



# The Family Buzz

Bancroft's Electronic Newsletter for Family Members

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We hope you enjoyed the holidays, and that your new year is off to a good start.

We look forward to 2009 with great anticipation, but also with some concern. While many, many positive things are happening at Bancroft (some of which you'll read about below), we, like everyone else, are in for some challenging economic times.

We are, of course, monitoring Bancroft's financial condition closely, and conserving our resources as much as possible to weather this storm. Moreover, we already know not to expect a rate increase from the State of New Jersey - our biggest payer - and this will have a negative impact on our operations. But by planning ahead and being frugal, we hope to avoid major cuts.

At the same time, we ask that everyone associated with Bancroft remain focused on our vital mission, and do everything possible to be good stewards of our limited resources. We thank you in advance for your support, and look forward to providing your loved one with continued, top-quality services in 2009.



**Upcoming  
Bancroft Events**

**Singing Angels**  
January 16, 2009  
1:00 p.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
Flicker Multipurpose Room

**Adult Special Olympic Basketball Games**  
January 18, 2009  
9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.  
RiverWinds, Deptford, NJ  
Jeanne Bozicek  
(856) 287-1235

**Free Workshop Classroom Strategies for Teaching Children with Aspergers Disorders**  
January 21, 2009  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Farrington Building  
Haddonfield, N.J., campus  
(856) 429-5637, ext. 371 or ext. 257  
[For more information click here](#)

**Adult Special Olympic Basketball Games**  
January 25, 2009  
9:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.  
RiverWinds, Deptford, NJ  
Jeanne Bozicek  
(856) 287-1235

**Special Olympic Skiing Winter Games**  
January 27, 2009  
1:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.  
Mountain Creek Ski Area  
Jeanne Bozicek  
(856) 287-1235

**Free Workshop Expanding Food Choices: Oral Motor, Sensory & Behavioral Strategies**  
February 18, 2009  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Farrington Building  
Haddonfield, N.J., campus  
(856) 429-5637, ext. 371 or ext. 257

## Looking Back on '08: Our Anniversary Year in Pictures

Were you among the hundreds of Bancroft supporters who helped celebrate our 125th anniversary last year? If so, the photographs in this slide show might help you remember some of the special events held throughout 2008. Enjoy!

[Year in Pictures](#)

## Two served by Bancroft Named to NJ Advocacy Council

Two men served by Bancroft have been appointed to a statewide advocacy group. Russell Fried and Todd Emmons were cited for their self-advocacy and efforts to help others with disabilities, when Governor Jon Corzine recently named them to the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities.

Emmons and Fried have each participated in self-advocacy work for many years through Bancroft as well as county and statewide groups. Emmons also chairs the Monday Morning network, which works to improve accessibility in Camden County. Both men, who receive support from Bancroft's Community Services for Adults, have graduated from the state's Partners in Policymaking advocacy training program.

As members of the state council, Fried and Emmons will help people with developmental disabilities become contributing members of their communities, have control over their own lives, shape policies and processes that effect them, and enjoy the same rights, responsibilities and opportunities as other New Jersey residents. According to Fried, "I am very happy about this because I can now be a better advocate for people with disabilities in general."

We at Bancroft are very proud to see two people we serve work at such a high level in the state to improve the quality of life for others. Please join us in congratulating Todd Emmons and Russell Fried for their accomplishments!

Free Workshop  
Understanding Medicaid, SSI  
and Other Important  
Entitlements  
March 4, 2009  
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.  
Farrington Building  
Haddonfield, N.J., campus  
(856) 429-5637, ext. 371 or ext.  
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## Community Services for Adults' Holiday Gala and Persons Served Recognition Event

As promised, we are pleased to attach a slide show from our Community Services for Adults' annual event for your viewing pleasure. As always, it was a wonderful event for all involved.

[Click here for slideshow](#)

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## Economic Help - this Thursday!

