

# KenCrest Staff Newsletter

December/January 2022

In The Family





# Community Champions 2021



On Thursday, November 11th, KenCrest hosted the sixth annual Community Champions event to honor and celebrate several people and organizations who align with our mission.

Five Champions were recognized for their commitment, philanthropy, and joyfulness in which they carry-out their vast support.

Marc Sternberg from Marc's Mission received the Mobilizing Resources award for hosting a two-month donation drive to provide school supplies for our Early Learning Centers. Next, Carol Hammarberg was presented with the Empowering Dreams award for three decades of engagement as an employee and donor.

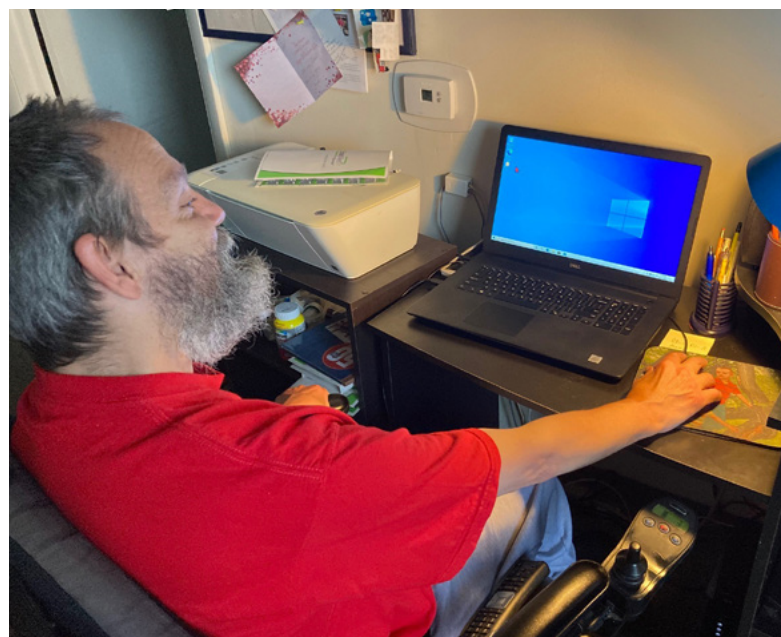
Charles Davis earned A Place in the Sun award for funding the construction of a purpose-built home for his daughter and her housemates. Charles visits the home often, does yard work, provides holiday meals, and leads trips in the community. Next, McLean Contributionship received the Exploring Possibilities award for providing PPE, cleaning supplies, and technology to keep the people we support safe and healthy during COVID.

The Advocacy award was given to Patty and Jasmine Pike who are supported by KenCrest. The mother and daughter duo are strong advocates for themselves and have created a life full of independence and choice. Read more at [issuu.com](https://issuu.com).

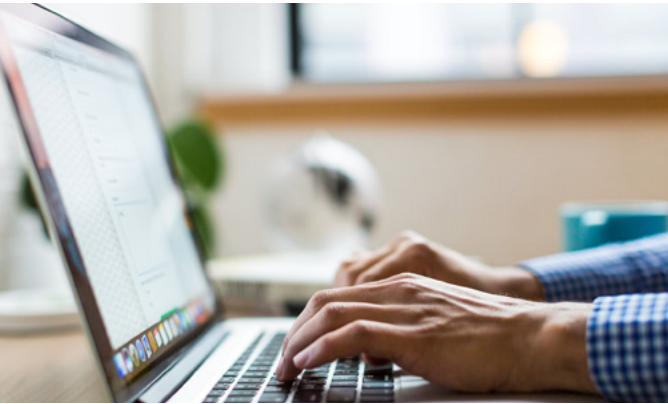
## Assistive Technology Month

The Enabling Technology team at KenCrest has connected people we support with an array of technologies to enhance their connection to their communities, relationships, and personal lives.

