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Brian's Story of Success

By Brynn Zwickel

During the Fall of 2021, Brian began his employment at McCaffrey's in New Hope, PA. Brian was hired to complete the maintenance tasks at this local and family-owned grocery store. Over the past year, Brian has strengthened his work skills, became friends with multiple coworkers, and has developed a true connection with his employment.

Brian starts his day by getting to work early so he has time to sit at the front counter and enjoy a coffee from the store cafe. Over the summer, Brian was assigned some new job tasks in the Deli Department. Brian is now cross trained in packing prepared foods, using the cheese slicer, weighing packaged foods, and assisting in the Gourmet Cheese Department. In this department, Brian works side by side with Dennis. Brian assists with packaging cheese, wrapping cheese in plastic, labeling the cheese, weighing it, and stocking the shelves. Dennis said that Brian knows how to do a lot of the different jobs in the store. He really likes working with Brian. Dennis says "Brian makes it fun here at McCaffrey's. He has a great sense of humor and keeps things interesting. It's good for customers to see that the employees are having fun in the positive environment of the store". Brian has developed a meaningful rapport with Dennis which is evident by the amount of work they accomplish when working together.

Brian's coworkers have explained that he is "Very sweet, he'll do anything I ask him to do". "Brian is a hard worker. He is a passionate, very friendly, a good guy, takes his work seriously but can have fun. He gets along with everybody and everyone adores him. He has improved since he first started. Now he is doing deli, cheese prepared food, carts, maintenance. When they page him, he is available!". Lastly, one of Brian's biggest fans, Nicole, says "Brian has a good heart, he cares more about than what's in his job description."

When you ask Brian how this job makes him feel, he will tell you: "This keeps me occupied; it makes a good day when I see the store manager because he works hard and makes me want to work hard too." In Brian's spare time he helps with the local football team, plays video games such as wrestling and football, goes to wrestling events with his brother, and helps at his local fire company during special events.



A Message from the Executive Director Mary Sautter, MSOL

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family healthy and well. BARC Developmental Services is celebrating 71 years of supports and service to children and adults with intellectual disabilities and autism. I am happy to share that we had an increase over the past 6 months in community engagement and in-person events, a hopeful sign of adapting to a new “normal” post-pandemic.

The agency had a positive bottom line in the fiscal year ending June 30, 2022. As we head into 2023, the same challenges continue: advocating for greater funding on the federal and state levels; the staffing crisis; greater scrutiny by regulatory oversight; and potential service model changes, particularly in the vocational department. The fiscal challenges are not new, and we have been

successful in obtaining extra funding via COVID-related grants from the state and county levels over the past couple of years.

BARC Developmental Services continues to offer supports to children and adults in three service departments – Early Intervention, Residential, and Vocational. Our Early Intervention Department offers therapies for over 400 children living in Bucks County aged birth to 3 years old in their natural environments. As you will read in this newsletter, we recently vacated the building in Croydon that housed classrooms for children 3-5 years old for several decades—a bittersweet end to an era. The two vocational workshop facilities continue to operate on a limited basis and the department celebrated the re-opening of the Adult Training Facilities program in Quakertown. Also, the Joint Opportunities for Business and Society (JOBS) program actively supports nine individuals in their community jobs. Our Residential Department provides every form of living options in Bucks and Montgomery County. The maintenance team has renovated two homes that were purchased in early 2022; one of them opened in August that supports three women and the other home is scheduled to open in December.

The agency’s Development Committee oversees and monitors all fundraising activities. We were able to hold two in-person events recently: Designer Handbag Bingo and the annual Autumn Luncheon. This was the 41st year of having the luncheon and it was a great success! We are grateful for all our sponsors, participants and volunteers and thank them for their generosity.

Our grant program assists both program and renovation/maintenance needs for our facilities. In 2022, we secured grant funding for several projects, including a ramp at a residential home, a ramp at a vocational facility, and repaving of the parking lot at the Quakertown Vocational facility.

