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WELCOME TO THE CLRI NEWSLETTER!!

Hello and Happy Spring!

In this edition, we're excited to share the latest news from our programs and highlight some of the memorable moments from this season. From inspiring events to community updates, we hope you enjoy the stories and photos that celebrate the heart of our community.

Thank you for being a part of what makes us so special.

Welcome Message

DR. MARY ONYEJOSE

PRESIDENT & CEO



Hello S P R I N G!

As we step into this beautiful season of renewal and growth, I want to take a moment to extend my warmest greetings to each and every one of you. Spring brings with it a sense of hope and fresh beginnings, and I'm filled with excitement and optimism for all the amazing things ahead.

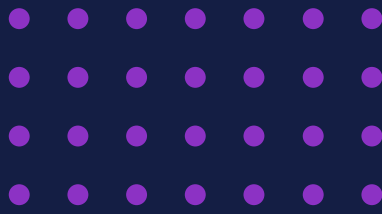
One of the highlights on our horizon is the BIG Dream Cruise to Bermuda coming up in October 2025! We've been working diligently behind the scenes to prepare for this once-in-a-lifetime adventure, and I couldn't be more thrilled about what's in store. Thanks to the unwavering dedication of our staff and the incredible support from the families of our participants, we are making significant progress in raising the necessary funds. Your generosity and commitment are making this dream a reality—I'm truly grateful to each of you who has contributed.

For those not joining us on the cruise, we have another exciting opportunity in store: a fun-filled getaway to Cape Cod! This trip promises relaxation, adventure, and meaningful connection for our participants. With a packed itinerary and plenty of laughter ahead, it's sure to be a memorable experience for all involved.

None of these incredible opportunities—or the daily impact we have—would be possible without the tireless efforts of our dedicated staff. Your passion, resilience, and commitment to our mission are the heart of everything we do. I also want to express my heartfelt gratitude to your families—your strength and support make it possible for you to give your best to our community, and that does not go unnoticed. As we embrace this season of new beginnings, I wish you and your loved ones continued health, happiness, and prosperity. Thank you, from the bottom of my heart, for your ongoing support and for all that you do to help us achieve our shared vision.

With deepest gratitude,

Dr. Mary Onyejose



The Dream Cruise

FUNDRAISER

Community Living of Rhode Island is thrilled to announce our Dream Cruise Adventure in October 2025! For many of our participants, this will be their first-ever cruise, and we want everyone to come along regardless of finances!

We invite parents and families to help make this dream trip a reality by donating. Every bit counts, and your support means the world to us!

Thank you for your generosity and for helping us set sail!



Ways You Can Give:



Check

**All checks should be made out to Community Living of Rhode Island, for "Dream Cruise".



Zelle:

maryamina@communitylivingri.com



Join our Calendar Raffle!

For just \$25 each or 5 for \$100, you'll be entered to win exciting prizes every day in July — with a grand prize of \$1,000 CASH! (See Calendar on next page).



DISCLAIMER: COMMUNITY LIVING OF RHODE ISLAND (CLRI) IS A FOR-PROFIT ORGANIZATION. 100% OF THE DONATIONS WILL BE USED TO SUPPORT THE DREAM CRUISE EFFORT. THANK YOU!



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CLRI DREAM CRUISE

07 | JULY
2025

31 DAYS OF GIFTS!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 \$200 Capital Grille Gift Card!	2 \$75 SHELL GIFT CARD!	3 \$50 AMAZON GIFT CARD!	4 \$250 CASH PRIZE!	5 *A DAY IN NEWPORT!
6 \$75 STOP & SHOP GIFT CARD	7 *DINNER & A MOVIE!	8 \$100 TARGET GIFT CARD!	9 \$50 SHELL GIFT CARD!	10 *COFFEE & A GOOD BOOK!	11 \$250 CASH PRIZE!	12 \$75 GRUBHUB GIFT CARD
13 \$50 MACY'S GIFT CARD	14 *SELF CARE DAY!	15 \$100 TOP GOLF GIFT CARD	16 \$75 SHELL GIFT CARD!	17 *Fun for the whole Family!	18 \$250 CASH PRIZE!	19 \$75 MACY'S GIFT CARD
20 *AUTO CARE BUNDLE!	21 WINE & LIQUOR BASKET! \$120 VALUE!	22 \$75 AMAZON GIFT CARD!	23 *PATRIOTS PLACE BUNDLE!	24 *GIRLS DAY!	25 \$250 CASH PRIZE!	26 \$100 OLIVE GARDEN GIFT CARD!
27 \$50 MACY'S GIFT CARD!	28 \$100 TILTED BARN BREWERY GIFT CARD!	29 \$75 TARGET GIFT CARD!	30 \$100 SPAIN GIFT CARD!			

