

# That's Providence Center

*Shaping Lives, Creating Futures.*

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## Building for Future Generations at Jean Bradbury



**Providence Center Board of Directors President Chuck Goodman, Capital Campaign Committee member Tricia Baldwin, Leadership donor Peggy Baldwin, and Providence Center Executive Director Chuck Coble hold sledgehammers for the ceremonial groundbreaking.**

Five years after kicking off Providence Center's first-ever capital campaign, supporters, donors, staff, and participants came together in late November for a groundbreaking ceremony at the Jean Bradbury Building (JBB) in Arnold. The event, featuring a ceremonial wall breaking and reception, culminated the successful campaign to renovate Providence Center's oldest program site.

Weathering a global economic recession and the first campaign of this type for the organization, Providence Center raised more than \$2.1 million to modernize JBB and make its program spaces more adaptive and accessible for participants. Hundreds of generous donors, many first-time supporters, provided the funds for a renovation that will positively impact lives for generations to come. The total raised also included a prestigious Kresge Challenge Grant for \$500,000 from the Kresge Foundation.

In noting the significance of the Kresge Challenge Grant, Tricia Baldwin, a leadership donor to the campaign and member of the Capital Campaign Committee, stated, "This is a tremendous accomplishment from a very respected foundation. Kresge only supports projects where they believe they can actually make a difference in the lives touched by their funding. So we are incredibly grateful for their confidence in the project and everyone that came together to make it happen."

President and CEO of The Kresge Foundation Rip Rapson wrote Providence Center about the award, telling the organization, "The [Kresge] Foundation supports your commitment to provide opportunities for low-income developmentally disabled adults. We are particularly impressed with your effort to provide greater access to programs, including specialized services to severely disabled clients and your dedication to reducing barriers to transportation and increasing opportunities for clients to participate in the broader community."

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## Chuck's Notes

From the desk of Chuck Coble,  
Executive Director

Looking forward can be challenging when you do not know what lies ahead. At Providence Center, we are looking forward more and more so that we can be prepared to continue providing the best care and support to adults with

developmental disabilities today and those that will count on us tomorrow.

The recent groundbreaking at our Jean Bradbury Building in Arnold and the relocation of our Woodshop to our Baldwin Industries are two "concrete" examples of our eye on the future. The renovation of JBB is being done to modernize an outdated site so that we can continue to serve for the next generation of

participants and beyond. Moving Woodshop to Baldwin begins a transition towards opening more and more opportunities up for those whose lives we are entrusted. Both of these changes will provide long-term benefits to those that rely on the services that Providence Center provides.

The challenge in planning for the future is not knowing what lies ahead. But we remain committed tomorrow to the axiom we are committed to today – that every person with a disability deserves to have a future of their own choosing and to live a life that they design.

While we await and hope for advances in treatments and the effects of sustained preventative education efforts, the population of those with developmental disabilities is on the uptick. Therefore, we must be at the ready to serve and be the support that our participants need.

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## Modernized Woodshop to Move to Baldwin Industries



*Jeremy Flowers has mastered the machinery at Woodshop.*

By the end of 2012, Providence Center's Woodshop will be in at its new home – moving from its Millersville location to Baldwin Industries in Arnold. For many years, there have been discussions about relocating Woodshop and, after much internal debate and feedback from staff, participants, and caregivers, the decision was made to make the move. The logic was simple: The benefits far outweigh any negatives.

What the move will mean for Woodshop and Baldwin participants can be summarized in one word – more. More opportunities, more access, more staff, and more fiscal sense.

But to make the move, a new Woodshop had to be constructed at the Baldwin site to accommodate the program. After a competitive bidding process, and a generous grant from the Jesse & Hertha Adams Charitable Trust for the new woodshop, BuilderGuru Contracting and Gardiner and Gardiner Contracting were chosen to make the new Woodshop a reality.

