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he stars in the sky and on the stage shined brightly as performers both from "The Arc of Somerset County" and "Becca's Friends of St. Joseph's Parish" celebrated each other's talents for the third annual "The Arc's Got Talent" show at St. Joseph's under a tent of sparkly lights.

This collaboration between both community partners was a sign of resilience and return to normalcy following the past two years with of the talent show being performed on the virtual platform. The virtual talent shows afforded individuals with an opportunity to practice and perform their acts in that environment so that they were ready for their big day when their talents could be showcased once again in person.

The amount and variety of talent that was highlighted during the talent show was breath taking with clear approval of the audience consisting of families, friends and community partners as well as a panel of five judges. "St. Joseph's Becca's Friends" provided volunteer service throughout the show to include distributing programs, snack table coordination, co-emcee and DJ service by DJ Matt. Music therapist, Patty Turse and music consultant, Justin Brown provided act accompaniment.

The show consisted of talents in the areas of vocals, guitarists, violinists, percussion and keyboard both as solo and group performances in addition to a gorgeous display of a painting and award winning handwriting ability. Talented dancers were also featured within the "Grease Lightning Tribute" as well as the "Love & Happiness" performance which was choreographed by hip hop instructor, Tom McKie.

Talents should all continue to work on their skill areas so that this outstanding collaboration can occur again next year!



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The talent show has become an important calendar item for our clients, families and staff. Truly, it is one of our most enjoyable evenings at The Arc of Somerset County. Coming together with a community partner like St. Joseph's Parish and Becca's Friends Ministry is

something more than just sharing space, sharing mission, it is a fun, laughter filled evening with friends and a showcase of talents that are amazing, quirky, earnest and longpracticed. Occasions like this define community. We are most grateful to all who perform and support.

Chris Corvino

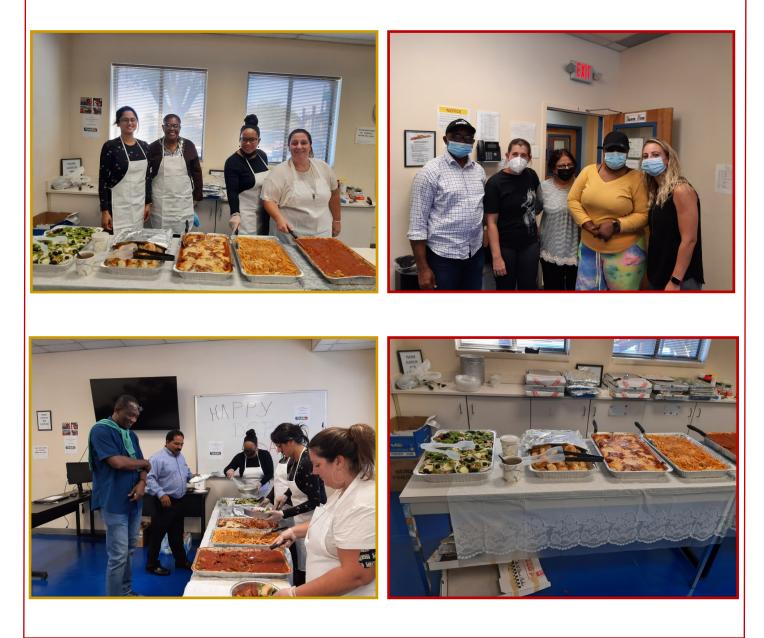
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The Arc of Somerset

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DSP APPRICIATION DAY

We are honoring the Direct Support Professionals at The Arc of Somerset County with a luncheon as a token of our appreciation for the fantastic work they do to support people with disabilities. Thank you to Alfonso's in Hillsborough for catering our lunch!





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Manville Library

By Caitlin Schwartz, OTAS

Today at the library Gerry, Charles, and Vicky explored their interest some more. The group started off their day by participating in a library scavenger hunt, searching for different items with the help of the Manville Library librarians. Vicky enjoyed looking at a cookbook with Nicole, the OT student, Charles enjoyed a variety of books from books about birds, to a variety of atlases, and Geri was busy learning all about the British monarchy, specifically the life of Queen Elizabeth. We finished off the day by partaking in a name five things game provided by Mary. It was another enjoyable Friday at the library.







By Nicole Reynolds, OTS

Charles, Gerry, Steve, and Vicky enjoyed spending time exploring the library today! Vicky started off the day participating in yoga, while the rest of the crew engaged with the library staff to find books about Harry Potter, vintage cars, and more. Once yoga was over, Vicky enjoyed books about seashells, while Gerry read superhero books, Charles played checkers, and Steve perused the CD aisle. Another fun day at the library in the books!







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Music for Hope & Inspiration

THANK YOU VINNIE







Vinnie's next instrument he wants to learn is called the "Zither"

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Computer Class at Camplain Road

By Mary Scibelli

Computer classes have started at Camplain Road! Everyone that is interested in learning more about the computer has an opportunity to work on skills that fit their specific interest. Cheryl said that she wanted to practice her typing skills and was giving an activity where she used the keyboard to recreate the sentences that she read off the screen including the correct punctuation marks and spacing. Kevin worked on a spelling activity where he is spelling and typed the words next to the matching pictures. Mai pointed to the picture she wanted and played a game where she used the keyboard to make animations of animals appear on the screen. Angela, Matthew and Anthony worked on an activity where they used their ABC order and sorting skills to look at names of animals and then retype the words into alphabetical order. There are so many different types of fun activities we can do on the computer!



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My Trip to Orlando Florida

By Daniel F.

I went to Florida for a vacation recently. It was great and lots of fun. I went for 9 days and saw all the theme parks. The staff took many photos. I would gladly go again anytime. Danielle and Frank also went. There was lots of great food. Nice warm weather. I stayed in a great hotel in Orlando. I also saw many palm trees. It was a smooth flight both ways.



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Advocates for Change





This is a picture of Victor, The Vice President of Advocates for Change. He held a moment of silence for Queen Elizabeth. The plaque is of Jim Yarnall great grandfather of Victor. He served as a soldier in the Royal Army.



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Art Exhibit

The Arc of Somerset County & Somerset Park Commission Therapeutic Recreation

Presents...

FALL ART EXHIBIT OPENING RECEPTION

Wednesday October 5th

10:00am to 12:00pm

Manville Library in the Community Room



Celebrate the talented adults of The Arc of Somerset County, who will showcase their artistic works in our Community Room throughout the month of October!

RSVP to sandeem@thearcofsomerset.org to coordinate timing of art viewing.





