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## **Gone fishing!**

Several individuals supported by Bancroft's Mullica Hill Program recently enjoyed an afternoon of fishing at Scotland Run Park. It was a beautiful day and the fish were biting -- Henry Becker caught ten fish! Dale Williams, a volunteer from Campbell Soup Company and avid fisherman, spearheaded the outing.

NJ  
Contact: [POAC](#)

**Bancroft Day**  
October 16\*  
Challenge  
Grove Park,  
Cherry Hill, NJ  
(near  
Haddonfield  
Campus)  
Contact:  
Debbie Conner,  
(856) 524-7023  
\*Rain date:  
Oct. 17

**15th Annual  
Conference on  
Guardianship**  
*Resiliency in  
Guardianship:  
Preserving  
Rights and  
Responsibilities*  
October 19  
Crowne Plaza  
Monroe  
Jamesburg, NJ  
Contact: 1-877-  
GUARDNJ

**Challenging  
Behaviors in  
the Classroom**  
*Bancroft  
Developmental  
Disabilities  
Workshop  
Series*  
October 20  
Farrington  
Conference  
Room,  
Haddonfield  
Campus  
Contact:  
Jeanne Allison,  
(856) 524-7371

**Bancroft  
Butterfly Ball**  
October 22  
The Westin  
Mount Laurel  
Contact:  
Kimberly



## NJ launching College of Direct Support

*Bancroft staff helped spearhead the initiative*

New Jersey is launching an initiative this month to provide direct-care workers with state-of-the-art training and continuing education. A key element of this effort - called the NJ Partnership for Direct Support Professional Workforce Development - is the College of Direct Support (CDS) program.

The CDS training program will be available to all providers of services to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that contract with the state's Division of Developmental Disabilities.

The CDS curriculum will enable Bancroft and other organizations across the state to offer online continuing education to staff, using courses of the organization's choice and/or the NJ Career Path, which combines coursework and mentoring. (The Walker Center, Bancroft's Pennsylvania program, also participates in the College of Direct support.)

Bancroft helped facilitate the state's adoption of the CDS program, by participating in the pilot program for NJ Career Path. Staff Education Manager Pete Cartwright did an outstanding job of coordinating Bancroft's participation, according to Dan Keating, Ph.D., vice president of family services and government relations for Bancroft.

As part of the pilot program, 14 staff members have already graduated from CDS programs at various levels (see list below).

Caputo, (856)  
348-1145

**York Lecture Series on Assistive Technology and Vendor Fair**

November 12  
Lecture at  
Cherry Hill  
Library, Vendor  
Fair at Cooley  
Hall Gym,  
Haddonfield  
Campus  
Contact: Sue  
Crouse, (856)  
348-4010

Bancroft also received much recognition during the Sept. 14 event announcing the program, featuring Department of Human Services Commissioner Jennifer Velez. During the event, staff members Zoubir Bittout and Brian Odenath took part in a panel discussion with direct-support workers from other organizations, and shared their experience with the CDS training.

In addition, Pete Cartwright served on the NJ Career Path pilot committee, and has received accolades from those at the Boggs Center, which coordinated that effort.

For information on the CDS, contact Pete Cartwright at (856) 348-1156 or [pcartwright@bnh.org](mailto:pcartwright@bnh.org).

Shown above, from left: Brian Odenath, Dan Keating, Jenn Sagaria, Zoubir Bittout, Deborah Domico and Pete Cartwright.

**Strategies for Reducing Holiday Stress**  
*Bancroft Developmental Disabilities Workshop Series*

November 17  
Farrington  
Conference  
Room,  
Haddonfield  
Campus  
Contact:  
Jeanne Allison,  
(856) 524-7371

**CDS graduates**

Zoubir Bittout  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Wanda Conquest  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Ceil Cordova  
*Completed level 1*

Deborah Domico  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Pat Glatz  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Joan Hayes  
*Completed level 1*

Michelle Lee  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Tawanda Morton  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Katy Nolan  
*Completed level 1*

Paul Nuciforo  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Brian Odenath  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Michelle Pisaturo  
*Completed level 1*

Jenn Sagaria  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

Jennifer Sitwell  
*Completed levels 1, 2*

## **There's still time to catch the Power of 10!**

Imagine what would happen if you - and every Bancroft supporter - got ten friends to each give \$10 to the organization... Such small gifts multiplied by thousands would add up to giant benefits for the people we serve!