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## Building for Future Generations, *continued from page 1*



*A rendering of the new lobby at JBB.*

The upgrades to the site were necessary, after years of daily use and with outdated facilities. The building had not been updated since it was first built in the early 1960's. Among the upgrades are:

- Modernizing JBB to make it a state-of-the-art facility that best meets the needs of those we serve;
- Installing bathrooms with adaptive features, automating doorways, installing handrails and special flooring for our visually impaired participants;
- Improving the structure to repair cracked walls, installing energy-efficient features such as windows and doors, and full spectrum lighting to remove ballast noise that is disruptive to those diagnosed with autism and other similar disabilities;
- Adding a Snoezelen sensory room, a training kitchen, modernized and centrally located nursing suite;
- Expanding program areas so that more individuals can participate in more programs at JBB.

The renovations, which began in November, are expected to take a year to complete, with the project being done in two phases so that there is minimal disruption to participants and staff throughout the process.

Providence Center Executive Director Chuck Coble said, "We've said all along that this campaign is about much more than bricks and mortar. This campaign is about investing in the lives we serve today and those that will count on us tomorrow."

BuilderGuru Contracting and Gardiner and Gardiner Contracting were chosen for the project after a competitive bidding process. The company was responsible for the construction of the Center's Cloverleaf building in Millersville. Owner Ben Harries, a long-time supporter of Providence Center, said the project will benefit a community that is very special to him and his family. "I know how important organizations like Providence Center are to the individuals they serve and their loved ones," Harries said. "BuilderGuru and Gardiner and Gardiner are proud to be involved in these history-making upgrades to JBB."

Providence Center Board of Directors' President Chuck Goodman added, "I have no doubt that the new JBB will be everything and more for those that walk through its doors each day."

A ribbon cutting ceremony will be held once the construction is completed.

To learn more about the renovations at JBB, visit [www.providencecenter.com/news/jean-bradbury-building-renovations](http://www.providencecenter.com/news/jean-bradbury-building-renovations) for regular updates on the project's progress.

## Nadina's Crèmes: Enriching Lives and Your Skin



***Making the jars for Nadina's Crèmes.***

In 1990, a small business owner approached Providence Center's Pottery Studio about supplying handmade pottery jars and wooden displays for their specialty skin crèmes. Today, nearly 23 years later, Eastern Shore-based Nadina's Crèmes is still partnering with Providence Center, employing Providence Center participants to create the specialty jars that contain the company's line of 25 different luxury hand and body crèmes.

Owner Jill Nadine Clements began making her crèmes as she traveled across Africa in the early 1980's as an apprentice potter. Since then, her ever growing business has been featured in Baltimore Magazine's Best of Baltimore and Entrepreneur Magazine and is a favorite of musician Sarah McLaughlin. She has also been able to create an exclusive line of products for Nordstrom department stores and expand her product selection to include face and hair care products as well as beaded mirrors and candles.

Despite all of her success, Clements stays true to her company's mission. Nadina's Crèmes is an advocate for education and awareness for many social issues, including rainforest preservation, domestic violence, homelessness, and developmental disabilities. The company's philosophy is to "contribute to a better future by giving back to the community." By the company's work with Providence Center, that philosophy is truly being put into practice.

Providence Center Pottery program participants make the handmade containers for her company and greatly benefit from the work. It not only provides them a steady stream of work in the studio but, more importantly, provides them with the opportunity to earn a paycheck and become a contributing member of our communities.

For more information on Nadina's Crèmes, which make exceptional Holiday and Valentine's Day gifts, please visit her website at [www.nadinascrèmes.com](http://www.nadinascrèmes.com). At Providence Center, we advocate for supporting those companies that support our work and those we serve. Nadina's Crèmes is doing just that.



***The finished product – Providence Center pottery with Nadina's specialty crèmes.***

***That's Providence Center will feature participants, staff, employers, or people in the community that inspire and empower us. Nominate the person you think is helping Providence Center advance its mission and tell us why you think they should be featured in our Providence Profile. Send your nomination to Audra Harrison, Director of Community Relations, at [aharrison@providencecenter.com](mailto:aharrison@providencecenter.com).***

## Modernized Woodshop, *continued from page 2*

The new Woodshop will include:

- Modernized and specialized equipment and more accessible work spaces;
- Installation of Hepa filters that will greatly minimize dust and debris;
- More programs open to woodshop participants including contracted services at Baldwin, microenterprises, computer lab, work adjustment training and job training and the opportunity to take classes held at Baldwin in coordination with the Community College of Baltimore County;
- Access to registered nurse located at Baldwin Industries;
- Reduced overhead by moving from a rented facility.

