2017 YEAR IN REVIEW

Your Generosity Makes Opportunities Work

Looking back on 2017
Our Golf Classic brought together many companies and individuals to show off their golf skills. We thank everyone who attended and to those who sponsored our event.

This year’s Annual Meeting and Recognition Gala was a beautiful event, representing why and how we accomplish various successes. Honoring the individuals we serve for their accomplishments as well as recognizing staff for their unrelenting hard work is integral to continuing to empower adults with disabilities in the community.

Fall Annual Appeal

January Update:
Our annual appeal has exceeded expectations and we would like to thank all of our generous donors for making it possible! If you haven’t participated, please consider contributing to support our programs.

Check out some of the articles below to see how a contribution can work for the community.

For more information, or to schedule a tour, please contact
Monica Albach, Newburyport Division Director or
Melissa Merrow, Haverhill Division Director
Their Successes are Our Successes

Between generous contributions, community outreach, and grant funding, every gift matters. They aid in improving our programs and resources. They are instrumental to the inclusion and opportunities within our community.

Explore some of the opportunities made possible through Opportunity Works.

Photo by Tim Jean

Zach Cloutier, a participant in our Project Search program recently finished a 12 week internship with the Essex County Sheriff’s Department. An article about his experience is featured here in the Eagle Tribune.

He is also featured in an interview with our Job Developer Michael Joy on the November episode of Your Chamber at Work with the Haverhill Chamber.

It can be viewed here at the 8:30 mark.

"Opportunity Works has a reputation of being creative, innovative, and responsive to the needs of the people served. Its openness and willingness to think outside the box have contributed to its long history of providing excellent services."

CARF International Survey Summary, June 2017
What to look for in 2018

By: Jane Harris-Fale, Executive Director

Among our successful programs is our Workforce Development initiative.

With the large increase in individuals interested in our workforce development classes, training initiatives, and job coaching in order to be prepared for employment in the community, we are expanding our employment department.

Meaningful employment is a route to fulfillment, independence, and maturity that is too often denied to people with disabilities.

We anticipate serving an additional 60 people in the next three years, along with those we already support.

Employment preparation includes community based experiences and hands-on activities that are designed to lead to employment.

We match each individual’s interests and training needs to available employment in the community. Our communities have embraced their employees and many call us with additional jobs for new employees because of the quality of their work and work ethic.

If you’re interested in hiring one of our participants, please call Alysha Russo, Employment Director 978-462-6144.

Volunteer Spotlight

Thank you to everyone who has volunteered in the recent months. With your help during our Day of Caring, Holiday Bazaars and Parties, and the Annual Recognition Gala, we were able to have special events for the people we serve. It doesn’t go unnoticed when the people we serve have the opportunity to celebrate life’s successes, as the hallways are filled with chatter and excitement on days like the Bazaar or the Day of Caring. Thank you for being a part of making opportunities work.