We call that the Power of 10, and we hope you'll join us in this effort, which launched on 10-10-10.

Simply visit the website [www.firstgiving.com/bancroft](http://www.firstgiving.com/bancroft), and select Power of 10 to create your personal Power of 10 webpage. Then send links to friends and family via email or social media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.). Tools on the website make it easy!

Please create your webpage now, so you can send out links right away -- and help us harness the Power of 10! Questions? Email Michael McLaughlin at [mmclaughlin@bnh.org](mailto:mmclaughlin@bnh.org) or call him at (856) 348-1171.

## **Feeling lucky? Part 1**

A group of Bancroft supporters -- The Friends of Bancroft -- is holding its annual raffle for Visa gift cards worth \$300, \$200 and \$100. Tickets are just \$2 each or three for \$5.

The Friends have only printed 2,000 tickets, so your odds of winning are much better than with the lottery! And, unlike other games of chance, this one benefits the children and adults served by Bancroft. The drawing will be held Dec. 14 -- just in time for the holidays.

To purchase or sell tickets, call Deb Conner, manager of volunteer and donor relations, at (856) 524-7023 or email [dconner@bnh.org](mailto:dconner@bnh.org). The Friends will also sell tickets at Bancroft Day (Oct. 16), so please stop

by their table.

Thank you for helping The Friends support those served by Bancroft!

## Feeling even luckier? Part 2

Bancroft will raffle off a fabulous trip for two to Jamaica in just a few weeks, during our Butterfly Ball on Oct. 22.

Tickets are only \$20 each -- and proceeds benefit Bancroft programs, of course.

The trip is a seven-night, all-inclusive vacation for two adults (over age 18) at Couples Tower Isle in Ocho Rios, Jamaica. The winner will also receive a \$500 American Express gift card. The prize package's retail value is \$4,000.\*

The drawing -- and the Butterfly Ball -- will be held at The Westin Mount Laurel in Mount Laurel, N.J. You need not be present to win.

To buy raffle tickets, call Kimberly Caputo at (856) 348-1145 or email [KCaputo@bnh.org](mailto:KCaputo@bnh.org). Many staff members are also selling tickets.

Thanks in advance for supporting the raffle --- and good luck!

*\*Airfare is not included, and the trip is subject to availability. Travel must be completed by October 22, 2011, and some blackout dates apply. No substitution of the offered prize may be made and no cash will be given in lieu of the prize.*

## Come out and play on Bancroft Day!

*Oct. 16 event to feature new site, fun walk*

Bancroft Day, the organization's annual festival, will be held at a different site this year and will feature a new activity.

Scheduled for Saturday Oct. 16 at Challenge Grove Park in Cherry Hill, N.J., the free event will include a one-mile "fun walk" around the park.

The course will feature a series of displays on the history of human rights, and is titled "Footprints of Progress."

Walkers are asked to raise \$10 each for Bancroft. A special "Power of

Ten" challenge seeks teams of ten walkers who each donate at least \$10.

This year's Bancroft Day theme is "Celebrating Our World - Moving Forward." The fun-filled event will feature music, dancing, games, a moon bounce, arts and crafts, food and more.

Walk registration is 10 - 10:30 a.m., followed by the walk at 10:45. All other Bancroft Day festivities run from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Challenge Grove is at the corner of Caldwell Road and Bortons Mill Road (also called Old Borton Mill Road). From Bancroft's Haddonfield campus, turn left on Kings Highway, right on Park Avenue, right on Caldwell Road and right on Bortons Mill Road, which leads into the park. You can also access Bortons Mill Road directly from Brace Road. Traveling from Haddonfield-Berlin Road, turn left onto Bortons Mill Road. From Rt. 70, turn right.

