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Perspectives

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“Empower Individuals, Maximize Independence”

NH Gubernatorial Candidates Take Center Stage at Wild Irish Breakfast

The PLUS Company’s 33rd Annual Wild Irish Breakfast featured three NH Gubernatorial Candidates, as Joyce Craig, Chuck Morse, and Cinde Warmington took to the stage to spread wit and blarney on Friday, March 15. Additional speakers included a welcome by Nashua Mayor Jim Donchess, a special

“blessing” by Comedian Juston McKinney, and “Blarney Master” Mayor Donnalee Lozeau. Governor Chris Sununu made his debut as “Assistant Blarney Master” in his last appearance at the breakfast as Governor. The crowd was especially moved by PLUS Company Client, Bryan Kearns, as he told his story of perseverance and growth... topped off by a few jokes of his own.

Sponsors of this year’s event included Pot of Gold Sponsor, John Flatley, and Gold Shamrock sponsor, Gate City Electric. Proceeds from the Wild Irish Breakfast are used to support The PLUS Company’s Adult Education Program. This program provides individuals with disabilities the opportunity to develop skills, increase self-reliance, and become vital, productive members of their community.



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PLUS Company Clients Serve the Community

PLUS Company Clients are proud members of the community and happy to give their time and talent to help others. Our Stitch-A-Quilt class made pillows for the St. Joseph Hospital Cancer Center for post-surgery Breast Cancer patients. After weeks of stitching, they were very excited to deliver these to the hospital, along with some “swag bags” with post-surgery needs.



Our partnership with Grow Nashua is going strong, even in the colder months. Clients have been assisting with the bagging of fruits and vegetables and then heading out to deliver to families in the community. We also continue to serve lunch at the Southern New Hampshire Rescue twice a week, giving clients a chance to learn skills, while helping those who need it most.



PLUS Clients and Staff Look Up

Like much of the nation, PLUS Company staff and clients were looking up on April 8, viewing the near total eclipse of the sun. It was a beautiful day to head outside with our safety glasses and watch this once-in-a-lifetime event. Staff made sure all clients were safe and comfortable while watching and everyone enjoyed both the experience and learning the science behind the phenomenon.



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PLUS Pride Takes Bronze at State Games

Congratulations to all 3 PLUS Pride Special Olympics basketball teams! Each team played hard at the state games on April 6 in Plymouth, bringing home bronze medals. Thank you to our coaches, volunteers, and clients for a wonderful season!



Positive at PLUS



Staff Spotlight: Chris Fox Celebrates 10 Years

Congratulations to Chris Fox! Chris is celebrating his 10-year anniversary with The PLUS Company. Chris started his PLUS journey as a Career Trainer in Massachusetts and has supported many different individuals through the years. His duties included helping clients with their employment paperwork, assisting them to learn vocational skills while on the job, and showing clients how to advocate for themselves with their employers. On any given day you can see Chris wearing many hats. He may be picking someone up for work, job coaching at Market Basket, working with a client at a cafe, or teaching zoom classes on creative writing. No matter what he's doing, Chris is always a strong role model for those he supports, including Mike B. who works at TJ Maxx. Mike says, “Chris is very interactive, supportive, and just amazing.” Thank you, Chris, for your dedication to The PLUS Company and our clients.



Save the Date!

The PLUS Company 26th Annual Silent Auction & Dinner Dance

November 16, 2024

Director's Letter

Happy spring, PLUS Company! We have finally seen the last of the snow (hopefully) and our clients are busy both indoors and out. Like many people, staff and clients were outside on April 8th to watch the eclipse. It was a great educational and fun experience for everyone to witness this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity. Our Stitch-A-Quilt class recently completed the "Pink Pillow" project, creating pillows to donate to the Breast Care Center at St. Joseph Hospital. We also continue to serve the community by working with Grow Nashua to bag and deliver fruits and vegetables and serve lunch at the Southern New Hampshire Rescue Mission. Our clients are honored to give back to the community.

I also need to say "Congratulations" to our PLUS Pride Special Olympians. All three of our PLUS Pride Basketball teams won bronze medals at the Special Olympics of New Hampshire state games. We are very proud of all of the athletes, and would like to thank our coaches and volunteers for their hard work and dedication.

We recently held our 33rd Annual Wild Irish Breakfast, and it was a great success. We would like to thank PLUS Company Client, Bryan Kearns for sharing his story during the event. A special thanks to our Pot of Gold sponsor: The John Flatley Company, Gold Shamrock sponsor: Gate City Electric and Silver Shillelagh Sponsors: Allen Mello, Comcast, Critical Process Filtration, Gateways Community Services, and St. Joseph Hospital. All of the funds raised at this event go directly towards serving our clients and providing the classes and experiences that help them to become more independent.

I would like to close, as I always do, by reminding you that we are looking for creative and trust-worthy people who are interested in becoming Direct Support Professionals. It's a truly rewarding position that allows people to be innovative while supporting people with disabilities as they learn skills in the community. If you know anyone who might want to join The PLUS Company, please send them our way.

Thank you all for your support.

-Kim Shottes