The Woodshop program will remain the same size with regards to the number of participants in the program. But it will allow those participants to become more involved in other production areas of Providence Center with more community interaction.

Providence Center Executive Director Chuck Coble said the move is part of the overall vision of the organization. "This is in line with Providence Center's goal of having our participants integrated in our communities more and our communities integrated with those with developmental disabilities," Coble said. "I have every confidence that this relocation will benefit each of our participants and assist them in designing richer, fuller lives for themselves."

To make this a reality, there will be needed upgrades to Baldwin to accommodate the Woodshop program. The upgrades will not be extensive and should require short-term construction. Construction began in November and will be completed by December 31, 2012.

## How Can I Help?

When you make a gift to Providence Center, whether it's a donation or the gift of volunteer time, you are helping to enrich the lives of 500 of our community's residents. There are many ways you can help the men and women with developmental disabilities who count on Providence Center:

### Financial Support

- You can make a cash donation payable to Providence Center at 930 Point Pleasant Road, Glen Burnie, MD 21060. **Don't forget to check to see if your employer has a matching gift program.** Donations can also be made by Visa or MasterCard. To process a credit card payment, call our Development Department at 410-766-2212, ext. 110. You can also go online at [www.providencecenter.com](http://www.providencecenter.com) and donate directly.
- You can donate stocks, bonds, real estate, and name Providence Center as the beneficiary on a life insurance policy. Contact your financial advisor to learn more about these and other options.
- Planned Giving can make a lasting impact that will serve the future of Providence Center. Planned gifts are ways a donor can leave money or assets to a nonprofit at his or her death; or a way to invest money so that the donor receives benefits during his or her life and then bequeaths the remaining funds to the nonprofit. To learn more, contact your financial advisor.

### In-Kind Donations

Donations of goods and services allow the Center to allocate funds to other program needs. Examples include art supplies for our Art Institute, lawn equipment for our Horticulture Program or medical supplies. Please call our Development Department for a list of desired items and services at (410)766-2212, ext 110.

### Donate a Car

Providence Center's car donation program is ready to accept your vehicle in exchange for the tax benefits you will receive for donating to a registered non-profit organization. For more information on our car donation program, contact [info@providencecenter.com](mailto:info@providencecenter.com).

### Gift of Time and Talent

Volunteers are a tremendous asset to our programs. You may have gardening skills to help in our greenhouses, an artistic flair to assist in our Art Institute, an entrepreneurial spirit that can help a participant start his own business, or just the desire to be a friend to someone, spending time over lunch, working on the computer or reading. Volunteer with Providence Center and make a difference in the lives of adults with developmental disabilities.

Volunteers must be at least 16 and go through a background check. We are happy to work with eligible students fulfilling community service requirements but ask that they volunteer a minimum of 40 hours. For more information, please contact Erin Bishop at [ebishop@providencecenter.com](mailto:ebishop@providencecenter.com) or at (410)766-2212, ext. 105.

### Employer Charity Campaign

If your employer participates in the United Way's Maryland Charity Campaign, you can designate Providence Center as your beneficiary. **Providence Center's Maryland Charity Campaign number is #1256.**

# Providence Center's "Hero in All of Us" Celebrates Unsung Heroes



*Chuck Coble with Peggy and Tom Baldwin.*

Providence Center would like to thank the committee members, sponsors, and attendees for their support of our Heroes event in November at the Loews in Annapolis.