DAY 31: GRAND PRIZE \$1000

FRIDAY, JULY 15 - 4 TICKETS TO ANY MUSEUM/MANSION IN NEWPORT - \$100 GIFT CARD TO BRICKALLEY PUB

FRIDAY, JULY 22 - \$50 APPLE CINEMA GIFT CARD - \$15 TEXAS ROADHOUSE GIFT CARD

FRIDAY, JULY 29 - \$15 BARNES & NOBLE GIFT CARD + \$25 STARBUCKS GIFT CARD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 5 - \$100 BLUE SKY DAY SPA - \$50 BATH & BODY WORKS GIFT CARD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 12 - \$100 CAR DETAILING GIFT CARD + \$50 SHELL GAS CARD

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19 - \$100 BASS PRO SHOP GIFT CARD - \$50 WORMTOWN BREWERY GIFT CARD + \$100 GIFT CARD TO HARP RESTAURANT!

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26 - \$100 MASSAGE ENVY + \$50 CASH!

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 2 - 1 YEAR PASS TO ROGER WILLIAMS PARK ZOO FOR 2 ADULTS, 4 CHILDREN, & 1 GUEST PER VISIT (\$189 VALUE!) - \$50 GIFT CARD TO RED ROBIN!

IMPORTANT INFORMATION TO NOTE!

- EACH DAY, IN THE MONTH OF JULY, THERE WILL BE A DRAWING FOR THE WINNER OF THAT DAYS' PRIZES. PARTICIPANTS WILL BE DRAWING THE NAMES OUT OF A BUCKET.
- YOU CANNOT ENTER TO WIN A SPECIFIC DAY, YOUR NAME WILL BE ENTERED FOR THE ENTIRE MONTH. ONCE YOUR NAME IS PICKED TO WIN, IT WILL BE REMOVED FROM THE BUCKET.
- THE DAILY DRAWING WILL BE POSTED TO OUR FACEBOOK (COMMUNITY LIVING OF RHODE ISLAND) AND OUR WEBSITE (COMMUNITYLIVINGRI.COM)
- FRIDAYS & SATURDAYS WILL BE DRAWN & POSTED ON FRIDAYS. SUNDAY & MONDAY'S WILL BE DRAWN & POSTED ON MONDAY.
- IT IS VERY IMPORTANT! YOU MAKE SURE TO SUBMIT YOUR TICKETS TO A CLRI TEAM MEMBER! IF NOT, YOUR NAME WILL NOT BE ENTERED INTO THE DRAWING!
- PLEASE FEEL FREE TO CALL US AT 401 886 9006 FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION. QUESTIONS CAN BE DIRECTED TO DAWN, NICOLE OR LIZZ.
- IF YOUR NAME IS DRAWN, PLEASE CONTACT US TO LEARN HOW TO RECEIVE YOUR PRIZE! WE WILL CALL/EMAIL IF WE DO NOT HEAR FROM YOU!
- THANK YOU SO VERY MUCH FOR EVERY CONTRIBUTION & GOOD LUCK!

PAY WITH ZELLE

- SIGN INTO ZELLE & SELECT "SEND"
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MARYAMINA@COMMUNITYLIVINGRI.COM
- ENTER DONATION AMOUNT

Welcome to the Team!