We continue to be proud of the quality of supports we provide to children and adults with intellectual disabilities and autism. Thank you to all our stakeholders and constituents for your support, it is very much appreciated. I wish you all a happy and healthy holiday season.

Sincerely,

Mary Sautter

Mary Sautter, MSOL

Justin T. Schram Award

The BARC Developmental Services Foundation created the Justin T. Schram award in 2016 as a means to recognize exceptional contributions by an associate to the agency. It was created to honor the memory of Justin T. Schram who passed away on January 5th, 2016. Justin is the beloved son of BARC's long-time former Executive Director, Dr. Robert H. Schram. Justin was an avid musician, bandleader, psycho-therapist, and certified K-6 teacher in New Jersey and Colorado. Justin was dedicated to helping others. The Justin T. Schram Award is sponsored by U.S. Medical Staffing Inc. and Trinity Asset Protection.

The Length of Service Ceremony held on October 7th at Peace Valley Park honored BARC associates for their years of dedication to the agency. Executive Director, Mary Sautter and VP of Trinity Asset Protection, Catherine McLain, presented the 2022 Justin T. Schram Award to **Catherine Stumpf**, ATF/ Seniors Manager and **Shnica Smith**, Assistant Production Manager.

According to her nominators, Catherine Stumpf should be selected as the recipient of the Justin T Schram award because if you were to walk through the BPSQ ATF, you'll always see her out on the floor going above and beyond for our folks and her staff. If you talk to anyone who knows Cat, they will tell you that she is the kind of person that will give you the shirt off her back. She's always a shoulder you can cry on for staff and the individuals. When an individual is upset, Cat is the first one to step up and take action to see what's wrong and how it can be fixed. During COVID, Cat worked many hours at our homes. She was working in three different houses during this time, making homemade dinners and taking the ladies on community outings. She knows all the ADLs and all the ISP and behavior support plans for the folks she supports in the ATF and the residential homes she works in.

Cat is someone that everyone admires. She is truly one of the hardest workers. With how much she worked through COVID and how much dedication she has for this agency, Cat showed exceptional work ethic. If this award is for the person who goes above and beyond, then the person most deserving is Catherine Stumpf.



Mary Sautter, Executive Director (left) and VP of Trinity Asset Protection, Catherine McLain (right) present 2022 Justin T. Schram award to Catherine Stumpf (center)

According to her nominators, Shnica Smith is the person who epitomizes what the award represents. She has dedicated over 22 years to serving the individuals that we support. She is more than just staff to so many, she is family. She will always put the needs of others above all else and does so with a smile. Shnica has an infectious laugh that can brighten your day. Over the years Shnica has contributed to many success stories of the individuals we support. Shnica was instrumental in the success of an individual that we support who was dealing with significant mental health issues causing them to have difficulty making it through the day while at BPSW. She spent time developing a relationship with and earning their trust which was very important to them. Shnica was able to pick up on their body language, alert staff and spent time with the individual.

This person in return is now able to offer help to their peers who may be having difficulties. When she goes on vacation, I know several supported individuals will count down the days until she returns, and others will stay home. Trying to put in words all of the wonderful things that Shnica has done over the years is not easy. She is such an instrumental part of BPSW and without her it would not be the same. If anyone deserves to be recognized, it is her! Without her, none of us would be able to function and do our jobs.



Mary Sautter, Executive Director (left) and VP of Trinity Asset Protection, Catherine McLain (right) present 2022 Justin T. Schram award to Shnica Smith (center)

Vocational Holiday Raffle

Wickecheoke Creek, NJ

By Natalie Searl



Award winning photographer Natalie Searl captures the beautiful Wickecheoke Creek, known for its scenic hiking views and its preserved surrounding properties.

Tickets are \$3.00 a piece, or four tickets for \$10.00.

If you have any questions, please call the Development Department at 215-794-0800 ext. 332 or 369.

