



The Family Buzz

Bancroft's Electronic Newsletter for Family Members

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Upcoming Bancroft Events

A.R.T. Exhibit
Markeim Arts Center
July 18-19 & 25-26
From from 10:00AM to 4:00PM
on Saturdays, and 12:00PM to
4:00PM Sundays
Haddonfield, NJ
(856) 348-1145

Public Meeting of the State
Interagency Coordinating
Council for Early Intervention
July 24, 2009
Lawrenceville, NJ
(609) 730-1522

Public Meeting of the New
Jersey Council on
Developmental Disabilities
July 30, 2009
Trenton, NJ
(609) 292-2745

Congratulations to the students who recently completed a project to make Bancroft's Haddonfield Campus a certified Natural Wildlife Federation School Habitat. The sign located outside of Bancroft Hall indicates that Bancroft is now officially a School Habitat and our name will be listed on the NWF's National registry.

Pictured with the sign above are (left to right): Bobbet Lattie, Chris Smith, Lindsey Workman, Shelly Cucugliello, Alex Clemons, and Alfred Zulu.

Thank you, Shelly and students for making this possible!

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Early Education Program
Graduation

Wednesday, August 19, 2009
1:30PM - 2:30PM

Early Education Program
(Lebensfeld)
(856) 354-2966

Summer Arts Festival
Tues., August 18, 2009 9:00AM
- 1:30PM

The Bancroft School
Haddonfield Campus
(856) 429-5637, ext. 222

Extended School Year
Program Ends
August 19, 2009

New leadership to help prepare for our future

A message from Toni Pergolin, President and CEO

As part of our ongoing strategic plan to strengthen and secure the future of Bancroft, I am very pleased to announce a change in the organization structure - including three new leadership positions - to insure that we achieve our goals.

This is a very exciting time for Bancroft. We will address several major priorities in the next three to five years, including:

- The relocation of our Haddonfield Campus
- Future development in Pennsylvania

These are complex initiatives that represent upwards of \$60 million. The relocation of the Haddonfield Campus is the most important project we've ever undertaken. And carefully planned growth in Pennsylvania will enhance Bancroft's financial stability by broadening our range of funding sources - especially as state funding becomes increasingly constrained.

Such activities and others require us to expand our expertise and leadership within the organization. I am, therefore, creating the new positions of:

- Chief operating officer
- Chief financial officer
- Chief advancement officer

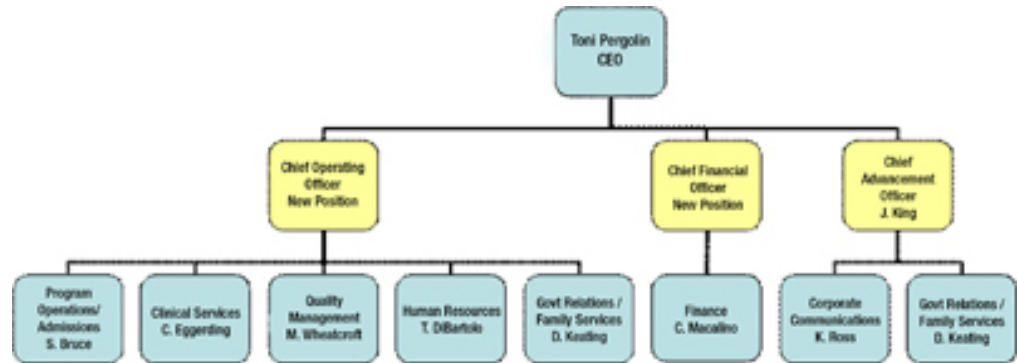
These individuals will work closely with our executive-staff team to help Bancroft become the best it can be.

First, I am pleased to announce that Joan Galon King, our vice president of development, will become chief advancement officer. Joan is a proven strategic thinker who has been highly successful in her development (fundraising) role since she joined Bancroft over a year ago.

