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The Szuba Family: A Legacy of Giving



Providence Center CEO Chuck Coble receives the 9th Annual Jalopyrama donation from event founder and organizer Mike Szuba.

The Szubas have been members of the Providence Center family for more than 40 years, when the youngest child of Carl and Doris was enrolled in the Center's programs at the age of three. Throughout their four decades relationship with the Center, beginning with Carl and now with his son Mike, the Szubas continually seek new ways to support Robert and the important programs he receives at the Center. Today, Mike is carrying on Carl's legacy of finding ways to raise awareness and funds for the Center that supports his brother and nearly 500 other men and women with developmental disabilities. "Robert and my father are still my biggest inspirations," Mike Szuba says. "I'm just trying to follow in dad's footsteps and help where I can."

Over the years, the Szuba family has helped raise more than \$500,000 for Providence Center's programs and services. Carl was relentless - collecting everything from dollars to pennies to support the Center. He set up a fund, "God's Special Children," with monies he raised or collected through carnival wheels, Polish Dancing events, and driving to the Eastern Shore to sell crab mallets from the Center's Woodshop. He even successfully lobbied La Fontaine Bleue in Glen Burnie to donate the wishing-well coins from their fountain to Providence Center's programs.

Robert is the youngest of six children. Carl made it a family affair as he sought ways to support the programs that Robert was accessing, often bringing several of the Szuba children with him to assist with activities on behalf of Providence Center. "Dad wanted these programs to be available for years to come," Mike states. "So we learned to do our part."

After Carl passed away in 2001, Mike knew he wanted to use his talents to help Providence Center. Mike explains, "A few years after dad passed, I knew I could find my own way to support the programs that Robert continues to count on. Because of that, I decided to incorporate my hot rod hobby into a fundraising event." Jalopyrama, as it is called, debuted in 2004 at the Glen Burnie Armory.

That first year, 80 cars flocked to the Armory to be displayed as part of the inaugural show. From there, the event gained more steam each year. "The first year, we raised \$750 and the next year we doubled that," Szuba says proudly. Jalopyrama has since grown significantly and has even gained national recognition, with cars and car enthusiasts coming from across the country to attend this one-day event.

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Chuck's Notes

From the desk of Chuck Coble,
CEO

Non-profit organizations like Providence Center do not do their work in a vacuum. Each plays a role in our collective efforts to improve our communities. For us, that means fully integrating adults

with developmental disabilities in our workplaces, social groups, volunteer organizations, and the very fabric of the world in which we live. For more than three decades, that has also been what I have committed myself to professionally – taking those with disabilities out of institutions and into the world by assisting them with the support they need to grow, thrive, prosper, and achieve.

I've seen tremendous advances in how those we serve are living full lives with our neighbors and in our neighborhoods over the

last ten and even five years. Our compassionate society has recognized the role we all play, including those with disabilities, in improving the communities in which we live, work, and play. While there is still much work to be done, I know we are on a good path.

But back to the vacuum, those barriers wouldn't be coming down without the support of every day people that are lending themselves, their businesses, their community improvement organizations, and their hearts to make it happen. Some have a connection to those living with developmental disabilities. Many have no direct connection at all. But they are all helping us meet our mission of service and giving those we serve a chance, an opportunity, a door-opening, life-changing experience.

To help others get involved in their communities, each day our staff is working to train and build the skills of many of those

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Providence Center Meets with County Delegation as 2013 General Assembly Session Kicks Off



Since adopting a person-centered planning approach several years ago, Providence Center has placed itself ahead of the curve in providing services for adults with developmental disabilities. By putting participants' wants, needs, and dreams at the forefront of designing each individual's service plan, this approach ensures that those served set their own goals for their lives and a path to

achievement. In January, Providence Center Chief Executive Officer Chuck Coble met with the Anne Arundel County Delegation of the Maryland General Assembly to talk about the success of person-centered planning and the need for ongoing support from the State of Maryland for providers that continue to seek ways to assist those with disabilities to achieve greater independence in their lives.

The 20 members of the Anne Arundel County Delegation, led by Delegate Nic Kipke (District 31) for the 2013 session, listened intently to the brief presentation by Coble and voiced their support for a productive role by the State of Maryland in the delivery of services to those with disabilities.