Winners will be notified by phone or email. Winners will also be publicized on our website at www.barcprograms.org, the BARC Developmental Services Facebook page, Bits of BARC (our monthly online newsletter), and in the Spring edition of PROGRESS.

Membership Is An Opportunity To Make A Difference

As a member:

- You are invited to attend the annual Membership Meeting held in May and participate in the election of the volunteer Board of Directors;
- Your vote directly impacts the future of the organization;
- Your tax deductible gift contributes to the support of the men, women, and children receiving services through our early intervention, residential, and vocational programs;
- You will receive this bi-annual newsletter, PROGRESS, which keeps you up to date on the agency's goals and accomplishments, as well as informing you of upcoming events.

YES! I would like to support the 2023 BARC Membership Campaign. Please accept my donation of:

☐ \$500 ☐ \$250 ☐ \$100 ☐ \$50 ☐ \$25 ☐ \$15 ☐ Other \$_____

Name: _____

Address: _____

(City, ST, Zip) _____

Phone: _____

Mail to: **BARC Developmental Services**
P.O. Box 470
Holicong, PA 18928-0470

I have enclosed:

☐ My check made payable to BARC.

☐ My VISA or MASTERCARD information.

(Name, as it appears on card)

(Address, if different than at left)

Card Number: _____

Expiration Date: _____

Signature _____

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Emily Avenue Through the Years

By Noreen Coleman

Our agency began providing services to both children & adults having special needs at the Croydon location in 1968. A group of concerned parents advocated to obtain supports for their children. Joan Esling, a lifelong resident of Croydon, led the parents in working with township officials to identify a location where the children & adults would have opportunities to grow and learn. Joan continued to be involved and on the board of the agency for many years.

The Vocational Program operated on one side of the building while the Early Intervention Program was on the other. As the programs expanded, Vocational relocated to two facilities now in Quakertown and Warminster. The site in Croydon was renovated to better meet the needs of the children.

Over the years, Early Intervention expanded and partnered with the Bucks County Intermediate Unit & Bucks County Head Start to support the community. Over 50 years at the site we supported approximately 10,000 Infants, Toddlers and Preschool children. The building provided a safe space for the families to network, socialize and participate in trainings while the children received therapies and time to play.



The staff found the building to be a 2nd home, many spending their careers in the department and with the agency. The State changed their expectation of serving all children inclusively and we transitioned to supporting the children in their natural environment in 2018 and the classroom programs were closed. We continued to run the Infant/Toddler Program administratively from the location up until September 2022. We closed the site with bittersweet feelings knowing the difference it made in families lives at the location over the years and looking forward to our next chapter supporting infants & toddlers in their home or community setting from our new offices in Langhorne.

Special Thanks to Georgeanne Hopkins who wore many hats at the location over the years, too many to mention. Georgeanne was instrumental in preparing the site for us to leave and all the steps necessary to relocate to the new space in Langhorne.

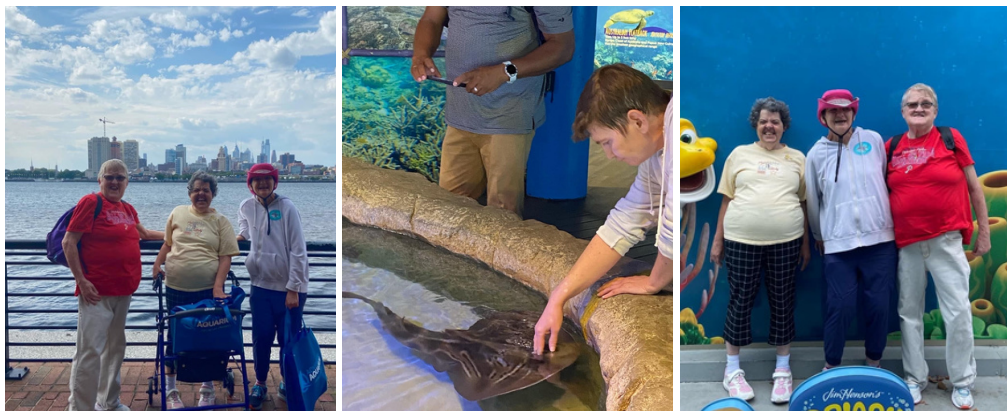
Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday to you! BARC Developmental Services celebrated many birthdays of our supported folks this year.



