



The Family Buzz

Bancroft's Electronic Newsletter for Family Members

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Team Bancroft Walks for Autism

There's still time to donate

About 3,500 people participated in the 8th Annual South Jersey Walk for Autism on June 13 in Mount Laurel - including more than 75 "Team Bancroft" members.

This successful grassroots fundraising effort not only generates vital funds for autism research, but also raises awareness about the growing prevalence of autism and the need for increased research funding to combat this complex disorder.

Team Bancroft has raised \$1,970 so far. This year's goal is \$325,000, and all walkers have pulled in \$250,000 to date. Teams have until December 31 to raise the money. To donate, visit the autism website at [_____](#)

Upcoming Bancroft Events

7th Annual Summer
Inclusion Conference
July 8 & 9, 2009
New Jersey Coalition for
Inclusive Education, Inc.
Ewing, NJ
(732) 613-0400
<http://njcie.net>

A.R.T. exhibition
July 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26
Saturdays: 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.
Sundays: 12 p.m. - 4 p.m.
Markeim Arts Center
104 Walnut Street
Haddonfield, NJ

Mullica Hill Program's Fishing
Tournament
July 13, 2009
Mullica Hill, NJ
(856) 769-1300

25th Annual BIANJ
Sun and Fun Day
July 16, 2009
Ocean City, NJ
(856) 589-5797

Extended School Year Program
Begins: July 7, 2009
Bancroft Schools
(856) 429-0010

www.walknowforautism.org/southernnewjersey

and register under TEAM Bancroft.

Congratulations for a successful walk and good luck, teams, on the December deadline!



The whole Mullica Hill Program came out to enjoy a Carnival Day recently. Pictured at bottom is fortune-teller (a.k.a. Courtney Callaway, Senior Clinical Manager) reading Shylo Hockensmith's Tarot cards. We hope Shylo heard some good news! Also pictured are David Wills and Program Associate Donell Henderson enjoying a BBQ lunch. Special thanks to everyone who came out to help -

including David's dad, Bill, who was both cook and photographer. (Must be why we only got two shots - guess the hamburgers won out!)

Education Program Strengthens Clinical Supports Experts recruited for 2 new positions

As we focus on making sure we provide clinically excellent programs consistently in all areas - in line with our strategic plan - we are strengthening our clinical supports and leadership in our Educational Programs. Two new leadership positions have been added to help us ensure that we are providing efficient and high-quality, outcomes-oriented services for our students.

We are very pleased to introduce Dennis Morgan, who has joined Bancroft's Educational Program as senior clinical director. Dennis will work with the leadership in our schools to make sure our programs are aligned with best practices, including teacher and paraprofessional training, and developing and evaluating student outcome measures to ensure clinical excellence.

Dennis comes to Bancroft after serving as principal of the Vanguard School in Valley Forge, and prior to that he was with the Y.A.L.E. School in Cherry Hill. He received his master's degree from St. Joseph's University, his bachelor's degree from King's College in Wilkes-Barre, and his certification in special education from West Chester University.

In addition, we have established the position of executive director of educational programs, a superintendent-type position with oversight responsibilities for each of our schools (Haddonfield Elementary and Secondary Programs, Early Education for Children on the Autism Spectrum, and The Bancroft School at Voorhees Pediatric Facility). We look forward to the arrival of Jeff Reuter, who will assume that position in August.

Jeff will be primarily responsible for evaluating the overall structure for educational service delivery to make sure we are providing high-quality services that are effective and efficient. Jeff has a wealth of experience in special education, including both working directly with students and in administrative positions. He will come to us from the Burlington County Special Services School District where he has served as director of educational services for over ten years. Prior to that, he was the Burlington County supervisor of child study. He has an M.S. in education from the University of Pennsylvania, and a B.A. in philosophy from St. Mary's Seminary and University.



Endo Pharmaceuticals Lends Helping Hand in Delaware

Our Delaware Program had the honor of hosting about 20 volunteers from Endo Pharmaceuticals recently. As a result of their efforts, two group homes in Wilmington Delaware have a raised vegetable garden, a horseshoe pit, sparkling-clean windows and a rainbow of annual flowers out front.

Five of the individuals we serve participated with the group, and Michael McCaffery, in particular, was very popular because he is 6' 4" and was the only one who could help get the screens back in the windows.