"It is important for us to talk about what we do and the extraordinary individuals we serve with our elected officials," Coble said. "An ongoing dialogue with our elected officials is critical to advancing lives. The Anne Arundel County Delegation has served as effective advocates for the nearly 500 individuals we serve and the more than 7000 adults with developmental disabilities in Anne Arundel County. We are very grateful that they took the time to hear from us and offer their ongoing support as we move forward in shaping lives and creating futures for all Providence Center participants."

Additional items discussed with the Delegation included the impact of the State's change in policy to not fund absentee days on Providence Center's programs and services. Coble informed the members that it has had a significant impact, and while our staff and participants have worked diligently to keep attendance relatively high, it is an issue that requires close monitoring and has impacted the Center's fiscal health.

This is the Maryland General Assembly's 433 Legislative Session. The session runs for 90 days from January to April.

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The Rusty Nuts Crew put together Jalopyrama each year and continue to support the work of Providence Center through the event.

In October, the 9th Annual Jalopyrama was held with more than 1500 people in attendance, even with Hurricane Sandy bearing down and with dark clouds covering the sky. The show raised \$12,575 for Providence Center's programs and services – the largest raised in the show's history.

As planning begins for the 10th year of the show, Szuba is working hard to build on the momentum and attract even more people to the event, seeking to go beyond hot rod lovers to include car aficionados, Providence Center supporters, and the Anne Arundel County community at large. Mike's dedication to

mixing of his love of hot rods with his desire to support his brother and the nearly 500 men and women of Providence Center has even inspired other car lovers to host events for the Center and support its work even more.

Over the years, Robert Szuba has grown with the organization, transitioning with Providence Center to adult services and gearing his services towards learning skills and earning a living through job training. Today, Robert is an enthusiastic grower in the Center's Horticulture program. "Robert deserves the same opportunities as anyone else," Mike says. "And with the support of the staff, he is making his own way in the world and earns a paycheck each week. These programs are an important part of his life and his desire to be as independent as possible."

Active families like the Szubas are important to sustaining the Center's programs and for ensuring that participants receive the most out of their lives as possible, according to Chuck Coble, Providence Center's Chief Executive Officer. "The entire Szuba family has been critical to Providence Center's doors being open for 52 years. Robert has grown with us and he designed and is achieving a life for himself. He has challenged himself and is an extraordinary person. The same can be said for Carl and Mike. Their support of Robert and our work is so much more significant than the dollar amounts they have raised for our programs – and they have raised a lot of money over the years. Mike is committed to making life better for those with developmental disabilities and keeping our fantastic staff in place. He has taken his father's mantle and is making an ongoing positive impact on the lives we serve."

This year, Jalopyrama will celebrate its 10th Anniversary on October 19th at the National Guard Armory. For more information on the event, visit www.jalopyrama.com.

Our Lawn Care Crew Ready to Help with the Community's Spring Landscaping Needs



Greg Marin, who heads up the lawn crew, seeks to grow the program throughout Anne Arundel County.

Greg Marin, a landscaper with 27 years of experience, began working as Providence Center's Lawn Care Manager in August 2012, hoping to further propel the Lawn-Care Crew program. This program is an essential part of Providence Center's production programs, as it promotes our organization to new clientele, gives our participants a source of income, and integrates them into the community. Through this employment program, the individuals are encouraged to leave their comfort zone and interact with their neighbors in the community, thus building confidence and strengthening necessary communication skills as well as develop landscaping skills that can translate to future work opportunities.

The Lawn Care Crew, which is currently comprised of 12 trained, qualified adults enrolled in Providence Center's programs, offers a full range of landscaping services. Services include: grass cutting, landscaping design, planting of trees, shrubs, and flowers grown in our horticulture program, leaf and lawn clean up.

Marin embraces his role as mentor to the participants in the program. "I want to teach those in the program the trade and build their skills," Marin said. He hopes to grow the program to recruit new individuals, and eventually have two separate groups for lawn care and landscaping. Each participant will be fully trained and exposed to the job through in-house lawn care for Providence Center's five sites. Marin stresses that crew members are as skilled and capable as any other professionals in the field.

