

# CARE & COMMUNITY, WHAT'S NEWS

December 2019



**HAPPY  
NEW  
YEAR!**

**Goodbye 2019, Hello 2020!**

**WISHING ALL OF YOU A HAPPY HOLIDAY AND  
A HEALTHY AND HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

As we approach the end of another busy year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for the support you have given both our participants and Care and Community. It has been a year of growth for our staff and participants. There have been new activities, volunteer opportunities, friends, staff and even a new location in progress this year. Everyone has risen to the challenges and we are looking forward to conquering new challenges in 2020.

With a new year, comes new ideas and a chance to revisit some of the old. Following is a brief overview of 2019 and a glimpse of what the upcoming year has in store for us.

## UPDATE ON NEW LOCATION



Demo has begun! We are moving forward with demolition and planning to begin reconstruction at the beginning of January. Tentatively, we should be up and running in the new location by the end of February 2020. The new address is 18757 E Hampden Ave Suite 162, Aurora 80013 in the

Seven Hills shopping center. We will post updates and pictures on the website, so check it out!

## EATING OUT ON THURSDAYS



Due to the increase in restaurant food prices and the number of participants with extremely limited budgets, effective January 1, 2020 Care and Community will no longer be eating out on Thursdays. Staff and Participants can continue to choose to eat out or bring a lunch on Fridays and Saturdays, however there will not be a budget limit.

## ACTIVITIES/CALENDARS



Just a reminder, there are some activity options on the monthly calendar that have associated costs. When choosing activities, participants (and in some cases caregivers/parents/guardians) are made aware of the cost (if any) of each activity. If a participant has chosen an activity with a cost,

they can either bring the fee with them the day of the scheduled activity, send/bring in one payment for the total amount for all activities chosen for the month or will be billed the following

month for activities. If there is a question or concern regarding the cost or if a participant is not able to pay for the chosen activity, please let us know so other options can be offered.

To view a list of activities offered and detailed descriptions, please visit our website at [www.careandcommunity.org](http://www.careandcommunity.org).



## **SPECIAL EVENTS** (plays, sporting events, movies, dances, Saturday night out..)

Please pay close attention to the deadlines/cost listed for special events offered monthly. Often, it is not possible for us to get additional tickets. Additionally, beginning January 1, 2020, if you RSVP to a special event and do not attend for any reason, you will be responsible for paying for the ticket. Most events require us to pay in advance and do not offer a refund.



## **STAFF**

Though everyone at Care and Community fulfill multiple roles to ensure our participants are engaged, learning and becoming more independent each day, they all have a special niche too. Here are just a few:

Drew, Patrick, Gen, Tammy, Keisha, Brett, Becky, Sue (guest volunteer), Michelle, Carolyn, Alyssa, Carli, and Rigsby

Patrick, Carli and Drew accepted the challenge to help lead us to success.

Carolyn makes sure we all have something cooking and are on task.

Tammy is Steppin' Up with walking group.

Alyssa, Connie and Michelle V. keep the creative juices flowing for craft group.

Joey's energy and athleticism ensures life is a ball.

Michelle W. has made jewelry group a glittering success!

Erin makes a splash every Monday at the pool.

Our Circle of Friends continues to be strong with Keisha in the center.

Melanie keeps the good times rolling on Fridays and Saturdays.

Gen cheers us on and keeps us in the money.

Brett is an all around dynamo, learning the ropes very quickly and fitting right in.



## **RIGSBY, THE THERAPY PUPPY IN TRAINING**

As many of you may have heard, in May we added a new member to the Care and Community family. Rigsby has been interacting with staff and participants daily while working toward becoming a therapy dog. Currently he has been visiting mostly at the center but will begin accompanying us in the community soon. Stop by and say hello!

That's all for now! Please check our website [www.careandcommunity.org](http://www.careandcommunity.org) for upcoming events and updates!

--Enjoy your holidays!