For more information, contact Deb Conner at (856) 524-7023, email [dconner@bnh.org](mailto:dconner@bnh.org), or visit [www.bancroft.org](http://www.bancroft.org).

To register for the walk, call Jeanne Bozicek at (856) 428-0685, ext. 128, or email [jbozicek@bnh.org](mailto:jbozicek@bnh.org).

Bancroft Day's rain date is Sunday Oct. 17 from noon to 4 p.m., with the walk starting at 11:45 a.m.

For a guide to a successful Bancroft Day, [click here](#).

## **Accessibility: New report highlights successes**

Bancroft is committed to removing barriers to people with disabilities at our sites and in our communities. For instance, we advocate for architectural improvements at local malls, help people we serve find jobs and volunteer opportunities, and request more accessible buses and expanded bus routes.

We're helping to change attitudinal barriers, too. For example, the efforts of people we serve (self-advocates) recently encouraged New Jersey's legislature and governor to remove the R-word from state statutes and regulations.

You can read about Bancroft's latest achievements in accessibility - and our Accessibility Committee's future goals -- in the new report below.

[Click here](#) to read the 2010 Accessibility Report

## Senior clinical director appointed

Bancroft has named Karen Parenti as senior clinical director of Adult Developmental Disabilities Services in New Jersey. She will start in this position on Oct. 18.

In her new role, Parenti will be responsible for all clinical aspects of our New Jersey programs serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. She will work alongside Clair Rohrer who, as senior director of operations for the program, oversees operational aspects.

Both newly created positions are part of Bancroft's efforts to restructure our program leadership, to increase quality and efficiency.

"Karen is a highly experienced professional who will help strengthen our continuum of services and further our mission," says Caroline Eggerding, MD, Bancroft's vice president of clinical services.

Parenti comes to Bancroft from Devereux Whitlock Center, where she worked as a clinician, behavior analyst and program director, and was responsible for behavioral programming and group and individual therapy. She is completing a predoctoral neuropsychology internship at Bancroft, and expects to receive her doctorate degree in clinical psychology next year from Immaculata University.

## Free conference on transition planning

Family Resource Associates of Monmouth County, N.J., is hosting a free mini-conference on transitioning to adulthood. The event is titled "Learning in the Community: Preparing Students for Life After High School."

The conference will be held on two dates and at two locations, from 9 am to 12:30 pm:

North Jersey:  
Saturday Oct. 16  
Raritan Bay Area YMCA  
365 New Brunswick Ave  
Perth Amboy, NJ 08861  
(732) 442-3632 - YMCA

South Jersey:  
Saturday Oct. 30

Learning Resource Center-South at EIRC  
South Jersey Technology Park  
Samuel H. Jones Innovation Center - Suite 200,  
107 Gilbreth Parkway  
Mullica Hill, NJ 08062  
(856) 582-7000 - LRC General Service

To register or for more information, call SPAN at (973) 642-8100, ext. 123, or fax: (973) 642-3766. Email: [start@spannj.org](mailto:start@spannj.org)

For more information on Family Resource Associates, visit [www.frainc.org](http://www.frainc.org).



## Friend-raising in Moorestown

Bancroft recently hosted a reception to build support for the upcoming Butterfly Ball, and to introduce potential new friends to the organization. The event - held at the spectacular Moorestown, N.J., home of Calvin and Orsula Knowlton - was attended by more than 80 area leaders, elected officials and other community members.

Bancroft President Toni Pergolin, Trustee Raymond Welsh and other Bancroft ambassadors spoke about our "One World For Everyone" movement, and socialized with many prospective and existing supporters. Butterfly Ball Committee members and honorees also spent the evening mingling and showing their enthusiasm for Bancroft.

A special thanks to the Knowltons, who donated the use of their home to make the evening possible and help us expand our circle of friends.

Pictured above from left: N.J. Assemblyman Lou Greenwald, Carl Underland, Toni Pergolin, Orsula and Calvin Knowlton.

[Click here](#) to see more photos from the event.

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