As the spring season approaches, please consider hiring our Lawn Care Crew for your landscaping and lawn care needs. In addition to providing superior quality work, all of the adults with developmental disabilities in this program will benefit from more experience and new opportunities to show the community their capabilities. If you are interested, please contact Greg Marin at gmarin@providencecenter.com or 443-600-3564.

Providence Center's flowering annuals and perennials will be available during its Spring Sale weekdays in April from 8:00am-3:30pm. Please stop by our greenhouses at our Jean Bradbury Building located in Arnold (370 Shore Acres Road) to purchase your spring flowers and plants to benefit Providence Center's dynamic programs for adults with developmental disabilities.



The lawn crew is geared up to professionally landscape the grounds of your home or business.

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, Communications Manager, at aharrison@providencecenter.com.

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that haven't been given the opportunity to work before or even thought that they could earn a living. Our production programs are there to bring more of our participants into the kind of trades that prepare them for jobs in the community. The Woodshop participants hand-craft each of the pieces they make. Their children's Adirondack chairs remain their top seller but they are also producing many other beautiful wood items every week. Please visit them and see the new site at our Baldwin Industries on Ritchie Highway in Arnold. The Lawn Care Crew is working hard to build the experience and clientele to be a presence in our neighborhoods providing a

valuable service. As the spring weather approaches, we would love it if you would consider hiring them for your lawn care needs, whether at home or at the office.

We plan to be around to continue to serve the extraordinary individuals and their loved ones that turn to us. That service also seeks to include our streets and homes, our supermarkets, restaurants, and car dealerships, and our environment. Sometimes it only takes a moment to positively impact a life.

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 credit card. 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 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 Vehicle

This 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 this program, contact 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 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.**

Woodshop at New Home at Baldwin Industries

On February 18th, 30 woodworkers, along with their staff, moved from their rented space in Millersville to their new modern woodshop located at Providence Center's Baldwin Industries in Arnold. This move culminates months of planning, a significant construction project and a lot of hard work – all to enhance the service we provide to those that count on us. "This has been a team effort from our staff at Woodshop and Baldwins, our construction team, and funders in the community to enrich and expand services to those in our Woodshop and Baldwins programs," said Chuck Coble, Providence Center's Chief Executive Officer.

The project was generously funded by the Jesse and Hertha Adams Charitable Trust to offer our Woodshop participants a modernized space from which to learn job skills and create products for the community to enjoy. "This is a wonderful move for us," said Precola Wilson, Program Coordinator of the Woodshop Program. "Not only do we have a modern, comfortable program area, our woodworkers can now take advantage of the vocational training programs at Baldwins. The move also opens up the opportunity for our participants to interact more with their community." She added that everyone is settled in now, hard at work on children's Adirondack chairs and happy to be in their new home.

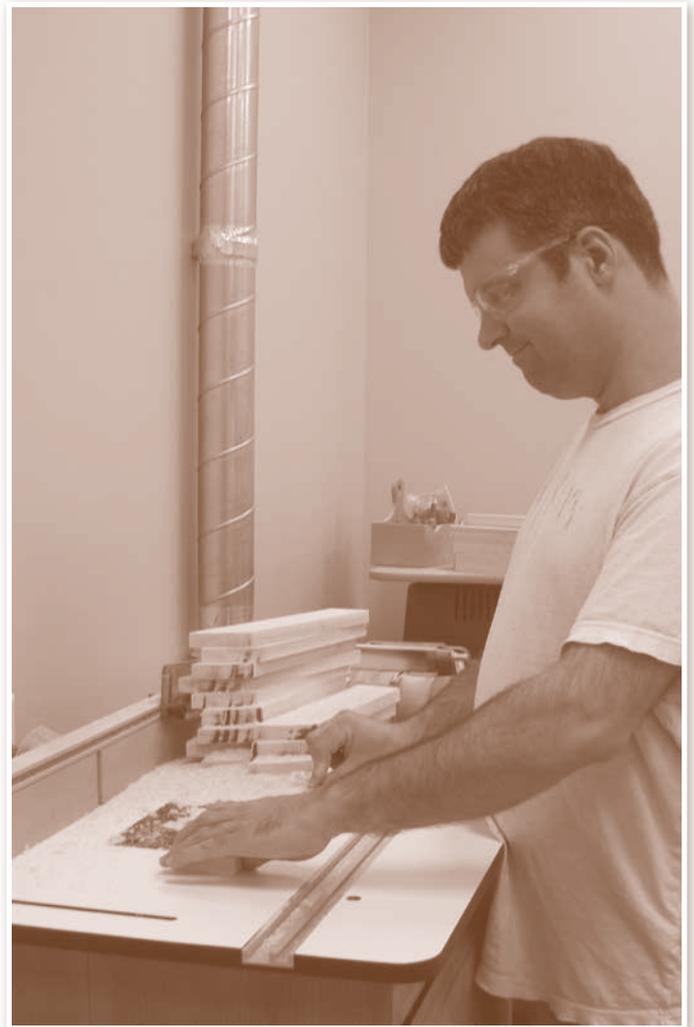
Ronald Russell, one of Providence Center's woodworkers who has been with the Center for 30 years, agreed and says he feels good about the move. When asked what he liked best about the new space he said, "Everything! Everything around me." His co-worker David Baumgardner is also glad to be working in the new woodshop, "I like the new finishing room and machine room the best," he said.