Please join us in welcoming the newest additions to our administrative team! We're excited to have you on board and look forward to working with all of you as we continue to grow and succeed together!



Babajide Adebayo

Assistant Residential Director



Abisoye Falohun

Residential Program Coordinator



Robin Hessmann

Paraprofessional

From The Front Desk..



ALL YOU NEED TO KNOW!

ONLINE TRAININGS

1. **April 2025:** Depression, General Characteristics for DSP and Individual Planning for DSP.
2. **May 2025:** Aging & the Special Needs of the Elderly, Bed Bug Prevention & Defensive Driving for DSP.
3. **June 2025:** ADL's, Promoting Community Integration & Inclusion and Communication Skills.

Upcoming Events

- 5/24/25 - CLRI FUNDRAISING EVENT
- 8/1/25 - FAMILY FUNDAY!!
- 10/11/25-10/15/25 - DREAM CRUISE TO BERMUDA
- 12/5/25 - CHRISTMAS PARTY





COOKING CLASS




Easy Recipes



Tasty Food



Good Eating



Every month, our Family Support team host a cooking class for all participants. These classes are a fun, hands-on way to learn how to make simple, tasty meals while sharpening your cooking skills. It's a great chance to try something new, interact with others, and enjoy some delicious food together!

Don't miss out on these fun, yet informative classes!!



Chicken Fajitas

Easy 30-minute meal!

Ingredients

- 3 boneless skinless chicken breasts approximately 1 lb.
- 1 medium onion
- 1 lime
- 3 bell peppers red, yellow, green or orange
- 3 tablespoons olive oil divided
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- ½ teaspoon smoked paprika
- ½ teaspoon onion powder
- ½ teaspoon black pepper
- ½ teaspoon cumin optional
- salt to taste

Directions

- Cut onion into slivers & slice peppers.
- In a separate bowl, combine 1 tablespoon olive oil, juice of ½ lime, chili powder, paprika, onion powder, pepper, cumin and salt.
- Cut chicken into strips and toss with the spice mixture.
- Preheat 1 tablespoon olive oil over medium high.
- Add ½ of the chicken and cook until just cooked, about 3-5 minutes.
- Remove from pan and set aside. Repeat with remaining chicken.
- Set chicken aside and add 1 tablespoon oil to the pan.
- Drain onions well (if soaking per note below) and cook 2 minutes.
- Add in sliced peppers and cook an additional 2 minutes or just until hot. Add chicken back to the pan and stir to combine.
- Squeeze additional lime overtop and serve over tortillas.



Preparation time
10 minutes



Cooking time
15 minutes



Servings
4 (depending on how hungry everyone is!)



WORK

**Sally's
Interview
with
Sarcastic
Sweets.
Way to go!**



EMPLOYMENT DEPARTMENT UPDATE!

We are thrilled to share exciting updates on the employment success of our participants!

Employment Milestones & Growth

Many participants are achieving exciting milestones and thriving in their workplaces, reflecting real progress toward career growth and independence. We are incredibly proud of their accomplishments! This quarter, we continue to prioritize expanding integrated employment opportunities for those eager to work. Our Employment Team remains dedicated to equipping each individual with the tools, resources, and support they need to succeed.

Employment Workshops & Skill Building

- ✓ **Mock Interviews** – Practicing interview skills to build confidence
- ✓ **Employment Skill Worksheets** – Strengthening job readiness skills
- ✓ **Workplace Readiness Activities** – Understanding employer expectations

