

# Harc Family

STAFF AND FAMILY E-NEWSLETTER

## What's New In November?

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### **A message from our President & CEO Russell Coleman**



As we enter November, I am honored to extend my heartfelt thanks and warm Thanksgiving wishes to each member of our incredible Harc family.

Firstly, I want to express my appreciation to all our dedicated staff members. Your unwavering commitment, innovation, and high standards continue to push Harc forward, shaping us into the organization we are today. The relentless dedication you display each day is the backbone of Harc's success. Thank you for your tireless efforts in supporting individuals and families.

During this season of reflection, I am reminded of how grateful I am for each one of you. Your dedication and hard work have made this year a resounding success, and I could not be prouder to have such an incredible team here at Harc. I wish you a Thanksgiving filled with happiness, togetherness, and cherished moments with your family and friends.

Your ongoing support, whether through participation in upcoming events, volunteering, or simply spreading the word about our Harc's mission, providing support for a lifetime to individuals with intellectual and related disabilities and their families so they may enjoy lives of quality, inclusion, and dignity makes an immeasurable difference.

Thank you for embodying the spirit of giving and for being the driving force behind Harc's mission.



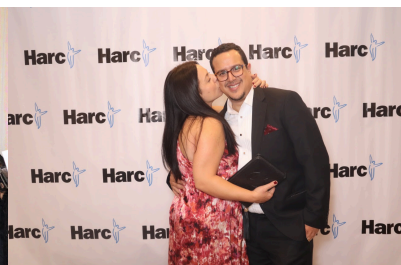
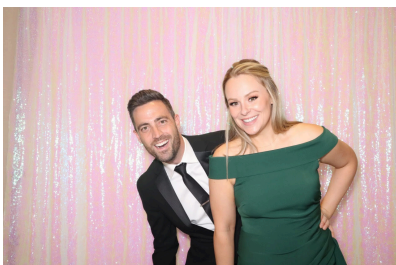
## 34th Sparking Possibilities Auction & Gala



I am excited to share the remarkable success of our 34th Annual Auction and Gala. The turnout was great, and it's all thanks to you—our attendees, sponsors, volunteers, and partners. Your unwavering support and generous donations not only exceeded our goal but reaffirmed the profound impact our community can make when we come together.

I extend heartfelt gratitude to our honorary chair and former President and CEO, Dr. Stephen Becker, and honored attendee Keith McGilvery and the entire Fox61 team for their invaluable contributions in making the event a tremendous success. Your support truly means the world to us and the individuals and families we serve.

This memorable event successfully garnered over \$150,000 in funds, dedicated to bolstering the vital programs and services offered by Harc.





# Harc Artwork Will Be Featured In the Under One Roof Exhibit



Starting on December 1st, Harc artwork will be on display in the Chase Family gallery at Mandell JCC in West Hartford as part of the [Under One Roof - Kehillah: Community](#) exhibit.

The Under One Roof exhibit features works of art created by agencies and organizations in greater Hartford. The project brings together, under one roof, diverse people from our community, along with their ideas, thoughts, hopes and dreams.

Harc, along with over 30 other local organizations have contributed to the exhibit this year. This is the second time Harc has contributed to the exhibit. The canvas on the left was featured in the Under One Roof exhibit in 2019.

The exhibit opens December 1st and runs through to December 27th. The Exhibit Grand Opening Reception is open to the public and will be held Sunday, December 3rd at 1 o'clock.

## Embrace the Spirit of Generosity on Giving Tuesday

Giving Tuesday is more than just a day; it's a global movement that harnesses the power of collective generosity. As a counterpoint to the consumer-driven days following Thanksgiving, Giving Tuesday encourages individuals, communities, and organizations to come together and make a positive impact on the world. This special day, celebrated annually on the Tuesday following Thanksgiving, serves as a reminder to share our resources, time, and kindness with those in need. Whether it's supporting local charities, volunteering, or spreading awareness for meaningful causes, Giving Tuesday provides a platform for everyone to contribute to building a better, more compassionate world. Join the movement, be part of the change, and experience the joy that comes from giving back on Giving Tuesday.



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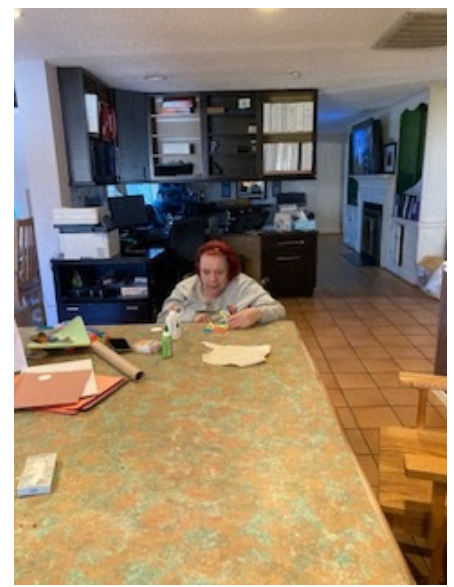
## We Are Thankful For Our Volunteers



We are thankful for our family and friends who regularly volunteer and devote their time to enriching the lives of the individuals at our group homes. Among them are Liz D'Attilio and Mary Delaney who visit our homes almost weekly and host parties and do arts and crafts activities. Recently they volunteered their time at our Eastern residence home for Liz's birthday celebration.

