

The Family Buzz

Bancroft's Electronic Newsletter for Family Members

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Snack Shack Debuts at Schaefer Center

Four people served by Bancroft have new jobs, while dozens of others have a convenient new place to eat. It's all happening at the Snack Shack, a snackbar Bancroft has opened at the Jacob Schaefer Center in Cherry Hill, N.J.

Run by our Career Vocational Services Transitional Employment Program, the shop offers a multitude of breakfast, lunch and snack items from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. each weekday. Regular daily specials are offered, such as Philly soft pretzels on Fridays.

Four persons served support the Snack Shack's operation, helping with shopping, stocking, pricing, serving customers, working the cash register and, of course, counting the revenue.

Pictured above are Kim Jago and Linda Miller, who cut the ribbon

Upcoming Bancroft Events

at the Grand Opening last week.

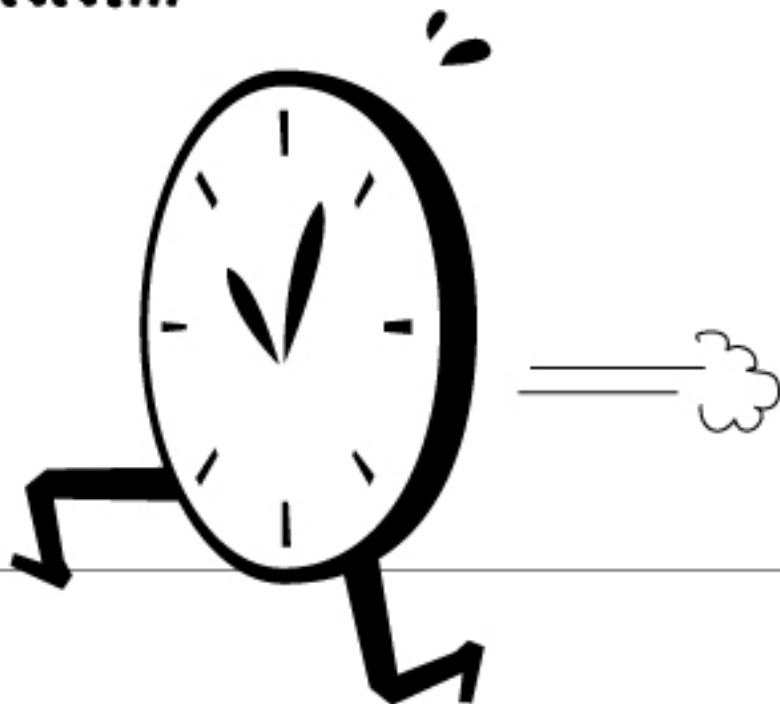
Tell Us How You *Really* Feel - But Hurry!

The deadline for returning this year's Family Satisfaction Survey has come and gone, but we felt we could offer just one last reminder. After all, the more surveys we get back, the better. If you have not already done so, please complete the questionnaire, so we can better address your family's needs and continue to improve our services.

To access the survey 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](#).

HURRY...



Time is running out!

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.

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Read Across America

March 2, 2009

9 p.m. - 2 p.m.

(856) 429-5637, ext. 344

WHYY Fundraiser

March 2, 2009

5:30 p.m. - 11 p.m.

(856) 429-5637, ext. 668

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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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.

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Bancroft Classic Spirit Competition

March 22, 2009

1 p.m. - 4 p.m.

(856) 428-0685, ext. 103

BNH Fundraiser at Tortilla Press

March 30, 2009

11:30 a.m. - 9 p.m.

Tortilla Press

(856) 869-3345

Please contact restaurant for reservations.



Persons served rating Bancroft, too

In addition to our Family Satisfaction Survey (see above), Bancroft is researching the satisfaction of the people it serves.

The annual Consumer Satisfaction Survey helps measure the effectiveness of our programs and services, from the perspective of the children and adults we serve - our primary stakeholders. The survey will tell us firsthand what's working and, more important, what's not.

Interviews are now taking place in our residential and day programs and are being conducted by members of our Advisory Committee for Persons Served and other self-advocates.

Pictured above is Bonnie Davis, chair of Bancroft's Advisory Committee for Persons Served and herself a Bancroft program participant, administering the survey to Ed LaMonica, a man served by Bancroft.

Bancroft Friend Frank Demmerly Passed Away

It is with great sadness that we share news that Frank Demmerly, treasurer of the Friends of Bancroft, died on Feb. 4. As the controller of the Friends' "purse strings," Frank always worked diligently to balance the Friends' budget. The volunteer group's only male member, Frank was also well known for his generosity.

