

Support Staff are Heart of Jubilee

Strong Relationships Benefit People Supported by Jubilee

Program Services Management Team Expands

This Christmas, Nancy Ryan woke up to a home decorated for the holidays— thanks to Jubilee’s Evelyn Eka. “I like caring for people,” said Evelyn. “Cooking a holiday meal and decorating was worth it when Nancy exclaimed “Oh my God you got me a Christmas tree!”

“Every day Jubilee staff like Evelyn go above and beyond for the people they support,” said Maria Dudish, Jubilee’s Director of Program Services.

Evelyn works seven days a week from 3 to 11 p.m. as a Jubilee direct support professional. Her job is demanding. She provides hands-on assistance with many daily living tasks to ensure Nancy’s health. The job is also rewarding.

“Right when I walk in the door, Nancy tells me she’s glad to see me. I encourage her to do things for herself and to stay active. We have a special bond,” said Evelyn.

“Our work is led by what people tell us they want to achieve,” said Maria. “Some folks need support with bills, grocery shopping, and cooking. For people we support with more complex health needs, our team provides hands-on assistance to live each day with dignity.”



Evelyn Eka, a 12-year member of the Jubilee family, is now enrolled in an advanced course to hone her professional skills. Pictured right with Nancy Ryan.

Our management team provides oversight to more than 300 direct support professionals. The team now includes two deputy directors. This expansion creates stronger relationships between our staff, the people we support, and their families. It also allows us to problem solve and triage quickly when needed.

“Our staff show up to work knowing they are supported by Jubilee. They are prepared and ready to do their best each day,” said Maria.

You're Invited to Tour Jubilee

Living Our Best Lives Tour Open to New and Existing Friends



Hear how Curtis Cooper (left) overcame adversity with Jubilee's help. Pictured with best friend Jordan Gould.

You’re invited to join us for a one-hour tour to learn more about Jubilee. Come learn what makes us unique and how you can get involved.

10408 Montgomery Ave, Kensington, MD 20895

Saturday March 11 at 10 a.m.

Saturday April 1 at 10 a.m.

RSVPs appreciated. Contact Tania Argueta at targueta@jubileemd.org or 301-949-8628 ext. 111.

Joyce and Molly Work Together to Achieve Life Goal

As told by Joyce Sampson, Direct Support Professional

I've been a champion for people with developmental disabilities ever since my own son was born with a disability. Joining Jubilee as a direct support professional matched my passion.

I'm a big advocate for people doing exceptional things.

Molly and I met this past Spring when she began receiving services from Jubilee. We talked about her goals, and how I can help her achieve them. Molly shared that she wanted a volunteer job.

First, we did some role play so that Molly could practice asking about volunteer opportunities. Molly worked on her conversation skills with shop owners in Kensington. We struck gold at the Look Again Resale Shop.

Molly asked the store manager, Michel Heubner, if they had volunteer opportunities. Michel replied with 'we'd love to have you, would you like to try for 15 minutes right now?'



With Joyce's help, Molly Corti (left) made new community connections, and she enjoys working with Michel Heubner (right) at the Look Again Resale Shop.

Molly started with writing down the prices of each item as Michel read them to her. She did so well Michel now gives her more challenging work.

Connecting Molly and Michel was a great feeling. I'm excited to see what Molly will achieve as we continue to work together.

Thank You for Your Support

Good News for Foster and Marcello to Ring in the New Year



Thank you for supporting Jubilee this holiday season! Your end-of-year gifts totaled more than \$100,000 thanks to a group of donors who generously matched your contributions.

We're happy to share good news with you. Foster Bennett and Marcello Tonino will soon welcome a new housemate to their home and Jubilee services. Your support helped them and funds our Housing Support Services work.

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Marcello, Foster, and Danean Levine prepare to welcome a new housemate to their beautiful home.

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