

IN THE FAMILY

KenCrest Staff Newsletter

April/May 2021

KenCrest Hosts More Vaccine Clinics

In March, KenCrest hosted several more COVID-19 vaccine clinics at our Malvern, Pottstown, Wyncote, Exton, and Philadelphia locations. We feel fortunate to set up these clinics with the help of Pennsylvania's Office of Developmental Programs for facilitating a partnership with Rite Aid. A big Thank You to the staff who donated their time and kept the clinics running smoothly.



Latest Funded New Business Ideas



In 2020, we asked for your business ideas that would inspire a new path at KenCrest. Now, we are excited to announce the latest funded New Business Ideas! Congratulations to each

of the winners and be sure to read the blurbs about each of their business plans below:

Peer Mentor Program

by Gina Dyer

The Peer Mentor Program supports individuals who are transitioning from dependent living to independent living with the support of a peer mentor who achieved success in SIL. Increasing socialization and decreasing loneliness, the Peer Program will build relationships.

Day Sharing

by Ann Sheaffer

Recruiting individuals, to share their day or a few hours with the people we support. Matched on common interests and fully supported to enjoy a meaningful life experience together, new relationships will be built.

Meaningful Life

by Melinda South and Dawn Warden

Delaware's Division of Developmental Disabilities Services and KenCrest will provide engaging community opportunities to post-employment individuals. Activities will support his or her Individual Support Plan Goals.

Self-Employment

by Allison Smale

Job seekers will be able to learn how to become entrepreneurs managing their own businesses and their own financial success.

Remote Possibilities

by Julie Daly

Enabling technology for remote support, including smart home sensors, video calling devices, medication dispensers, and smart device applications. Proactive alerts notify caregivers while respecting the capability and dignity of those we support.

Weekday Activities



There are virtual activities happening every weekday at KenCrest. From cooking to yoga, and a live radio stream, there is something for everyone!

Monday: Online Games

Tuesday: Cooking, Cultural Exploration, Greenhouse Tours

Wednesday: Bingo, Chair Yoga

Thursday: Dance Parties, Sing-Alongs

Friday: Drawing, Sports Net, Radio Times

Have a story? Send an email to kencrest.communications@kencrest.org

April is Community Champions



we unveil a new Champion each day from April 12th - 23rd!

Continuing the celebration of our 115th year anniversary, KenCrest will highlight some of the most impactful Community Champions we have had in the past, alongside several new champions. We hope you will support our virtual event on social media and our website as

Join Our Weekly Town Hall Meetings

Join us from noon to 12:30 p.m. every Tuesday for a virtual town hall meeting via [GoToMeeting](#). Log in through your computer, phone (via the app), or tablet (via the app) to avoid a busy signal and see the presentation Marian is discussing. The call-in number is +1 (571) 317-3122. The access code is **260-835-109**. All town hall calls will be posted on SharePoint and the Employee page on KenCrest.org.



Mission Pins



KenCrest Missions Pins are awarded to staff in recognition of [exploring possibilities](#), [mobilizing resources](#), and [empowering dreams](#). Encourage and acknowledge those around us who exemplify our mission and bring it to life! Each pin is a reflection of how KenCrest supports community development. Anyone can elect another to receive a Mission Pin for their contributions of initiative, ingenuity, creativity, support, generosity, etc. Please contact Sierra Force at sierra.force@kencrest.org or Lauren Tilghman at kencrest.communications@kencrest.org to submit your pin nomination stories and to receive your pin.



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Read New Articles by Marian Baldini



Marian always has a new idea or perspective to share. Keep up with Marian's latest blog posts and refresh yourself of past article at medium.com/marianbaldini. Show your support by subscribing, commenting, and liking.

Upcoming Holidays

April is Autism Awareness Month, Stress Awareness Month, and Scottish-American Heritage Month.



April: 2nd: World Autism Awareness Day

***The 960 Office is Closed on Friday, April 2nd for Good Friday.**

April 4th: Easter

April 10th-16th: Week of the Young Child

May is Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage Month, National Teen Self-Esteem Month.