

# The Family Buzz

Bancroft's Electronic Newsletter for Family Members

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## Top Clinician Assumes Family Advocate Role

Longtime Bancroft clinician and executive staff member Dr. Dan Keating recently became Bancroft's family advocate, as planned in last year's organizational restructuring. This move had been delayed for several months, as Keating was temporarily assigned to the Mullica Hill Programs while we recruited a new senior director there. We were pleased to welcome Violet Mwangi as senior director of Mullica Hill Programs in November.

Reflecting his new role, Keating has been assigned the title of vice president, family services and government relations. The former acting family advocate, Kathy Ross, vice president of corporate and family services, will now focus on corporate communications, including public and community relations, and will continue to serve as secretary of the board of trustees.

### As family advocate, Keating will:

- help families access information and resources within the organization and externally
- provide another channel of communication within the

## Upcoming Bancroft Events

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

Joyful Noise Concert

February 1, 2009

4:00 p.m.

St. Paul's United Methodist Church  
1314 Foulk Rd. Wilmington  
Cathy Sonnenberg  
(215) 771-1003

**CSA Valentine's Day Dance**  
**February 15, 2009**  
**4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**  
The Coliseum  
Voorhees, NJ  
(856) 428-0685, ext. 128

**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

**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. 257

**Free Workshop**  
**Sexuality and People with Disabilities: Home & Community Perspectives**  
**March 18, 2009**  
**6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.**  
Farrington Building  
Haddonfield, N.J., campus  
(856) 429-5637, ext. 371 or ext. 257

organization for families who are unable to resolve issues directly through their loved one's program

- support the grievance process for families and persons served
- work closely with Bancroft's Family Council and other program advisory committees to ensure we are consistently responding to the needs of families and encouraging partnerships between families and staff organization-wide

### **In his government relations role:**

- He will serve as a liaison to advocacy organizations that focus upon state policy such as the Alliance for the Betterment of Citizens with Disabilities (ABCD) and The New Jersey Association of Community Providers (NJACP).
- He will look for opportunities for Bancroft to interact with state agencies that establish policy for providers like Bancroft.

Over the coming year, Keating will also focus on the creation of a web-based Family Resource Center. And he will continue to work with the Mullica Hill Program to support the leadership transition and implementation of our new clinical model there.

While Family Handbooks are being updated with Keating's contact information, please make note that he can be reached at (856) 429-5637, ext. 372, or by e-mail at [dkeating@bnh.org](mailto:dkeating@bnh.org).



## Joyful Noise Comes to Delaware

**Hear for yourself on Feb. 1...**

People served by Bancroft in Delaware can now sing out - just like their counterparts in New Jersey - in the Joyful Noise chorus. And the new group will perform at a Wilmington church on Sunday Feb. 1 (see details below).

Staff member Robert Kennan formed a Delaware division of this choir for people with disabilities last year. The seven-member group sang with the New Jersey Joyful Noise at Bancroft Day festivities in Haddonfield in October.

Kennan, who has been an assistant chorus director at St. Paul's United Methodist Church in Wilmington for several years, holds Joyful Noise practices twice monthly at the Bancroft Parkway men's group home in Wilmington.

Originated by Bancroft family member Allison Fromm, Joyful Noise has been hosted by Bancroft for many years, and has grown to nearly 40 members from South Jersey.

For more information or to join Joyful Noise of Delaware, call Kim Carroll at (302) 656-4656. For Joyful Noise of New Jersey, call

Cathy Sonnenberg: (215) 771-1003 or [Cathy@JoyfulNoiseChorus.org](mailto:Cathy@JoyfulNoiseChorus.org).

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**You're invited!** Joyful Noise of Delaware will perform on Sunday Feb. 1 at 4 p.m. at St. Paul's United Methodist Church, 1314 Foulk Road, Wilmington.

*Hope to see you there!*

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## Bancroft CEO Featured in Philadelphia Business Journal

Our own Toni Pergolin, Bancroft's president and chief executive officer, is profiled in the "CEO File" feature in last week's issue of the Philadelphia Business Journal. Check out the attached article to learn more about our leader, including a few secrets she shares in the piece!

[Click here for featured article](#)

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## Register by Feb. 6 for Recreation Programs

Don't be left out of the fun this winter! Register now for Bancroft's L.E.A.R.N. (Life Enrichment and Recreational Network) which is open to persons served ages 18 and up. L.E.A.R.N. is offering many new and exciting activities this session, including a Valentine's Day dance and a 76ers basketball game. To register for events or classes, please download a copy of the catalog and complete the registration form.

Registration is due **Feb. 6**. Please note: a separate registration form will not be distributed for the Valentine's Day dance or the 76ers game, so you must register via the form in the catalog. For more information, call Laikeshia Abrams at (856) 428-0685, ext. 128.

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## Wanted: TVs, DVDs, Video Games and More

Bancroft's L.E.A.R.N. recreational program (see item above) needs TVs and DVD players for its Movie Night classes, and a Wii video-game system and games for its Game Night class.

To donate such items, please contact Laikeshia Abrams at Bancroft's Schaefer Center at (856) 428-0685, ext. 128. Donations are tax-deductible.

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## Area Teens Throw Get-Together for Bancroft Older Adults

A group of local teenagers recently created a festive afternoon for older adults served by Bancroft. 15 students from Haddonfield Memorial High School transformed the community room at Bancroft's Judith Flicker Center into a tropical smoothie café, as part of a Martin Luther King Day service project.

Flicker staff member Linda Miller led the students in decorating the room and organizing stations to prepare for a very special event. As the center's residents arrived, the students invited them to sit at paper-covered tables, and encouraged them to add to the ambiance by drawing colorful flowers, palm trees and more on the table covers.

Student waiters and waitresses in white aprons took smoothie orders and delivered the delicious drinks on festive trays, while other teens in tall, white chef hats whipped up the fruity beverages. Other students sat and chatted with their new acquaintances at individual tables. The party ended with groups gathering in some of the Flicker homes to play games.

*Thank you, Haddonfield High students, for a great day!*

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## Safety and Sexuality Survey

The The Arc of New Jersey is doing a research study on the understanding by persons with disabilities of various health, safety, human relationship and sexuality issues.

The agency is asking parents of children with disabilities, regardless of age, to complete the survey at the link below. The survey is anonymous, and The Arc would greatly appreciate your input.

If you have more than one child with a disability, The Arc requests that you complete a separate survey for each child. You are also encouraged to pass this survey on to others.

For more information, contact Stephanie Kramer at (732) 246-2525, ext. 20, or [skramer@arcnj.org](mailto:skramer@arcnj.org).

[Click here for survey](#)

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