The event honored unsung heroes that are assisting Providence Center in advancing its mission of service. Honorees included: John Stierhoff, a respected attorney with Venable LLP that has performed hundreds of hours of pro bono service to the organization; Rosemary Elger, Providence Center's Director of Self-Advocacy that has worked with the organization for nearly 30 years and has overseen its transition to community-based services and integrating clients with the communities in which they live; Dorothy and Stephen Constants, who have become invaluable volunteers at the Center's Pottery Studio in addition to expanding the organization's network of support, including the recent partnership between Providence Center and Wegmans of Waugh Chapel; and Krystle Powell, a Providence Center client that is achieving more independence in her life, from common household tasks like planning and cooking a dinner for her family and using a coin-operated laundry to successfully turning her volunteer position into a paid job.



*Chuck Coble and Shannon Rosenthal award Dorothy and Stephen Constants art by Providence Center's artists for being unsung heroes to the organization.*



*Honorary Chairs Colleen and Jay Baldwin.*



*Presenting Sponsors Dave and Kristi Pappas of Chiron Technology.*



*Honoree Krystle Powell was acknowledged for her drive to seek increased independence and providing a positive example to her peers.*

## THE HERO IN ALL OF US COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Thank you to those that volunteered and gave of their time, talents, and treasure to help make this evening a success on behalf of the extraordinary men and women with developmental disabilities who count on Providence Center each day.

- Colleen Baldwin**, Providence Center Board of Directors and Honorary Co-Chair
- David Chisholm**, Revere Bank
- Daphne Foreman**, Zachary's Jewelers
- Jennifer Holland Briemann**, Abbott Industries
- Shannon DeLuca**, Coldwell Banker
- George Moran**, Moran Insurance, retired
- Jamie Schmidt**, Enterprise Fleet Management
- Carol Snyder**, Coldwell Banker and Providence Center Board of Directors

## SPONSORS OF THE EVENT INCLUDED:

### Presenting Sponsors:

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- Richard and Jennifer Briemann
- David and Kimberly Mitchell
- Jackson Lewis LLP



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# Commemorative Gifts

This listing reflects commemorative gifts from  
May 16, 2012 – December 10, 2012

**In Honor of John Louis Rieve**  
Ms. Elizabeth Watts

**In Honor of Michael Boulter**  
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Ms. Cynthia Dark

**In Memory of Gregory Stanbro**  
Mr. and Mrs. Robert Fagan

**In Memory of Bonny Bassford**  
Mr. Stephen Bartels

**In Memory of Bonny Bassford**  
Ms. Anna Basil

**In Memory of Bonny Bassford**  
Mr. Quintin Wood

**In Memory of Olivia Constants**  
Ms. Michele Kenlon

**In Memory of Judson Brandt Bell**  
Ms. Barbara Weaver

## Chuck's Notes, *continued from page 1*

We cannot wait for challenges to present themselves. We have to move forward and hope to overcome any changes that affect our work. Providence Center's mission is rooted in turning challenges into accomplishments. With your help, we are becoming better prepared than ever to meet the rising need for our services and remain a beacon for those that may need our services tomorrow.

## New Retail Partners

We are pleased to announce new retail partners for Providence Center products. The retailers below now offer their customers our products while also assisting our participants gain greater independence by earning a paycheck through the sale of their work. Please consider supporting those retailers that support our important work.

**Wegmans of Crofton**  
1413 South Main Chapel Way  
Gambrills

**Bay Country Shop**  
2709 Ocean Gateway  
Cambridge

**Chesapeake Treasures-  
Hospice of the Chesapeake**  
562 Ritchie Highway #B  
Severna Park

**Naptown Clothing Company**  
107 Main Street  
Annapolis

## In the Community

Providence Center works to actively engage our participants in the community through our Supported Employment program with employment and volunteer positions. Thanks to all of our community partners and hope that you will consider supporting those partners that support our important work.