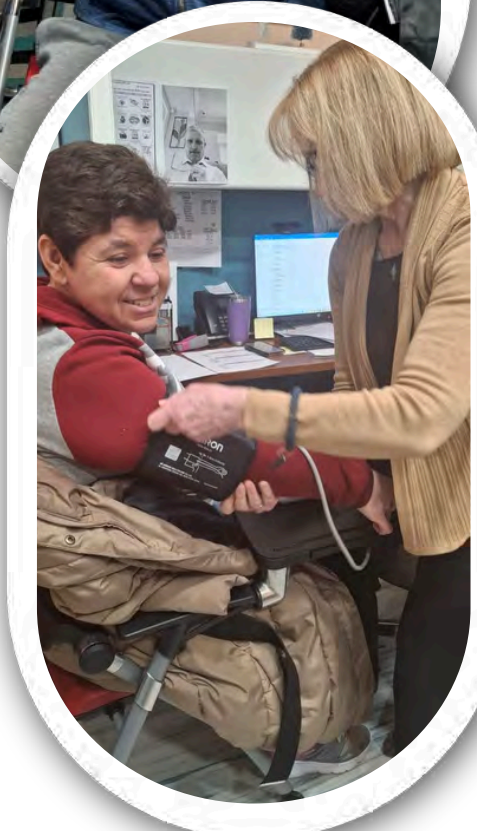
Together, we can empower individuals through meaningful work and create a more inclusive workforce.

For hiring opportunities or partnerships, reach out to:
Massiel Encarnacion, MSHRM, Director of Employment
massiel@communitylivingofri.com

Blood Pressure Clinic



The nursing team has been busy making a positive impact through our Blood Pressure Clinic and house inspections. Our commitment to both proactive health monitoring and ensuring house check ins demonstrates a comprehensive approach to well-being. The level of care speaks volumes of how much we value and love our participants.





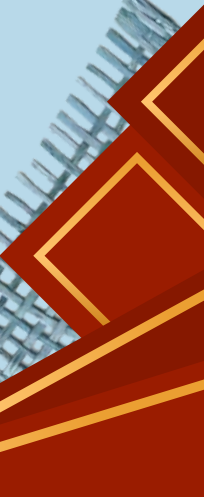
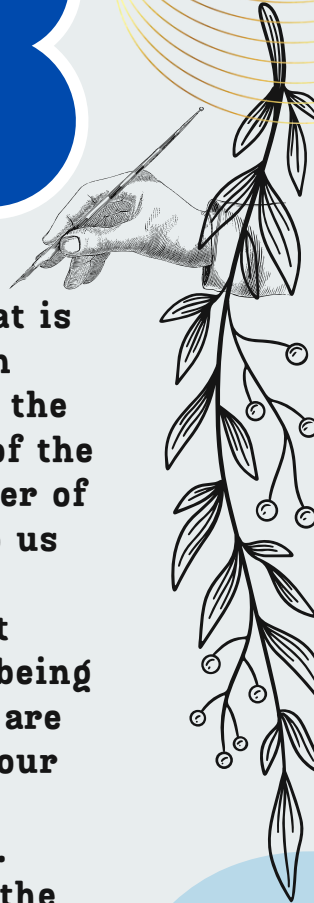
Thank you!

Every day, you all rise with a passion and commitment that is truly unparalleled, ready to serve our participants with unwavering dedication. Over the past eight years, I've had the immense joy of working alongside each and every member of the CLRI staff. I've witnessed firsthand the transformative power of care given with an open heart, even to those who come to us after others have given up on them.

It still brings tears to my eyes to see the young men at Reddington achieving incredible things, donning suits, and being honored guests at beautiful parties. Their success stories are mirrored at Sweet Meadow, Laramie, Gerald, and even in our older programs, where we might sometimes forget the challenges, our participants faced when we first began. As a behavior analyst who has the privilege of observing the progress of many participants across multiple agencies and states, I want to take this opportunity to thank and celebrate each of you. Our amazing direct support professionals, in particular, deserve recognition for their gentle hands and generous hearts. Your care and dedication have made a world of difference.

May goodness and wellness be your reward for the immense good you all do.

Richard Ngibuini, BCBA LBA



REACHING ISP GOALS



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**PARTICIPANTS ACHIEVING THEIR ADL SKILLS,
COOKING SKILLS, AND COMMUNITY GOALS.**



This quarter, our participants have been actively engaging in introductory meetings with their conflict-free case managers. These meetings serve as an essential opportunity for participants to:



- Establish connections with their case managers**
- Discuss their needs and goals for both short- and long-term success**
- Gain a clearer understanding of the conflict-free case management process**
- Build a relationship and trust in a supportive environment**



Our goal is to ensure that participants feel heard, validated, and empowered in their journey. By developing open communication and transparency, we hope to provide the support necessary for individuals to achieve their personal and professional goals.