Aquarium Adventures

A few supported individuals had a fun time at The Adventure Aquarium enjoying sharks, stingrays and all different kinds of fish!



Movie Night

Some of our folks enjoyed an exciting day at the movies seeing Hotel Transylvania 2!



Fall Fun

Throughout the month of October, supported folks enjoyed various fall activities from visiting AGA Farms in Perkasie, PA to dressing up for Halloween!



Help Us Give Gifts To Those In Need This Holiday Season



Help us make sure everyone we support has gifts under the tree this holiday season. We've identified 6 adults in our Residential and Vocational programs who are in need this year. You can very easily help us make their holiday special by shopping from the Amazon Wish list provided.

Barbie

Barbie is 75 years old and loving being retired. Barbie loves going out into the community, but especially out to eat and shopping at the Dollar Tree and Walmart.

Faith

Faith is 51 years young and our resident "foodie". She loves to eat, talk about food and meal plan. She also enjoys going on day trips locally and vacationing.

Jayne

Jayne is 66 years old and loves to spend time with friends and family. Her favorite musician is Reba McEntyre and she enjoys crafting. When possible, she likes to go out to eat and shop at both Ross and the Dollar Tree.

Brian

Brian is a very hard working 44 year old! He's been an employee at McDonalds for over 30 years. When he's not working, he enjoys spending time with family. Brian is a huge Philly sports fan, and his favorite TV show is NCIS.

Chris

Chris is 50 years old, and while he loves being home, he really enjoys grocery shopping with his mom. He can often be found at his local Wawa, where everyone knows his name. He's also a big Philly sports fan.

Connie

Connie is a 46 year old women, who loves to bring smiles on others faces during work. She loves to wear hats, collect wind chimes, and shop at Walmart.

Capital Campaign

BARC Production Services Warminster



Before

After

To support the 2022 Capital Campaign:

<https://barcprograms.org/capital-campaign/>

In 2021, thanks to the unprecedented support of many generous donors, enough funds to construct fire evacuation sidewalks at BARC Production Services Warminster were collected in just four months! With \$13,500 raised, the agency maintenance team was able to coordinate the construction of the sidewalks quickly and efficiently making the building a safer place for the adults supported within this vocational program. All donors will be invited to a dedication ceremony being planned for the Spring.

This year, we'd like to focus on our Residential Program so we can continue to provide safe and sustainable homes to our supported individuals throughout their lifespan. Some of our homes are in need of a ramp and walkway egress to ensure proper evacuation for individuals with mobility challenges in the event of an emergency.

If you'd like to contribute to the Capital Campaign, please visit the website listed to the left.

2023 BASEBALL RAFFLE

Benefitting BARC Developmental services

100 Level Seating!

1st Prize: A pair of PHILLIES Season Tickets -
for Sunday Home Games (14 games)

2nd Prize: A pair of Iron Pigs Tickets -
Sunday Game Plan (10 games)
Lunch included! Each ticket includes hotdog,
soda and popcorn.

3rd Prize: \$100 gift certificate towards a
Phillies game of your choice!

Tickets are: 1 for \$3, 4 for \$10, or 8 for \$20

Need additional raffle tickets? Call the Development Office at 215.794.0800 x332.
Tickets (in sets of 4) can also be purchased online at: www.barcprograms.org/baseball-raffle.com

Drawing will take place Monday, March 13, 2023
1 PM
Winners will be notified by telephone

RING THE BELL!