### Employers/Volunteer Positions

**Moran Insurance**

696 Ritchie Highway  
Severna Park, MD 21146

**Zandy's Grill**

8258 Veterans Highway  
Millersville, MD 21108

**Relysh Catering**

827 Central Ave, Suite 11,  
Edgewater, MD 21037

**Sears (Annapolis Mall)**

1040 Annapolis Mall Road  
Annapolis, MD 21401

**Melwood, Naval Academy**

5606 Dower House Road  
Upper Marlboro, MD 20772

**Sears Annapolis Mall**

1040 Annapolis Road  
Annapolis, MD 21403

**Relysh Catering**

827 East Central Ave  
Edgewater, MD 21037

**Agua Cleaning Services**

102 N Charter Road  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

**Walmart**

6721 Chesapeake Center Drive  
Glen Burnie, MD 21060

**Panera Bread**

6633 Ritchie Highway  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

**Giant**

573 Ritchie Highway  
Severna Park, MD 21046

**Giant**

7940 Crain Highway  
Glen Burnie, MD 21061

## Announcements

❖ Congratulations to **Andrea Quarles, Katherine Callahan, and Audra Harrison** for their new positions at Providence Center. Quarles was hired as Quality Assurance Coordinator following her most recent position with the State of Maryland's Department of Health and Mental Hygiene. Callahan was appointed Admissions Coordinator, overseeing all new admissions and recruitment, from her Program Coordinator position. Harrison was named Director of Community Relations, overseeing development, marketing, public relations, and external affairs. Congratulations!

❖ **Correction:** In the Summer 2012 newsletter, we incorrectly identified **Tracy Newman**, a participant working at Safeway, in the article, "Qualified Employees, Quality Employers." We apologize and regret the error.

❖ Thank you to **PNC Foundation** for their grant of \$7,500 to install wheelchair ramps on two new state-funded minivans for the Supported Employment program. These vans will help Providence Center advance its mission of Employment First and provide an accessible, safer, efficient, and more normalized transportation for our participants.

❖ Thank you to the **Jesse & Hertha Adams Charitable Trust** for their grant towards the new Woodshop at Baldwin Industries, a state of the art, accessible woodshop for job and skills training, creating marketable products and facilitating connections with the community.

❖ Thank you to health law firm **Adelman, Sheff, and Smith** for their recent donation of furniture.

❖ Thank you to **Dr. Al Gordon** for his office's recent donation of furniture.

❖ Thank you to the **Broadneck Library** for their recent donation of books.

❖ Thank you to the **Kitty Creek Book Club** for their recent donation of gardening supplies for our horticulture program and their donation of art supplies for our Art Institute.

*A full listing of donors will be featured in Providence Center's 2012 Annual Report.*

### Contracted Services at Baldwin Industries

Providence Center's Baldwin Industries is an innovative business entity that serves companies while supporting our participants. Baldwin operates as a subcontracting business providing a diverse range of services to businesses and agencies throughout the Baltimore-Washington Metropolitan Area. These services include:

Retail and wholesale packaging, Product assembly, Hand packaging, Wafer sealing, Heat sealing, Delivery and pick-up, Mass mailings, Door hanger and flyer distribution, Office cleaning, Group enclaves for work at employers' sites and Individual placement with supported employment services.



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## Save the Date!!

### **Providence Center Kiwaniis Aktion Club**

Wednesday, January 9, 2013  
Wednesday, February 6, 2013  
Wednesday, March 6, 2013  
4:00 PM – 6:00 PM  
Cloverleaf Building  
Millersville, MD

For more information, contact Rosemary Elger at  
[relger@providencecenter.com](mailto:relger@providencecenter.com) or at (443) 679-1166 ext. 205

### **Providence Center's 21st Annual Golf Classic**

Monday, June 3, 2013  
Shotgun start at 10:00 AM  
Queenstown Harbor  
Queenstown, MD

For sponsorship and foursome information, contact Aimee Bullen at  
[abullen@providencecenter.com](mailto:abullen@providencecenter.com) or at (410) 766-2212 ext. 110

The mission of Providence Center is to provide services that allow individuals with disabilities to enjoy increased self-determination in leading a more independent, valuable and functioning role in society. These support services are individually designed and professionally managed to enable these individuals to exercise higher levels of control over their lives.

For more information on how you can help our participants achieve their dreams, contact Aimee Bullen in Providence Center's Development Department at (410)766-2212 ext. 110.