We look forward to continuing these important conversations and supporting our participants every step of the way!



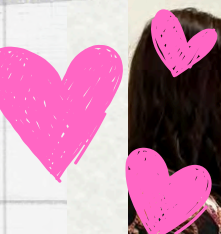
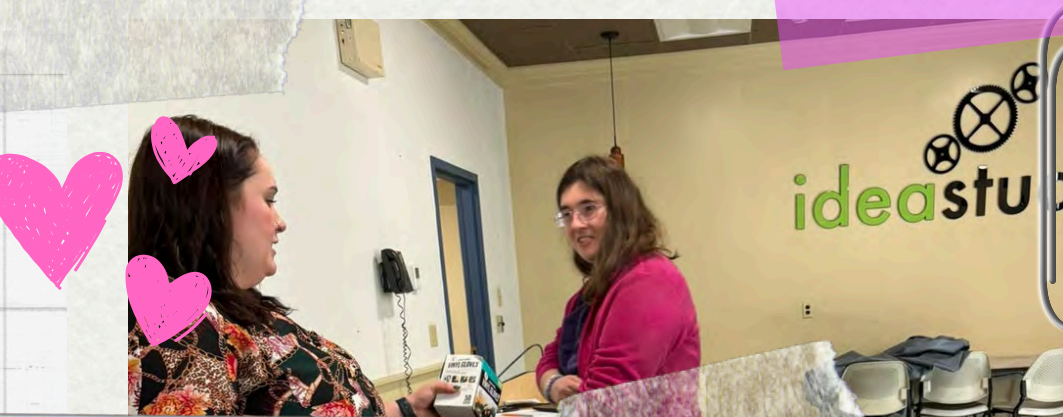
FAMILY SUPPORT

The family support program & its' participants continue to flourish. Participants continue to have fun in the community, socialize with their peers & work on their various goals via the variety of classes provided monthly. Recently, we welcomed a new participant, his name is Parker! He is new to the agency and we are so glad to welcome him into our family. We look forward to the many exciting activities that await us in the spring & summer, not to mention a few of our participants will be going on the CLRI Dream Cruise. With all that being said, as we reflect on the last few months, we are so excited to see what the next few months have in store.



PLEASE JOIN US IN WELCOMING OUR NEWEST PARTICIPANT PARKER!!

FAMILY SUPPORT



CHEERS TO AN UNFORGETTABLE YEAR!



COMMUNITY BASED DAY PROGRAM

Community Living of Rhode Island provides our folks with unique new ideas geared for our participants to live their lives to the best of their abilities.

Our Day Program is focused on assisting each of our participants on reaching their ISP Goal.

Day PROGRAM

Participants are focused on improving their health by staying fit through regular exercise at the YMCA, while others prefer to maintain flexibility through yoga. Learning to cook is an essential life skill, and participants enjoy discovering and trying out new recipes.



Friends Enjoying the nice weather after a walk in the park.



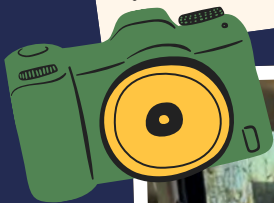
Lowell on a shopping trip!



Roomies taking a beautiful picture before heading out.



Friends enjoying lunch at the mall.



Theresa and Lisa on a ride after grabbing Dunkin.