Joe Pyle will serve as interim chief operating officer. He has worked in the human-services field for about 30 years (and volunteered at Bancroft before that). Currently president of The Thomas Scattergood Behavioral Health Foundation, Joe previously was chief executive officer of Friends Behavioral Health System in Philadelphia. Joe has been very supportive of our programs over the last few years - even setting up an employment opportunity for the people we serve at Friends Hospital.

We will initiate a search for the chief financial officer in the next few weeks.

Following is an organizational chart that shows the new structure.



Please be assured, the restructuring is not intended to change our day-to-day operations, but to ensure our long-term success. Specifically, the three new leadership positions will help us grow wisely, in order to enhance Bancroft's financial stability over the next five years. The bottom line: These initiatives will ensure that Bancroft is here to provide your family member with quality services for many years to come.

Furthermore, the cost of these changes will not affect your family member or his/her care. The funds we receive for each person's care must be used to provide direct care. (We file a report each year verifying how these funds are spent.)

In addition, the new positions and restructuring will not increase Bancroft's total expenses. Instead, these costs will be funded simply by reallocating existing expenses. For instance, we will cut spending on consultants, and leave some administrative positions unfilled.

Finally, as we embark on these exciting changes, I'd also like to express my sincere appreciation of you - the family members and guardians - for your support of our mission. I am confident that, with your strong support, we will continue to provide outstanding services to your loved ones for a long time to come.

Haddonfield Campus-wide evacuation drill a success

Bancroft's first-ever entire Haddonfield Campus evacuation drill was held this week with very good results. Over 600 students, staff and visitors made their way off the campus to the gymnasium in the Haddonfield Memorial High School in an orderly and calm manner in 16 minutes! According to the Fire Chief Joe Riggs, "This was a great effort on the part of Bancroft's staff. Everyone did an amazing job keeping calm, overcoming hurdles, and making their way off campus quickly and without incident. It was an amazing accomplishment." We appreciate the support of everyone involved in making sure we are prepared for any emergencies.

Phillies Greg Dobbs to return!

Phillies player Greg Dobbs will come back to The Bancroft School on Friday, July 24, to lead the students in "skills and drills" activities, and sign autographs. Greg visited the school last year and enjoyed his time with the students so much that he readily accepted our invitation for a return visit. If your child attends The Bancroft School in Haddonfield, please encourage him/her to wear red on July 24 to show some Phillies spirit!

Autism New Jersey seeks 1,000 voices

Autism New Jersey is developing a plan for its advocacy work, and the group wants your input.

ANJ is seeking interviews with family members, service providers, professionals and all other constituents, so it can create its "Blueprint for Lifetime Support Services for Families and Persons with Autism." This document will serve as the foundation for ANJ's advocacy work on behalf of the autism community. A science-based organization, ANJ is devoted to creating a society of compassion and inclusion for all those touched by autism spectrum disorders.

The group's goal is to conduct at least 1,000 face-to-face interviews with individuals who are most impacted by, or can most impact, autism services in New Jersey. It seeks the voices of all people within the autism community -- especially those who typically have not been heard, or who feel they are underserved or not served at all.

All comments from the interviews will be anonymous (not confidential) and names will not be attached to any of the stories, suggestions or examples.

For more information on participating in this "listening tour," please contact Dr. Dan Keating, Bancroft's vice president of family services and government relations, at (856) 429-5637, ext. 372,

or e-mail dkeating@bnh.org.

DDD Today newsletter

Follow the link below for the current issue (PDF version) of DDD Today, the newsletter of the N.J. Division of Developmental Disabilities.

Featured articles:

- Olmstead - Where are we now?
- Olmstead by the Numbers
- 30-60-90 Follow-up is Important
- Redesign of DDD's CM Services began 7/1
- Training and Education are Critical for the Plan to succeed
- Why Does a Placement Take a Year?
- Singing a New Song - Joe Ripley's Transition Story
- Upcoming Trainings and Conferences
- Olmstead Update

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