

IN THE FAMILY

KenCrest Staff Newsletter

June/July 2021

Jennifer Hirschfield and Esther Win Award

Jennifer Hirschfield has been a Program Manager at KenCrest for five years. Passionate about serving others, she is a fierce advocate for Esther. They were both nominated for the Hermann Roether Award which is presented to an adult with developmental disabilities who lives in a residential program in Montgomery County and a staff person who is directly responsible for his or her daily well-being and their outstanding generosity and kindness to other people.



Thought Leadership



KenCrest recently created a page on our website dedicated to Thought Leadership! On it, we'll feature blog posts, published articles, speaking engagements at conferences, and more regarding topics at the heart of our mission. Come see what our CEO Marian Baldini and other KenCrest leadership members are doing to influence change in the human services industry! kencrest.org/thought-leadership

A few years ago, Jenn helped Esther get involved in volunteer work with Meal on Wheels. Jenn and Esther were nominated and expected to receive their award in March 2020. When the pandemic hit, the ceremony was delayed. However, they will be formally recognized for their great work during a virtual reception the first week of June. A huge congratulations to Jenn and Esther!

KenCrest Introduces "Ticket to Work"



KenCrest is participating in a new employment initiative through the Social Security Administration called Ticket to Work! Ticket to Work connects individuals ages 18 to 64 who receive Supplemental Security Income or Social Security Disability with free supports to help them decide if working is right for them, prepare for work, find a job, or increase their monthly income while maintaining funding and benefits.

If someone you know could benefit from the Ticket to Work program or would like more information, please contact Wendy Pollock at wpollock@kencrest.org or call her at 215-407-1086.

COVID Raffle

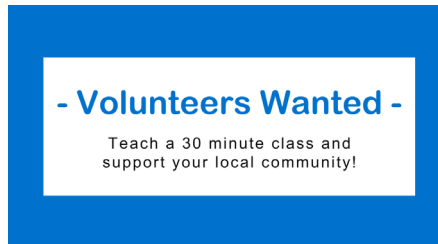


Each week from June 1st to August 24th, three people selected at random will be awarded \$1000. To be eligible, you must be fully vaccinated and complete both COVID-19 Relias trainings. Winners will be announced on Tuesday's Town Hall. Locate the [vaccination form](#) on the Employee Portal and Coronavirus SharePoint page.

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

Become a Volunteer Today

Volunteer instructors are needed to host a virtual activity once a week for 30 minutes. Teach a current class, including cooking, art, sports, dance, gardening, and Bingo OR teach another topic of choice! These classes are a quick, easy way to support your local community. To sign up or learn more, contact Gina Cincotta at gina.cincotta@kencrest.org.



T-Shirts For Sale



The KenCrest Store is officially open! Drop by our online shop to purchase a shirt at bonfire.com/store/the-kencrest-store. Our short-sleeve tees are perfect for summer and help support our mission! New items are coming soon, including bags, hats, long-sleeve shirts, and more!

Upcoming Holidays

June is Pride Month, African American Music Appreciation Month, and Black Lives Matter Month.



June 19th: Juneteenth

June 20th: Father's Day

June 21st: First Day of Summer

June 21st - June 30th: Disability Pride PA

June 27th: National PTSD Awareness Month

July 4th is Independence Day

*(The 960 office is closed Monday, July 5th for observance) and

July 30th is International Day of Friendship. July is National Ice Cream Month.

Time Banking



Time Banking is for everyone! Come on board to participate in this non-monetary economy with members dedicated to helping each other and their communities. Join us as we create a culture where everyone has something to offer. Contact Allison Smale to sign up or learn more at asmale@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.

