We have had an outstanding couple of months!

Between group outings, job interviews, and in-house activities, the people we serve have been busy! Thanks to MANY amazing volunteers and the creativity of our staff, we've been able to host events to remember. In case you've missed our emails, Facebook posts, and local news outlets- we just wrapped our 34th Annual Lend a Hand Auction at the Black Swan Country Club in Georgetown. Our silent auction featured 150+ items donated by artisans, businesses, and friends of Opportunity Works. Thank you to all who attended and thank you to our generous sponsors. Guests traveled through Kansas, placing bids and interacting with the townsfolk in order to solve the mystery....Toto seemed to be missing.

After the tornado hit, our guests traveled to OZ, where they were met with incredible live auction items and all the colors of the rainbow. Dorothy was there with all of her pals, helping the auctioneers find the lucky bidders. The scarecrow, cowardly lion, and tin (wo)man accompanied a few brave individuals who shared their stories of heart, courage, and intelligence. The night wrapped with two raffles and then we could finally kick off our ruby red slippers.

Thank you to everyone who made the night a complete success!
More Fun!

In both Newburyport and Haverhill locations, we had our annual Day of Caring! Thanks to ITW Foils and Target of Methuen for volunteering to make Day of Caring a complete day of fun.

Top Photos: Newburyport utilizes their large indoor space for games and activities. Arius spins for prizes while David is shooting hoops.

Bottom Photos: Haverhill fire department and Trinity EMT visit our Haverhill Location, educating us about fire safety for our Annual Haverhill Safety Day. Matt Jackson and Kevin Cerulo pose in front of the firetruck, while others explore the ambulance.
In collaboration with the Newburyport Art association, the OpArt program encourages adults with a variety of developmental and physical disabilities to enrich their lives through art.

From now through early November, OpArt will be featured at Newburyport's Carry Out Cafe & Catering's gallery.

November 7-28th we'll have an OpArt exhibition in the upstairs gallery at the Firehouse Center for the Arts in Newburyport.

December 1-2nd we're excited about returning to the Lowell's Boat Shop "Wood and Water" Exhibition/Holiday Open House. It is such a great event & we're honored to be a part of it.

We will also have lots of small works on display and a great selection of handmade holiday OpArt cards at the Newburyport Art Association.

A recent article in the Newburyport Daily News featured more information about the Carry Out Cafe exhibit, and the outpouring of support for the OpArt program.

To purchase the artwork on display at Carry Out Cafe, contact Jenna Signore at jennasignore@gmail.com or naa@newburyportart.org.

**Paint Night Fundraiser!**

Thank you to Painting with a Twist of Andover for hosting our fundraiser. Friends of Opportunity Works created some beautiful artwork while supporting us!
Karaoke Day!

Thanks to the connections of our staff, Jean Wallace, Boston’s own Science Exchange visited our Newburyport site to put on an outstanding karaoke event. With the help of props, amazing volunteers, and the dedicated staff who decorated, participants let loose and sang their hearts out.

**Events**

Event Updates:
Annual Meeting is now called the Annual Recognition Gala rescheduled to March 22nd
More details to come!

October:
Breast Cancer Awareness Month
Halloween Spirit Week
Ice Cream Social with PCI Synthesis in Newburyport

Upcoming Events
November:
Thanks-For-Giving Annual Appeal
Giving Tuesday- November 27th

December:
Haverhill Bazaar- December 21st
Newburyport Bazaar- December 14th

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