During Assistive Technology Month in November, KenCrest shared social media stories in support of the awareness month, including Pete's brand new computer, Steve's virtual vacations visiting pipe organs globally, our tech accreditation, and more!



## Can SPAM@KenCrest.org



Are you ready to take on KenCrest's next challenge in 2022? In effort to combat phishing scams and other viruses on KenCrest computers and phones, we challenge all staff to spot fake, malicious emails and forward to SPAM@kencrest.org.

Each email submission counts as an entry for a monthly raffle. More details coming soon!

## Compliance Week Recap

Compliance week was November 7th - 13th. This year's requirement included mandatory Relias training for all staff. Completed trainings automatically submitted

names into a raffle for an opportunity to play Jeopardy and win fantastic prizes!



### Congratulations to the winners:

Abiola Ajibola  
Paul Arnesman  
Erica Betsy  
Kimberly Eberwein  
Nyketa Ellis

Lamont Hall  
Kelli Kretzman  
Barbara Blackney Little  
Jennifer MacCormack  
Heaven Maley

Chris Raftovich  
Kim Sterling  
Joanna Wah  
Mary Weber

## Amazon Smile Wishlist



Let the holiday shopping commence! When ordering gifts for loved ones on Amazon, designate KenCrest Centers as your charity of choice. At no additional cost to you, a portion of your payment will benefit KenCrest and help fund a variety of our programs.

Go the extra mile and give back when you complete your holiday shopping!



## Mission Pinpossible



Acknowledge those around you who exemplify KenCrest's mission and bring it to life! Each pin is a reflection of how KenCrest supports community development.

Anyone can elect an employee or strong advocate outside of the agency to receive a Mission Pin for their contributions of initiative, ingenuity, creativity, support, generosity, and other traits.

Our hope is to reward at least 20 Mission Pins each month. Participate in this unique company initiative and help KenCrest achieve this goal.

Contact Sierra at [sierra.force@kencrest.org](mailto:sierra.force@kencrest.org) or Angie at [angie.maher@kencrest.org](mailto:angie.maher@kencrest.org) to submit a pin nomination.

## Marian on Medium

What makes a strong leader? What actions create positive workplace culture? What does true gratitude look like? What is the importance in expressing appreciation amongst co-workers?

These are some of the questions Marian explores in her weekly blog series. Check your inbox each Friday for new posts or visit Marian's Medium site at [medium.com/marianbaldini](https://medium.com/marianbaldini) to follow, like, stay up to date, or refresh on past stories.



## Vote for Marian

Congratulations to Marian Baldini for being a 2022 finalist for the Greater Philadelphia Social Innovations Awards in the Innovations in Human Services category!

Show your support for Marian and participate in the voting process between December 15th-21st. Learn more about her nomination and [vote here](#).



# Rescramble & Enter to Win Free Merch

Rescramble the KenCrest-themed words and phrases below and send your answers to [sierra.force@kencrest.org](mailto:sierra.force@kencrest.org) to enter a raffle to win free KenCrest merch. Submit by January 24th to be eligible for prizes. Winners will be sent an email with instructions to receive the free gift.

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## Relias on your Radar

Relias is an interactive platform all staff are required to use to complete assigned training. Trainings are always due by the end of each month. Log on at [relias.training.kencrest.org](http://relias.training.kencrest.org).

Keep in mind, there are hundreds of offered trainings in a variety of subjects. Filter through courses that may pertain to your career and master new skills today!



## What's Happening at KenCrest



December is Month of Giving, Safe Toys and Gifts Month, and National Human Rights Month. January is Braille Literacy Month and Blood Donor Month.

### Upcoming Dates:

- December 24th: Christmas Eve
- December 25th: Christmas Day
- December 31st: New Year's Eve
- January 1st: New Year's Day
- January 17th: Martin Luther King Day

\*960 office is closed on December 23rd, 24th, & December 31st in observance of Christmas & New Year's.



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