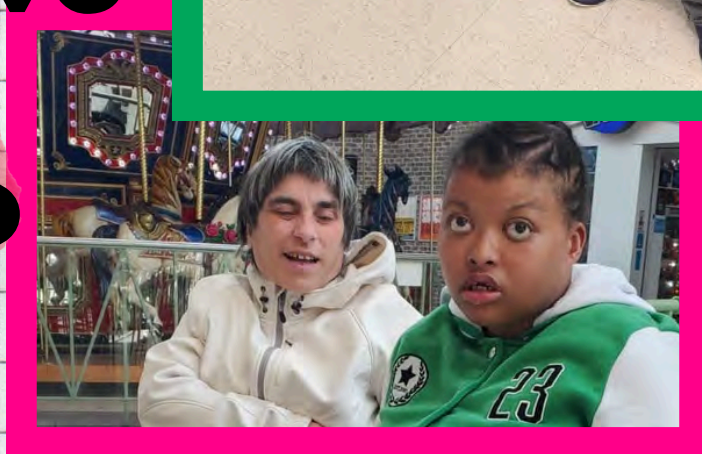
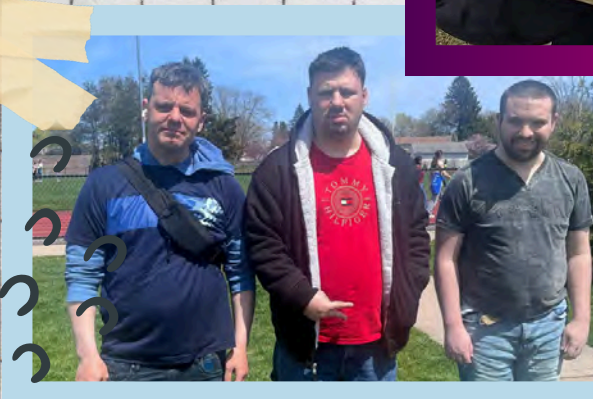




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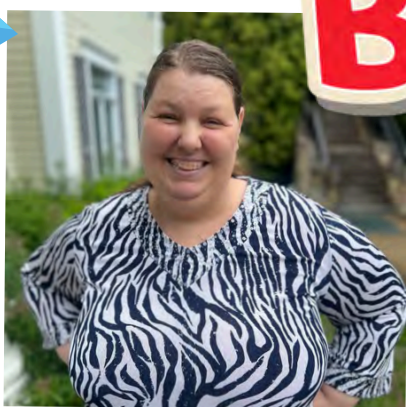
The residential team is dedicated to supporting participants in their daily lives by promoting community involvement and implementing strategies that empower them to pursue their person-centered goals and actively shape their own futures.





**Do what
you love,
and love
what
you do**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY



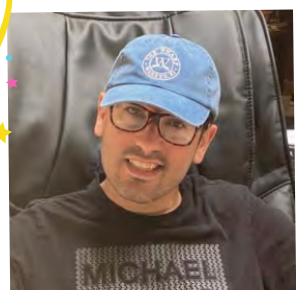
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DESTINY 3/3



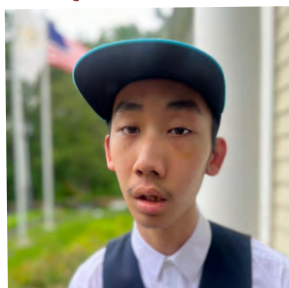
ERIC 4/6



LOWELL 5/10



MANNY 5/5



KEVIN 4/25



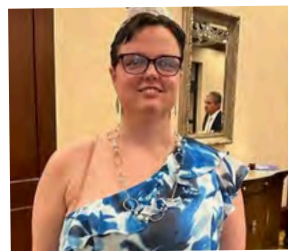
BESSIE 4/14



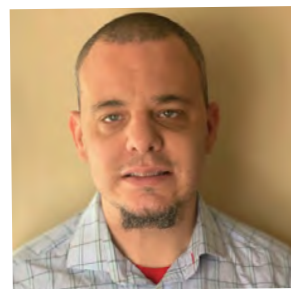
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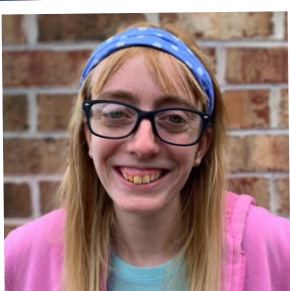
RILWAN 3/31



MEGHAN 5/9



JUSTIN 4/25



BRIANA 4/7



GABE 5/9



BILLY 5/4

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