**ACT**

Team Compassion is their name

In the mist of the social hygiene Pandemic currently sweeping the world, ACT and other Archway program members have come together to form a new team. This team, affectionately dubbed, “Team Compassion” has taken on the task to help others knowing all the possible risks, with the sole goal of continuing Archway’s dedication to our consumers. Orchestrated by Amy Miller, a schedule of consumers who have medication to be dropped off or are in need of their routine psychiatric injections is compiled. Amy will then reach out to Sherri Bishop from transportation and Sherri will contact her team of Shirley and Russell. Together they create the runs, make the medication deliveries and drive the nurses around to the homes. The nursing team of Kate and Lois, from Archway Schools, go to the consumer’s home, administer the injectables and provide med education to the consumers to foster continued knowledge and awareness. In addition, “Care Packages” are also given out to the consumers that reflect their individual interests, include snack items, coping tools such as word searches, stress balls, coloring pages, markers and items that assist with encouraging continued positive hygiene routines, like bar soap, lotion, combs, toothpaste and deodorant. With the new legislation aimed to continuing the decrease of spreading the virus and due to the limited resources of some of the consumers, face masks have also been included in the Care Packages. The masks will allow continued access to essential locations, as online ordering is not always an option, permitting them to continue to thrive during these new ways of social interaction. During each drop off the consumers are encouraged to use their coping skills, asked to call if they need something and allows for an additional positive interaction in their day. Due to the warm demeanor and caring hearts of Team Compassion this initiative is possible and running smoothly.

(Please visit [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov) for more mask and pandemic details)

**Hope and Discover**

Now as we Marched on we **HOPE’d** to **DISCOVER** some luck and fortune, possibly as we stumble over a four leaf clover. Yet, we find, dripping into the month of April, this instead. An empty, long and narrow hallway, usually lit and filled with chatter and laughter seeping from underneath the door, coming from the consumers and staff as we engaged in groups and team building exercises.
Not just our program, but our Nation as a whole, unexpectedly, has been darkened, put on hold, challenged, rearranged by COVID-19—the Corona Virus. But now we challenge you. Take another look at the picture. What do you see? Don’t give up so easily, what do you see? Hint! Look deep into the picture. Do you see that ray of light at the end ‘of the tunnel’? That light represents that we will prevail, that God sees, that with Faith and Hope, we will Discover a way to not only put this program back together, but to make it stronger when we do. Take another look at the picture. That light, light in general, represents clarity and vision. We just have to stay the course.

To stay that course H&D staff has continued to provide social and emotional support to our program participants and their families, via telephone. Staff does weekly check-ins, motivational interviewing and psycho education, breathing exercises and challenging negative automatic thoughts, a Cognitive Behavior Therapy (CBT) technique. All of us here at Hope and Discover, with the rest of the Archway Family, wish everyone Hope during these times, stay safe, stay strong, and stay focused on the light at the end of the tunnel.

Community Homes

Well March had certainly been one for the history books. Not a whole lot to share, everyone has been safe at home since early March and are trying to make the best from this unprecedented situation.

I am very happy to report that none of our clients or staff has become ill from Covid 19!! The clients are all trying to keep themselves busy at home, some are enjoying the time, relaxing and doing things at their leisure, while others are going a little stir-crazy, wanting to get back to work. Staff has been trying to offer up a variety of activities to help pass the time, like; crafts, puzzles, cooking, movie days and going out in the yard when it is nice. Hopefully by May we will all be back to our somewhat normal daily routines and we can all enjoy a stress free summer away from this virus that has undoubtedly changed many of our perspectives and hopefully a renewed appreciation for the freedom and luxuries we all have available to us at any given time! As well as appreciation for the people who are still out there every day during these times, risking their own health and safety as well as their families to provide others with essentials, care, kindness, and guidance to get through this extraordinary life altering event. Shout out to all medical personal, emergency responders, law enforcement and to those who seldom are seen as heroes, essential, or brave, the cashiers, gas attendants, food service personnel, shelf stockers, delivery drivers, public transportation workers, CNAs, DSPs, home health aides, nursing home workers, school personal and bus drivers delivering meals to kids that may not otherwise have one, volunteers, human service workers, and mental health personnel, all these workers and more are some of the real heroes in what we currently call our norm. We praise and applaud your sincere dedication to the work you perform on a daily basis!