As Friends' member Mary Ellen Healy wrote, Frank "was a wonderful person and I think that he really cherished being our treasurer for over 20 years. He was a true gentleman and will be missed by all. We can carry on his job with the Friends by making sure we do the best for those served at Bancroft."

Two Free Workshops for Parents and Professionals

The next two workshops in Bancroft's ongoing free series are:

- **Feb. 18 -Expanding Food Choices: Oral-Motor, Sensory and Behavioral Strategies.**

Bancroft experts will focus on expanding a healthy diet for children and adults with disabilities who exhibit food preferences and/or aversions. Parents, caretakers and other professionals are encouraged to attend. Continuing education credits (CEUs) are available.

- **Mar. 4 - How to Access Benefits Available to Those with Disabilities.**

Attorney Valerie Powers Smith of the law firm Hinkle, Fingles and Prior will discuss New Jersey's Medicaid program and benefits available through the Social Security Administration. She will also review how to obtain and maintain eligibility for entitlement programs designed to meet the healthcare and adult service needs of persons with disabilities.

Both workshops will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. in the Farrington building on Bancroft's Haddonfield Campus, and are open to the public.

Seating is limited. To guarantee a spot and to register, or for further information or directions, please contact Pat Reid at (856) 429-5637, ext. 371 or 257, or e-mail preid@bnh.org.

*This program is available to the public at no charge. Support generously provided by the **TD Charitable Foundation**.*

Bancroft Participates in Rowan's Disability Awareness Week

People served and staffers from the Mullica Hill Program recently took part in Rowan University's Disability Awareness Week. Following is a letter from Dr. Melissa Arnott of Rowan, in appreciation of the Bancroft group's attendance, with photographs taken at the event.

"...We had a great time with the guys. Staff were great, too! We also gave an award to Senator Sweeney for all of his work with individuals with developmental disabilities. The Gloucester County Board of Freeholders also proclaimed that week as Disability Awareness and awarded my department the Academic Success Center for our work. We train seeing puppies so they were there. We signed a petition to get rid of the R word. We had many other resources and opportunities to try on a disability. It was a great week. I am so glad that Bancroft was able to participate."



**Enjoy a delicious meal and help Bancroft
Tortilla Press Fund-Raiser March 30 in Collingswood, N.J.**

A popular Mexican-influenced restaurant will donate 10 percent of your bill to Bancroft on March 30. What better reason to visit Tortilla Press in Collingswood, N.J. - a flavorful staple of South

Jersey's restaurant scene.

All you need to do is make a reservation for lunch or dinner, and tell the reservation-taker that you're supporting Bancroft. Then arrive on March 30 and enjoy!

For reservations, call (856) 869-3345. Tortilla Press is at 702 Haddon Avenue, Collingswood, N.J. *Olé!*

The Tortilla Press is Mexican influenced and that makes us very, very different. We offer meats and accompanying side dishes familiar to the American palate, but seasoned with the clean, savory flavors of Mexican herbs and sauces.

The result? A restaurant that rocks! Come here for flavor, come here for fun, come here just to enjoy the zest that makes for a great dining experience. But most of all, just come to be our guest. We guarantee you'll be back.

Self-Advocacy During Transition Planning

S.P.A.N. - the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network - will host a conference for parents and professionals designed to help students advocate for themselves when planning their transition to adult programs. Scheduled for Sat. March 7 at the Cherry Hill, N.J., Public Library, the event is titled "Student Voices of Self-Advocacy in the Transition Planning Process." For more information, visit S.P.A.N.'s web site at www.spannj.org.

Autism Conferences at Caldwell College

A North Jersey college will host two one-day conferences for professionals, teachers, parents and other caregivers. Caldwell College in Caldwell, Essex County, will present the sessions - titled "Innovations in Autism Treatment and Applied Behavior Analysis" - on consecutive Fridays: April 17 and 24.

The event will include talks by nationally and internationally prominent experts, including Tristram H. Smith, Ph.D. of the University of Rochester Medical Center, and Iser G. DeLeon, Ph.D., BCBA, of the Kennedy Krieger Institute.

Topics will include:

- Obtaining third-party payment for ABA services
- Teaching verbal skills
- Current research findings in autism treatment
- A parent's perspective on ABA
- Older learners with autism

For more information, call (973) 613-3297 or visit abaconference@caldwell.edu.

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