To help folks weather the national economic downturn, Assemblyman Lou Greenwald and Assemblywoman Pam Lampitt will host an economic assistance expo, National Crisis, Local Solutions, on Thursday Jan. 15.

Officials from state agencies and other organizations will provide information on assistance with health insurance, utility payments, foreclosures, college costs and more. The event will take place from 5 to 8 pm at Camden County College in Blackwood. For more information, call (856) 435-1247.

## People & Families Mag. Available Electronically

### New edition covers state budget issues, features Bancroft parent

On The winter issue of People & Families, a publication of the New Jersey Council on Developmental Disabilities, includes several enlightening articles related to the state's budget issues and how they affect people with disabilities and their families.

Plus, the issue features an in-depth interview with Donna Icovino, whose son Michael participates in Bancroft's Community Services for Adults and is a graduate of our school and Pediatric Residential Program.

#### Also in this edition:

- The potential impact of the world fiscal crisis on government-funded services for people with developmental disabilities.
- Budget and policy priorities for the new President and Congress.
- The state's Dual Diagnosis Task Force's recommendations.

[Click here for magazine](#)

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## Prayer Services and Socials for Persons with Disabilities

Our Inclusive Ministry Committee is spreading the word about People of Praise, a monthly prayer service and social for people with developmental disabilities.

People of Praise offers participants a chance to share their faith and prayers, and strengthen their relationships with God and each other. Each service is followed by a social with refreshments. These interdenominational gatherings are not intended to replace one's chosen faith community or services, organizers note.

Services are held at St. John of God Community Services, 1145 Delsea Drive, Westville, N.J. Upcoming dates are Jan. 21, Feb. 18, Mar. 18, April 15, May 20 and June 17.

For more information, contact Sister Krista Mote at Bancroft at (856) 429-5637, ext. 145, or e-mail [kmote@bnh.org](mailto:kmote@bnh.org), or Sister Kathy McShane at St. John of God at (856) 848-4700, ext. 174, or [kmcshane@sjogcs.org](mailto:kmcshane@sjogcs.org).

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## ABCD Advocacy Organization Newsletter

The Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities' (ABCD) winter newsletter is available at the link below for your convenience.

### Topics include:

- An update on statewide roll-out of the College of Direct Support, which will help track credentials and training for employees of community-based providers;
- ABCD's response to the state's proposal on early intervention;
- An update on the state of New Jersey's performance and capacity to assist community service providers in serving people with developmental disabilities and their families;
- ABCD's grant to develop training program on people with developmental disabilities who are aging; among others.

[Click here for newsletter](#)

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## Temple Grandin to Speak in Philadelphia Thursday

Temple Grandin, Ph.D., one of the world's most renowned people with autism, will give a free talk in Philadelphia on Thursday Jan. 15. Grandin will appear at the Central Library at 1901 Vine Street in Philadelphia at 7:30 pm, where she'll promote her new book, "Animals Make Us Human."

Tickets are not required. For more information, call 215-567-4341. To reach the library, call 215-686-5322.

Here's more about Grandin from the library's website:

*"Temple Grandin, who studied psychology and earned a Ph.D. in animal science, has become a philosophical leader of both the animal welfare and autism advocacy movements. A passionate voice for the humane treatment of animals, her professional and popular writing and research on animal behavior—including the New York Times Best Seller Animals in Translation—has revolutionized the treatment of farm animals. Now, with Animals Make Us Human, Dr. Grandin challenges assumptions about animal contentment and shows humans how to give their animal companions the best and happiest life—on their terms, not ours."*

## How Are We Doing

Please watch your mailbox for our annual family satisfaction survey - which is going out this week - and be sure to respond by the end of January. The survey is an important part of our performance-improvement efforts, so every response counts! If you'd prefer to complete the survey electronically, please [click here](#).

You will need [Adobe Reader 7.0](#) or higher to view and make your selections. To submit, make your selections, save the PDF with your edits, then attach the PDF in an email to [Terry Fry](#).

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