\$15

CALENDAR SALE

12-MONTH WALL CALENDAR
featuring
the adults supported in
Vocational and Residential programs

ALL PROCEEDS BENEFIT
BARC DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

For more information, visit our website at:
www.barcprograms.org

Events

Golf Outing



For over 20 years BARC Developmental Services has been partnering with members of the community to put on the Annual Ivyland Invitational Fundraising Golf Outing. This year the rain held out long enough for our 23rd event to take place. Golfers enjoyed 18 holes of golf with friends and business associates, skills contests, raffles, and lunch. Special thanks to our Corporate Sponsor, EisnerAmper, and the many volunteers who helped the event run smoothly. All money raised from this event will directly benefit the men, women and children with intellectual disabilities and autism supported by the agency.

Save the date! Next year's event will be held on Monday, June 26th, 2023. We hope to see you all there!



Car Show

BARC Developmental Services hosted its first ever Cars For a Cause car show, sponsored by Penn's Grant Realty Association (Cross Keys Place Shopping Center, Routes 313 and 611 in Doylestown and Logan Square Shopping Center, 6542 Lower York Road, New Hope) on Saturday, September 17th at Warminster Community Park. Car enthusiasts showed a variety of cars while spectators wandered the park enjoying food from The Water Ice Truck and music by DJ Rita Marie Marlow. Prizes were awarded for Best In Show, Crowd Favorite and Kids Choice. In addition, seven supported individuals had the opportunity to award five awards for their personal favorite cars, a highlight for all attendees!

We had such a great time, we are doing it again next year! Keep an eye on our website for information regarding a fall Cars For a Cause event in 2023. We hope to see you all there!



Car Raffle



For more than 40 years, BARC Developmental Services hosted an annual Mercedes Benz Raffle where a winner was drawn to receive their choice of a two-year lease on a current, well-equipped Mercedes Benz or \$24,000 in cash. The COVID-19 pandemic gave us the opportunity to revamp this popular event and the NEW Car Raffle was born. Congrats to this year's winner, Maggie Michener of Lansdale, whose ticket #004, was drawn at the Cars For a Cause car show! Maggie had her choice of a \$30,000 voucher at Kia of Langhorne toward the car of her choice or \$25,000, an increase from our previous cash prize. Maggie chose the cash prize!

Thank you to everyone who participated. We look forward to another successful raffle in 2023!

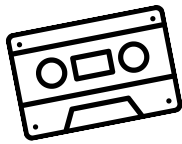


Mary Sautter, Executive Director, presents 2022 Car Raffle Winner, Maggie Michener of Lansdale with a check for \$25,000.

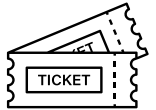
Designer Handbag Bingo

It was good to be back! After a nearly three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, BARC Developmental Services hosted an 80's themed Designer Handbag Bingo. The event, attended by over 100 supporters, took place on Friday, October 14th at the Plumsteadville Fire Company's Fireside Hall. Attendees played 12 games of bingo for a chance to win a variety of designer handbags. They also had the opportunity to participate in a 50/50, two raffles and a cover-all game. Many participants also took part in our 80's costume contest!

Congrats to all the winners and thank you to our many handbag sponsors. Proceeds from this event benefit the Social/Recreational Fund, which provides outings and social opportunities for those supported in our Residential programs. We look forward to seeing you all again in 2023!



Autumn Luncheon



After a long three-year hiatus due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the 41st Annual Autumn Luncheon returned on Sunday, November 6th. Nearly 200 guests packed Spring Mill Manor in Ivyland, PA, where they enjoyed a three-course meal and a chance to win some of the 62 baskets generously donated by many individuals and local business supporters! One lucky attendee even took home \$1,000 as the winner of the 50/50 event!

Congrats to all the lucky winners and save the date! Next year's event will take place on Sunday, November 5th, 2023. We hope to see even more of you there!

