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Upcoming Event

**Saturday,
September 24**

10:30 am - 3 pm

Bancroft Day

Location: Challenge Grove Park, Cherry Hill, NJ

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Saturday, November 19

6:30-11:30 pm

Butterfly Ball

Location:



Daniel Straughn (left) and staff member Michael Brennan strike a pose during the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey's annual Beach Day. For more photos, [click here](#).

Hot fun in the summertime

About 100 people supported by our Brain Injury Services and 45 staff members enjoyed a day of sun and surf recently, during the New Jersey Brain Injury Association's annual Beach Day in Ocean City, N.J.

"It was a fabulous day," says Mark Alessandrini, a BIS program director. "It was a chance for people to experience the beach and the ocean, which they don't get much chance to do."

Beach-accessible wheelchairs were provided, allowing people to even roll into the shallow surf. Participants also played football and wiffle ball on the beach, and rode the waves on surf and boogie boards. The group lunched on donated pizza and hoagies, and later strolled the boardwalk.

The day also serves as a sort of reunion for many persons we support, as they encounter people they know from other organizations - both staff and program participants.

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While the event was filled with fun, much planning and work goes into such an undertaking. But as usual, Bancroft employees gave 110 percent.

"Our staff were tremendous," Mr. Alessandrini says. "I'm very proud to be affiliated with this organization."

Beach Day is free to persons with brain injuries. It's supported by donations from many individuals and organizations, including Bancroft.



Our inclusive daycare program is open!

Located on Kings Highway in Haddon Heights, N.J., Little Butterflies is one of just a few programs in the tri-state area designed for both children with and without autism or other developmental issues, from birth to age 7.

For more details on Little Butterflies, please [click here](#). Or, contact Pat Reid in our Admissions Office at (800) 774-5516, or Amanda Bramble, Little Butterflies supervisor, at (856) 546-7727, ext.104.



Joyful Noise belts out The Star-Spangled Banner at Rowan University's football field, before an audience of thousands. For more photos, [click here](#).

Bancroft singers and others perform at all-star football fundraiser

Joyful Noise recently sang the national anthem at a prominent sports event.

The 35-member choir of adults supported by Bancroft and others with disabilities performed at the Adam Taliaferro Foundation - South Jersey Football Coaches Association all-star game.

"This was a great honor and wonderful experience for our members," says Joyful Noise Director Allison Fromm. "We're thrilled to support such a worthy cause."

Said Michelle Conover, Joyful Noise's newest member: "My first experience performing with Joyful Noise was exciting, fun and great!"

Game organizers were moved by the choir's performance.

"Not only were Joyful Noise great, but we would like to invite them back for next year's game," said Taliaferro Foundation board member Joe Devine. "It was a very special part of our night."

The annual game was played June 30 at Rowan University in Glassboro, N.J., before about 3,500 fans. Proceeds benefit the Adam Taliaferro Foundation, which has raised nearly \$400,000 since 2001 toward assistance for and prevention of spinal injuries throughout the tri-state area.

After the game, the foundation gave Joyful Noise the book "Miracle in the Making / The Adam Taliaferro Story," autographed by Mr. Taliaferro. The book will be kept at Bancroft. Each singer also received a T-shirt and souvenir program.

Mr. Taliaferro, a former South Jersey high-school standout, was paralyzed while making a tackle for Penn State in 2000. He has made a remarkable recovery and is now an attorney for a South Jersey law firm.

Special thanks to Bancroft staff member Joanne Shea for securing this opportunity.

Staff article on Autism Society blog

Our Early Education director offers

summertime tips

An article by Bancroft's Matthew Sharp appears on the Autism Society blog at <http://www.autism-society.org/blog>.

The piece discusses how to keep summer safe, enjoyable and educational for children with autism.

Mr. Sharp is director of Bancroft's Early Education Program for Children on the Autism Spectrum.

Please note: You can help us draw attention and support to this blog page and Bancroft, by adding Facebook "likes" for the piece. Simply click "like" below the author's byline, and spread the word among your friends and family.



Transforming Our World

The Campaign for Bancroft



A rancher rises on our Mullica Hill Campus. For more of the latest construction photos, please [click here](#).

Mullica Hill construction update

As we continue renovating our Mullica Hill (N.J.) Campus, we have plenty of exciting progress to report:

- Construction of residential buildings 1, 3 and 5 is moving right along. In fact, they're on track for completion by late September!
- The infrastructure for storm water management and sewer/septic is well under way. The water treatment building and delivery system is also moving toward completion in the next few months.
- The barn and hoop house (a type of greenhouse) have a way to go, but they're now being fast-tracked.

The campus reconstruction is being funded by our Transforming Our World campaign.

To learn more, visit our campaign blog at www.campaignforbancroft.org. (First-time visitors must register before viewing this members-only blog.) Or, contact Linda Wasilchick, campaign operations director, at (856) 348-4002 or email lwasilchick@bnh.org.

Bancroft featured in news story on N.J. budget

South Jersey's Courier-Post newspaper included Bancroft in a major, front-page story about how the state budget may affect social-services organizations.

The paper interviewed our chief financial officer, Tom Burke, and shot photos at one of our group homes in the community.

"We recognize that the governor and legislature have a very tough job, in determining where the state's limited funds will be spent," says Mr. Burke.

"That being said, our costs of providing services continue to rise each year - for everything from heating fuel to employee health coverage - so it's critical that we receive annual funding increases. We cannot endlessly absorb rising costs."

To view the story, photos and photo gallery, [click here](#).

Water park plans more 'Special Needs Nights'

Sahara Sam's water park in Berlin, N.J., plans three more Friday night events for people with disabilities: Aug. 5, Oct. 7 and Dec. 2

The water park will be closed to the general public and open exclusively to guests with disabilities, their families and friends. All water features will be open (with the exception of the indoor surfing simulator). The lights and sounds will be controlled and guests with special dietary needs can bring their own snacks. Sam Dune's Café will be open.

Have a group? With advance group reservations, the park can have your tickets ready in advance and accept organization/business checks for payment (advance group

reservations are required to process business checks). Group reservations can be made by emailing btwisler@sahasams.com.

For a flyer with more details, [click here](#).



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