"Liz and I had a GREAT time with our friends today! We all frosted cupcakes to celebrate Liz's birthday yesterday, and eating them was a highlight!

We made turkey napkin holders and wall art with what everyone is thankful for written on it. Of course, they all asked when we will be back!" - Mary Delaney



## Supported Employment

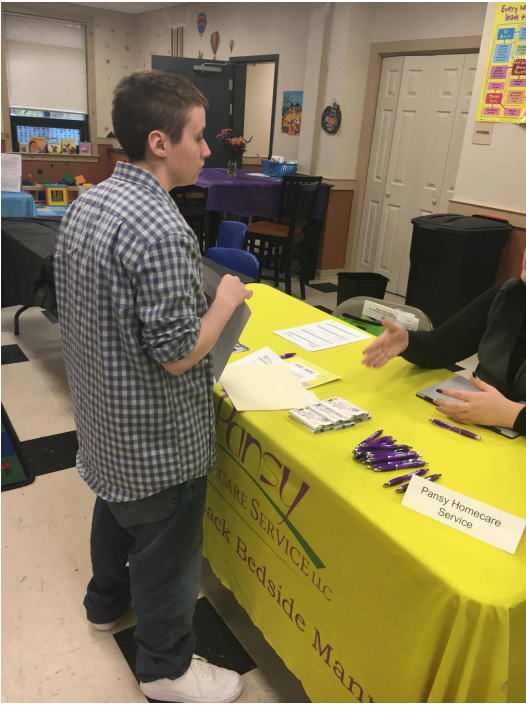
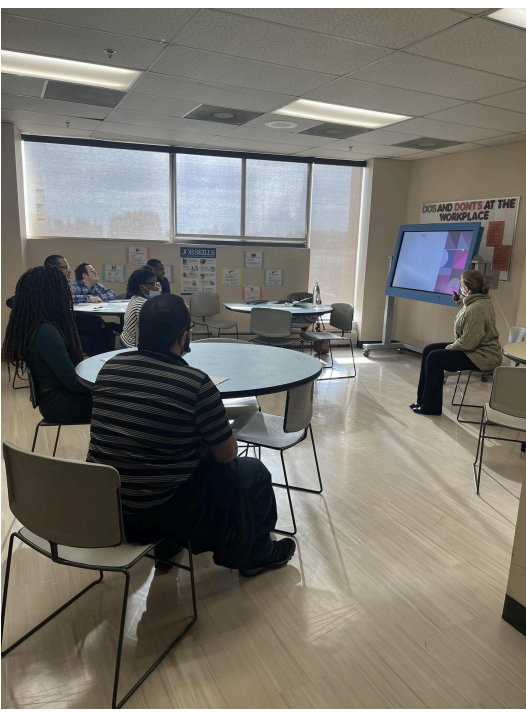
Our career building room has its own curriculum, which prepares our individuals for the workplace- they learn about setting personal and professional goals, building a resume , mock interviews, appropriate dress attire, time management, communication skills for the workplace, professional behavior at work.

They were excited to have had the opportunity to show off their skills and participate in mock interviews at the Transitional Employment Job fair.

Coming up in November, we have a volunteer, Jennifer Worhle of Trinity Health of New England, that will be coming in and doing a resume writing workshop.

Our tech room exposes our individuals to new age technology which consists of our two visilift boards, desktop computers, and iPads. They are learning how to type on a computer, sending emails , learning internet safety, using search engines to look for job opportunities, as well as some fun games along the way.





So glad you decided to join us, New Staff!



# WELCOME TO HARC

Eva Pike - Job Coach; LEP  
Andrea Mclean - RSA; Prospect  
Mickayla Smith - RSA; Burnwood  
Yvonne Lopez - RSA; Eastern  
Soncharea Thomas - House Manager; Burnwood  
Josef Ayala - Job Coach; Senior Supports  
Sandra Duncan - RSA; Eastern  
Jocelyn Robinson - RSA; Brentmoor

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Steppingstones Birth to Three Program Gives Thanks





**Continuing with more about our Steppingstones Birth to Three program:**

It is time to take a break in this spirit of Thanksgiving to give thanks to our hard working team!  
Your dedication to our wonderful families and children is amazing!

**A HUGE THANK YOU TO OUR HARC STEPPINGSTONES TEAM**

Maria Kimberly Patty Meredith Renee Karen Rebecca Laurie Anna Staria  
Gay Tracy C. Hillary Kristyn Alysa Jeannine Meagan Kelly Cara  
Alyssa Rocio Lesley Anne Tracy E. Brianna Claudia Donna Kristianne



## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Saturday, May 11th, 2024 Walk n Roll**

Get ready for the 2024 return of Harc's Walk n Roll!

We'll be at Dunkin Park, from 10 am to noon.

Gather your team and prepare for another spectacular event filled with joy and camaraderie!

**Wednesday, February 14th, 2024 Have a Harc Day**

Our staff, families, individuals and advocates will meet in the legislative office to discuss their challenges and success stories and consider how our legislators can help.

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