Duck Derby

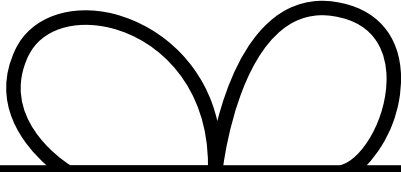


On Saturday, June 4th, BARC Developmental Services hosted its 2nd annual Duck Derby event virtually. Supporters were invited to "adopt" a duck (or ducks), and all adopted ducks were tossed into a private pool where Mary Sautter, Executive Director, chose five at random for cash prize winners. The event, which was sponsored by John Gregory and the Warminster Rotary Club among many others, quickly became a success selling over 1,200 ducks! The event was conducted LIVE on the agency's Facebook page with several of our supported individuals in attendance, as well as a few agency volunteers. Congratulations to our five winners: Robin Soliday of Perkasie (\$1,000), John Kryven (\$500), John McClay (\$250), Lori Vail (\$100) and Dina DiFabio (\$50). A very special thank you goes to Amanda Selkow and Joe Rittenhouse, supporters, who kindly donated their pool for the event.



Gift Card Raffle

Congratulations to the winners of the 2022 BARC Developmental Services Gift Card Raffle! The drawing was held on Tuesday, November 22nd, 2022 at the BARC Developmental Services Executive Office, and was streamed LIVE on the agency Facebook page. The three lucky winners were chosen by Mary Sautter, Executive Director. Thanks to everyone who participated!



1st Prize

\$750 in Gift Cards

Darryl Puzan

of Yardley, PA

2nd Prize

\$500 in Gift Cards

Michele Mailman

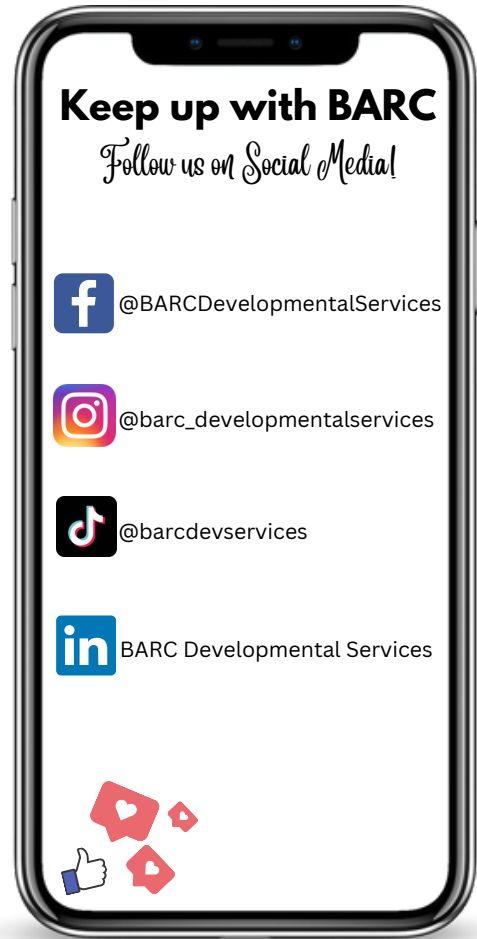
of Dresher, PA

3rd Prize

\$250 in Gift Cards

Christine Huston

of Collegeville, PA



WE ARE HIRING!

REWARDING CAREER!

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2023 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- January 9:** **Vocational Holiday Photo Raffle Drawing**
BARC Production Services
- March 13:** **Phillies Baseball Raffle Drawing**
BARC Executive Offices
- May 4:** **Annual Membership Meeting**
BARC Production Services Warminster
- June 10:** **3rd Annual Duck Derby**
Location To Be Determined
- June 26:** **Ivyland Open Golf Outing**
Five Ponds Golf Club, Warminster, PA
- September:** **Designer Handbag Bingo**
Location & Date To Be Determined
- October:** **Cars For A Cause Car Show**
Warminster Community Park, Warminster, PA
Date To Be Determined
- November 5:** **Annual Autumn Fundraising Luncheon**
Spring Mill Manor, Ivyland, PA

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our fundraising efforts,
visit our website at:
www.barcprograms.org