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All of us at Bancroft wish you and your family health and happiness in the new year. In celebration, we've prepared this [special year-end slide show](#).

Upcoming Events

**Wednesday,
January 19**

6:30-8:30pm

Overview of Acquired & Traumatic Brain Injuries (for families and professionals)

Location: Farrington Conference Room - Haddonfield Campus

Contact: Pat Reid

Phone: (856)524-7453

**Saturday,
January 22**

4:30-8:30pm

Joyful Noise Fundraiser- Spaghetti Dinner and Concert

Location: First Methodist Church

446 Camden Ave.

Moorestown, NJ 08057

Contact: Cathy Sonnenberg

Phone: (215)771-1003

Email:

cathy@joyfulnoisechorus.org

Friday, February 11

7:30-8:30pm

Bancroft School Valentine Dance

Location: Cooley Hall Gym

Enjoy!



Donors provided hundreds of gifts for Bancroft students and adults who might not otherwise receive many holiday presents. Here, some of the gifts await delivery in a Bancroft office. For more photos, [click here](#).

Holiday wishes come true

More than 170 children and adults in a range of Bancroft programs received some wonderful surprises this year,

Haddonfield, NJ
Ages 13 - 21

**Wednesday,
February 16**

6:30-8:30 pm

Teaching Children with
Asperger's Disorder in the
Public School Setting
*Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop Series*

Location: Farrington

Conference Room

Haddonfield Campus

Contact: Pat Reid

Phone: (856)524-7453

Wednesday, March 9

6:30-8:30 pm

Bullying from a Legal
Educational Perspective
*Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop Series*

Location: Farrington

Conference Room

Haddonfield Campus

Contact: Pat Reid

Phone: (856)524-7453

thanks to those who generously filled our Holiday Wish List!

If not for the Wish List, these individuals may have had less -bountiful holidays, due to a lack of family resources or involvement.

In fact, the Wish List got such an enthusiastic response this year - from Bancroft families, staff, community members, businesses and organizations - that every person's list was "adopted" by a donor by Dec. 1!

Santa's helpers - a.k.a. Bancroft's maintenance staff - loaded up their Holiday Van and delivered all the gifts last week.

A big thank-you to all of our generous gift-givers, including the following firms and groups:

Baptist Regional High School
The Beringer Group
Friends of Bancroft
Girl Scout Troop #23244
Gloucester Township Schools
Harbor Linen
Lockheed Martin
Marksmen Landscaping
Triton High School
Zallie Supermarkets Inc.

More holidays to come!

Watch for more holiday coverage -- including the Community Services for Adults holiday party -- in the next issue of the Family Buzz!



Ann Frambes (center) shares a moment with some longtime friends at her retirement party. From left: Helene Matkowski, Kathy Ross, Ms. Frambes, Kathy Warren, and Teri Keller.

Longtime staff member to retire

Dozens of friends and family members recently surprised staff member Ann Frambes with an afternoon retirement party. The 26-year Mullica Hill Campus employee will retire on Jan. 7.

During the tribute, people from the program and others spoke of Ann's importance to those who live and work on the campus. A man* who resides on the Mullica Hill Campus presented Ann with a beautiful, handmade angel, created by individuals supported in the program.

Geoffrey Sharp, who also participates in the Mullica Hill program, said: "She is always so good to us!" Teri Keller -- Ann's predecessor and former supervisor -- even traveled from Florida for the occasion.

Thank you, Ann, for your outstanding service. You will be missed!

For more photos from the party, [click here](#).

*Name withheld for privacy.

Wanted: Family Mentors

Please register for Jan. info session now!

Remember when you first joined the Bancroft family? You may have been excited, but you also may have felt anxious or uncertain. You probably had questions, and knew you had a lot to learn about this new situation.

To help smooth this transition for new families, we're launching a Family Mentor Program, which will pair a new Bancroft family with a more-experienced family.

"It's a way to connect people with others who've been through the process," says Bancroft executive Dan Keating, Ph.D., who oversees the mentor program. "These kinds of relationships will provide new families with a real comfort level."

The program also enables families to "give back" to others, and to build more connections within the organization, Dr. Keating notes.

To learn more, including how to register, please [click here](#).

Preparing for the future: Transforming Our World

"I made friends that mean a lot to me; I never had the confidence to ask others for assistance. Now I can ask."

"When I first came to Mullica Hill, I learned to control my anger; I gained confidence in myself again."

Why should people care about the future of Bancroft? The powerful statements above - made by people we support - offer just a few of the many vital reasons.

These kinds of life-changing transformations illustrate the importance of planning for Bancroft's future. Multiply such successes by the 1,300 people we support annually, and our impact is truly monumental!

As you may know, Bancroft is launching a major campaign to transform and strengthen the organization for the future.

The "Transforming Our World" campaign will raise funds for three major, organization-wide priorities:

- Capital (facility) improvements
- Technology
- The Margaret Bancroft Annual Fund (unrestricted giving)

We hope everyone will get involved, to help make Bancroft the best it can be - for all of our friends and loved ones, now and in the future!

To learn more about the Transforming Our World campaign, please contact Linda Wasilchick, director of campaign operations, at (856) 348-4002 or lwasilchick@bnh.org.

For details on the campaign's three priority areas, please [click here](#).

Have a safe, healthy and happy New Year!

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