebrated Halloween with our annual Halloween dance which is one of our students’ favorite events where they have so much fun choosing their own costume and dance the night away with their friends. We gave thanks for our family and friends during Thanksgiving and, of course, our Christmas celebrating. We held our annual “Santa in the Treehouse” where the children visited with Santa and Mrs. Claus then went to the gym where they enjoyed participating in several arts and crafts projects with the opportunity to visit and talk with Santa and Mrs. Claus again, if they chose to. Many of our students decided to give back to the local community by Christmas caroling at a local Senior Center. The residents at the center thoroughly enjoyed our visit and asked us to visit again next Christmas. They braved the cold weather and caroled here on campus for our staff and the kids were amazing!! Our students have the best voices around!

We held on our Annual Employee of the Year celebration and we are so proud of Carla Soares, a Teacher Assistant, who was the Children’s Employee of the Year.

Wishing you a Happy New Year 2020!

Crystal Springs is celebrating over 60 years of supporting children and adults with developmental disabilities. Please join us for a night of celebration as we continue to ensure the people we support have access to a wide range resources and equipment to enrich their lives.

**Crystal Springs**

**Annual Celebrate Spring Charitable Fundraiser**

**April 29, 2020  🎈  6:00 pm to 8:00 pm**
As we fondly look back on all the memories of 2019, we realized that we have made several policy changes, the individuals have enjoyed many adventures together and have also made new friends. In addition to program-based activities, the individuals continue to explore new destinations and preferred activities in the community.

During the quarter, the participants from the ABLE Program visited the following places: Dartmouth Orchards where they enjoyed apple picking and at the same time were accompanied by the owner’s two (2) well-behaved German Shepherd dogs; Friend’s Academy to see their rendition of “Annie”; Zeiterion Theatre in celebration of the holidays to see the performance of “A Christmas Carol”; The Enchanted Village; The Polar Express 4D show; The Bass Pro Shop; local stores; The Galleria Mall, Holiday Lanes; Shaw’s; Savers; Round 1; Spencer Gifts; Kentucky Fried Chicken; Freetown State Forest Park; Dollar Tree; Family Dollar; Wal-Mart; Burlington Coat Factory; 5 Below; YMCA; and Dunkin. The participants enjoyed tasty treats from fun recipes that they discovered online for pumpkin carving (cat and Dunkin themed), Thanksgiving and Christmas celebrations with food and desserts; and Crystal Springs’ Deck the Hall contest.

The residential team continues to enjoy community activities and also seasonal activities during the month of November and December. The people we support went to the following places: local banks to cash monthly checks; Wal-Mart; Target; shopping at the local malls; Super cuts, furniture stores; the movie theatre; local restaurants; Newport Creamery; Dunkin; swimming; Buttonwood Park; Peking Garden; Bowling; VFW Dance; Friend’s Academy to see their rendition of “Annie”; and La Salette Shrine to see the Christmas lights. Several individuals received donations from community members and former employees. During the quarter, several people spent time with their loved ones and also with staff members and their family. In order to promote community integration, an individual rang her bells with Salvation Army in front of the Market Basket in Fall River and has also joined Weight Watchers in an effort to lead a healthier lifestyle for 2020.

Save the Date!
September 21, 2020

Dr. John Manning Memorial Open
To Benefit The Residents of Crystal Springs
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Through our exceptional programs and dedicated staff, we provide specialized educational, therapeutic and residential services to each person living and learning within the Crystal Springs community. Recognizing that all have unique gifts and the desire to achieve and contribute to their world, we embrace each person’s pursuit of growth and independence so that all may reach their true potential.

Up-Coming Events

Annual Celebrate Spring Charitable Fundraiser ................................. April 29, 2020
Dr. John Manning Golf Tournament ................................................. September 21, 2020