The Woodshop relocation project is part of Providence Center's ongoing work to support our current participants to design richer, fuller lives for themselves, as well as to build the foundation to prepare for those future generations who will count on us for support.

Providence Center thanks the Jesse and Hertha Adams Charitable Trust for making our new woodshop at Baldwins a reality!



The new Woodshop is already hard at work producing Providence Center's wood products for sale.



The updated machinery at the Woodshop contributes to the modernized program.



Commemorative Gifts

This listing reflects commemorative gifts from
December 11, 2012 – February 27, 2013

**In Memory of
The Children of Sandy Hook Elementary**
Anonymous

In Memory of Judson Brandt Bell
Mr. and Mrs. David Cronin

In Memory of Mildred Harvey
Kelly Benefits Inc.

In Memory of Mina Dusinberre
Mrs. Sally A. Laing

In Memory of Susan Booth McMann
Col. and Mrs. Peter B. Southmayd

In Memory of Judson Brandt Bell
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In Honor of Gretchen Peterson
Ms. Wanda Cantlin

In Honor of The Dunleavy Family
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In Honor of Carl Jeffrey Atkinson
Ms. Janice E. Huss

In Honor of Michael Kolettis
Mr. and Mrs. Nick Kolettis

In Memory of Nancy Sabold
Mr. W. Carl Sabold

Commemorative gifts in honor or in memory of a loved one can be made by contacting Aimee Bullen at abullen@providencecenter.com or at (410)766-2212 ext. 110.



Providence Center Job Mentor Ligya Garcia Secundo presents Joe Simms with a certificate of recognition.

Joe Simms, a Providence Center participant and employee at the Fort Meade Goodwill, recently helped save a man that was laying unconscious on the floor of the men's restroom at Simms' workplace at the Fort Meade Goodwill. Simms and his co-worker discovered the man and immediately alerted their supervisor, who then called 911. The downed man was revived by emergency responders and was taken for medical attention by paramedics. He did survive. Simms and his co-worker were honored with certificates of recognition for their quick thinking and rapid response. The Fort Meade Goodwill has been a long-term employer of Providence Center participants.

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

Eagle Cove Elementary
5191 Mountain Road
Pasadena, MD 21122

McDonald's
1464 Ritchie Highway
Arnold, MD 21012

Quarterfield Elementary
7967 Quarterfield Road
Severn, MD 21144

McDonald's
1941 West Street
Annapolis, MD 21401

Jimmy Johns
Towne Center Boulevard
Annapolis, MD 21401

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.

Thank you to those organizations that have worked with Baldwin Industries over the last three months!

Art Council of Anne Arundel County, Inc
2666 Riva Road #150
Annapolis, MD 21401

Announcements

- ❖ Congratulations **Christen DeCicco** for her recent promotion from Team Mentor at Pottery to Lead Mentor!
- ❖ Thank you to **St. Christopher by the Sea** for their recent donation of \$2,000.
- ❖ Thank you to **Chartwell Foundation** for their recent grant of \$2,500.
- ❖ Thank you to **Smartbox Portable Storage** for providing storage units for the recent Woodshop relocation project
- ❖ Thank you to **Baldwin Ventures** for their recent donation of \$5,000 for Providence Center's programs and services..

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



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Save the Date!!

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 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.