"I heard one volunteer after another calling his name for help," says Karen Reiss, program director. "How proud Michael was to have been an important part of such a fantastic day."

Even Endo's president, Dave Holveck, took part in the event - offering a wonderful opportunity to introduce him to Bancroft and our important mission.

"The entire group expressed their delight in spending the day with those we serve and seemed to really love the tangible element of digging in the dirt to do a good thing," says Joan King, vice president of development. "This experience has helped to establish a special bond between Endo and Bancroft."

Endo also provides financial support to Bancroft as a corporate partner at the "benefactor" level, King notes.

Special thanks to Karen Reiss and her team of staff and persons

served for all their efforts in making the day such a great success.

A.R.T. Exhibition Planned for Haddonfield Center

A unique exhibition of artwork created by Bancroft students at Voorhees Pediatric Facility is planned for the Markeim Arts Center during the weekends of **July 11-12, 18-19, and 25-26** from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Saturdays, and 12:00 noon to 4:00 p.m. on Sundays. The center is located at Lincoln Avenue and Walnut Street in Haddonfield, and the free exhibit will be open to the public.

The artwork was created through the Artistic Realization Technologies (A.R.T.) program, which offers children who have very limited functional abilities the opportunity to create art with the assistance of trained facilitators. The facilitators, known as trackers, act as neutral arms for the young artists, executing the students' visions through laser-guided tracking using a variety of methods, and other technologies.

Special thanks to our corporate partner, Wawa, for their support in making this program (and many others) possible for those we serve.

The very popular Haddonfield Crafts & Fine Art Festival will also be held July 11-12, so you may want to plan ahead to visit that event as well.

Volunteer greeters will be needed to cover all exhibit hours in two to three hour shifts. No special knowledge of the A.R.T. program is required; a love of Bancroft and general information about A.R.T. (which will be provided) is all that is necessary. If you are interested in supporting the event in this way, please contact Deb Conner, Manager of Volunteer Services, at (856) 429-5637, ext. 273 or by e-mail at dconner@bnh.org.

For more information, visit the following websites: A.R.T.: <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5wou97cab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&ts=S0403&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.artrealization.org%2F&id=preview>

Markeim Arts Center: <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5wou97cab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&ts=S0403&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.markeimartcenter.org%2F&id=preview>

Haddonfield Crafts & Fine Art Festival: <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5wou97cab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&ts=S0403&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.haddonfieldnj.org%2Feventscrafts.php&id=preview>

Dental Resource for NJ Families

The following link will connect you to a website with information on New Jersey dentists who serve people with developmental disabilities: [http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?](http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5wou97cab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&ts=S0403&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.disabilityhealth.org%2Fdentalwww.disabilityhealth.org%2Fdental&id=preview)

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Revised Family Handbooks Now Available

Family Handbooks for each of Bancroft's major programs have been updated and are now available in PDF format on Bancroft's web site. The changes were made to bring the handbooks up to date with current practices. For example, Dan Keating's appointment to Family Advocate, the change from *Focus on Families* newsletters to the *Family Buzz*, and updating some program names. Hard copies are available by request - please contact the program director if you are interested in receiving one. If you have any difficulty accessing the PDF version of the handbook, please contact Jackie Lott in the Corporate Communications Department at (856) 429-5637, ext. 203.

- [Education Program Family Handbook \(schools\)](#)
 - [Pediatric Community and Campus-based](#)
 - [Adult Residential Programs](#)
 - [Adult Day Programs](#)
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Community Services for Adults - Urgent Call Number Changed

The Community Services for Adults' (CSA) urgent call number, which will help you reach someone on an urgent matter after typical office hours, has changed to (856) 889-3585. Please note that this number is not be used for medical emergencies. Wallet size cards with this information are being produced for mailing to CSA families soon.

Walker Center Merger Delayed

While we continue to work toward the integration of the Walker Center with Bancroft NeuroHealth our plans have been temporarily delayed. This is due to the lengthy process for completing required filings.

Although the merger has been delayed past our original target date of July 1, we fully anticipate the merger to be completed as planned.

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If we all do this, those pennies will quickly add up! Questions? Check the website's FAQ section at <http://rs6.net/tn.jsp?t=5wou97cab.0.0.7n9pimcab.0&ts=S0403&p=http%3A%2F%2Fwww.goodsearch.com%2FAbout.aspx%3A&id=preview>

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