

Adult Service Presents

The Buzz

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Steinmetz Group Home

From Steinmetz Group Home to the entire agency, we're grateful for another year of joy, growth, and community. Here's to a new year filled with continued support, and cherished memories. Wishing everyone peace and happiness all throughout 2026!



Happy New Year!

Band of Brothers and Women Empowered Come Together for Holiday Cheer

Article and Photos by

Laura Ziegler, Compliance and Special Projects Coordinator

Band of Brothers (BOB) and Women Empowered (WE), The Arc's men's and women's groups, came together to celebrate the holiday season on December 11th at Camplain Road, enjoying an evening of fun, friendship, and festive cheer. This marked the third time the two groups joined forces in 2025.

As the celebration began, friends greeted one another with warm holiday wishes while others jumped right into seasonal activities and karaoke. The atmosphere was filled with energy and holiday cheer as everyone enjoyed a delicious dinner catered by Alfonso's of Hillsborough. The feast included chicken and eggplant parmesan, chicken marsala, meatballs, grilled vegetables, salad, and garlic knots – something for everyone to enjoy.

After dinner, the excitement continued with a surprise visit from a very special guest – Santa Claus! The jolly man in red arrived with gifts for everyone and happily posed for photos, creating lasting holiday memories. A special thank you goes to Kim Butler for creating the festive holiday photo frames that added an extra touch of cheer to the evening.

Guests then enjoyed sweet treats generously shared from the bake sale at The Achievement Center's (TAC) Film Festival held earlier in the week. Thank you to TAC for spreading even more holiday joy with these delicious desserts!

As we head into 2026, we extend a heartfelt THANK YOU! to the BOB and WE advisors who generously volunteer their time and talents outside of work hours to make these fun and meaningful events possible. In alphabetical order they are: Kim Butler, Lauren Coakley, Cindy Dorsey, Marlene Fox, Chris Gunning, Bob Hulit, Roy Lawrence, Jason Scheib, and Laura Ziegler. These events would not be possible without the continued support of Chris Corvino and Sandee Miller. For larger and more complex events, Becca Coakley, Shawn Coakley, Leah Ossi, Trina Trent, Adma Turay, and Nick Waclawski also stepped in to lend a helping hand. Creating memorable experiences for those we serve is truly a collective effort.

Band of Brothers and Women Empowered are open to men and women respectively served in The Arc of Somerset County's Adults Services. Men interested in joining BOB, should contact Bob Hulit, BOB Advisor for more information. Women interested in joining WE, should contact Lauren Coakley or Laura Ziegler



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JDCCF NEWS

By **Jill Glassman**

Director of Early Childhood Service

JDCCF certainly had a very Merry Christmas, Happy Hanukkah and start to an exciting New Year.

Santa made sure to stop by and visit, bearing wonderful gifts for all the children and Staff. Holiday festivities were plentiful all month, in addition to our regular, scheduled programming. The children learned about the winter season, snow, different holidays and the changing of the year to 2026.

Thank you to United Way for their yearly gift donations which always helps to make it a wonderful season of giving.

Happy New Year to all from The Jerry Davis Center for Children and Families!!



Snowflakes, Smiles and a Sleigh Full of Fun!

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Happy Birthday!



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Safety Winter Checklist

By Jason Scheib

Director of Maintenance, Safety & Security



Slippery sidewalks, hidden black ice and icy steps... one quick slip can turn into a sprain, strain or fracture before you even realize what happened.

The good news? A few small habits can make a big difference in keeping you and injury-free this season.

How to stay safe on your feet this winter:

- ◆ Choose shoes with a grip, not just warmth. Look for rubber tread or slip-resistant bottoms to handle slick surfaces.
- ◆ Slow your pace. Short, shuffling steps win the race against ice.
- ◆ Assume "black ice" is everywhere. If the pavement looks wet, treat it like ice. Scan the path ahead and steer clear of shiny patches.
- ◆ Hold onto railings for support. Stairs, ramps and curbs become high-risk zones in freezing weather.
- ◆ Keep your home pathways clear. Use sand, salt or ice melt on your walkways, driveways and steps. One minute of prep can prevent a painful injury.

Stay safe out there! -The Arc Maintenance Dept.