Samantha Degerlia

Showing Gratitude is one of the simplest yet most powerful things humans can do for each other. – Randy Pausch

In tribute

On April 2, 2020, we lost Joshua Thompson-Quartey, Joshua was the Community Home Manager of the Lutea home. Joshua opened up the home and was instrumental in ensuring everyone truly felt “at home”. His loss has left a gaping hole in our hearts as he was a leader, mentor and friend to all the staff and residents at Lutea. It has been a difficult couple of weeks for us in Freehold but staff have stuck together like a family and helping each other get through this difficult time. Joshua will always be in our hearts and we ask to please pray for his wife Rose and great family. Joshua will be missed greatly, but he will be our guardian angel, smiling that warm smile upon us from heaven.

“Seen my share of broken halos, folded wings that used to fly. They’ve all gone wherever they go, broken halos that used to shine. Angels come down from the heavens just to help us on our way. Come to teach us, then they leave us and they find another soul to save. Don’t go looking for the reasons. Don’t go asking Jesus why? We’re not meant to know the answers, they belong to the by and by.” Chris Stapleton.

Rest Easy Joshua.
… A special Thank You to, Jennifer Miller, Matthew Eschner’s niece for arranging donated meals, from Romeo’s restaurant as well as Jersey Freeze of Freehold. Everyone enjoyed the pizza, sandwiches, hamburgers, hotdogs, French fries & ice cream!! Thank you to Jennifer, Romeo’s Restaurant [http://romeospizzaexpress.com] and Jersey Freeze [http://jerseyfreeze1952.com]!! A community comes together to make a difference!

Positive Encounters and Saturday Drop In

Because of the stay at home order since Covid 19 these programs have not been in operation. We miss everyone and hope all are well and safe, hope to see everyone again sooner than later.

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Employee Recognition Breakfast

Our plan to hold the Employee Recognition Breakfast on May 15th has been changed again. We will let everyone know of the new date once it is set. In the meantime, we didn’t want to wait to recognize those employees who are hitting a milestone anniversary this year. Thank you for your dedication to Archway Programs. We appreciate everything you do!

5 Years
Mercedes Ledan
Brittany Cropley
Rosemarie Pichini
April Delgado
Deborah Bellwoar
Carmen Sandoval
Megan Keck
Amanda Brezee-Thompson
Candice Hoffman
Jim McNally
Toni Pratt
Caitlin Stow
Samantha DePalma
Chantel Bechtel
Rebecka Howe
Michelle Weber
Yolanda Maiden
Linda Cottman
Lillian Norton
Cyriss Howell
Michael Fishman
Deborah Schafer
Henry Keresty

Lower School
Lower School
Upper School
Step By Step
Just Kids
Auburn Community Home
Lower School
Upper School
Upper School
IT
Lafayette Community Home
Lower School
Lower School
Just Kids
Lower School
Upper School
Step By Step
Lafayette Community Home
Lower School
Supportive Living
Upper School
Lower School
Lower School

10 Years
Stacey Carrelli
Stephanie Fitzgerald
Nancy Cattanea
Donald Lamb
Nicole Madrid
Linda Fernandez
Alyssa Jones
Victoria Henderson

Medford Community Home
Just Kids
Just Kids
Lower School
Step By Step
Lower School
Just Kids
Lafayette Community Home

15 Years
Tammy Kaminski
Lois Cunningham
Kevin McGuire
Rachel Patti
Tracy McShea

Lower School
Upper School
Step By Step
Step By Step

20 Years
Patricia Carey
Hanna Gunson
Aracelis Ortiz
Dorothy Musick

Upper School
Lower School
Lower School
Upper School

25 Years
Samantha DeGerlia

Human Services

30 Years
Dale Webber
Linda DiLullo

Upper School
General Administration

Employee Spotlight

Jay Ham
Supports Coordinator

During this COVID19 crisis, Jay has been totally selfless in ensuring the clients and staff are well cared for. He has been covering ALL shifts, daytime, second shifts, as well as overnights. Recently the Manager of the Lutea Group Home passed away. Jay has been a pillar of strength to all affected by Joshua’s sudden passing, including Joshua’s family. Jay remains calm and positive during this very difficult time and always has a smile on his face.
Quarantine Humor

Quarantine has me realizing why my dog gets so excited about something moving outside and going for walks and car rides.

I just barked at a squirrel.

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