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DAYCARE FUN: Children enjoy a parachute game at Little Butterflies, Bancroft's inclusive daycare center in Haddon Heights, N.J. The center, which opened this summer, is one of only a few in the region that serve children both with and without developmental delays. For information on the program, which still has openings, [click here](#). For more photos, [click here](#).

Officials check out Bancroft's services for veterans with brain injuries

Two Camden County, N.J., officials visited Bancroft Brain Injury Services last week, to learn about our new contract with the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, which funds these services for eligible veterans.

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Upcoming Events

Saturday, Sept. 24

Note earlier date!

10:30 am - 3 pm

Bancroft Day

Location: Challenge Grove Park, Cherry Hill, NJ

Rain date: Sept. 25

Noon - 4 pm

Contact:

Debbie Conner

Phone: (856) 524-7023

Email:

dconner@bnh.org

Friday, Oct. 7

8:30 am - 12:30 pm

Clarence York

Lecture

"Autism and Severe

Behavior Problems:

A Focus on

Prevention"

Contact:

Sue Crouse

Phone:

(856) 348-4010

Email:

scrouse@bnh.org

Wed., Nov. 16

6:30 - 8:30 pm

Free DD Workshop:

Challenging

Behaviors in the

Classroom

Location:

Farrington Building,
Haddonfield Campus

Contact:

Pat Reid

Phone:

(856) 524-7453

Email:

preid@bnh.org

Saturday, Nov. 19

6:30-11:30 pm

Butterfly Ball

Location:



VIP visitors: Jack Conners (second from right), director of Camden County Veterans Affairs and a former state legislator, and Ed McDonnell (center), County Freeholder Deputy Director, with Bancroft's Cynthia Boyer, Ph.D., Dan Keating, Ph.D., and Lisa Kubisiak.

The guests -- Jack Conners, director of Camden County Veterans Affairs and a former New Jersey assemblyman, and Ed McDonnell, County Freeholder Deputy Director - toured our Day Treatment Services in Cherry Hill and a nearby group home.

The visit was a great opportunity to educate local leaders about how Bancroft can help veterans and others with brain injuries to rebuild their lives, through our continuum of residential and day services.

Both Assemblyman Conners and Freeholder McDonnell were pleased to learn about Bancroft's services, and offered to spread the word among veterans they encounter and other contacts.

Bancroft's contract with the VA authorizes the organization to provide residential services and other supports for VA-enrolled veterans with traumatic brain injuries. The VA will fund these services at Bancroft sites in Cherry Hill, Mullica Hill, Brick and Plainsboro, N.J., and in surrounding areas. The VA contract covers veterans injured in combat or through an accident or illness even years later.

If you know a veteran (or other individual) who could benefit from these services, please have them call Lynn Tomaio at (856) 616-6454 or email ltomaio@bnh.org.

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Information:
ButterflyBall@bnh.org



Bancroft Day this weekend!

Let us entertain you on Saturday -- at our annual Bancroft Day festival!

Three stages will offer a variety of performances, including the Joyful Noise choir, a dance team from CORE Academy of Movement, and a "Gospel Extravaganza" showcasing the talents of several local churches. With its street-fair theme, this year's festival will feature more musical entertainment than ever before.

For more details, including directions, please [click here](#)

Rain date is Sunday. To find out if Bancroft Day has been postponed due to rain, call (865) 429-0010 on Saturday morning.

P.S. to families: Be sure to stop by the Family Council table to say hello and meet some of our members! The Family Council represents Bancroft families' interests and concerns organization-wide.



**We're on Facebook
and Twitter!**

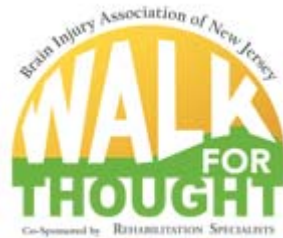
Bancroft has entered the world of "social media," with brand-new pages on both Facebook and Twitter.

We're looking forward to "joining the conversation" -- and promoting meaningful discussion that helps make it *One World for Everyone*. Plus, we'll be offering plenty of news, information, and tips from our clinical experts.

If you haven't already done so, please visit www.bancroft.org and "Like" our page on Facebook and follow us on Twitter. Simply click on the "Like" button and the Twitter icon on the left side of our homepage.

Also, a gentle reminder: If you post or tweet about students or adults who receive services from Bancroft, we ask that you protect their privacy. Please don't identify individuals as having disabilities or as being supported by Bancroft, unless you are their guardian and would like to do so.

Thanks - and see you on the Internet!



Join our team to 'Walk for Thought' on Oct. 1!

All Bancroft walkers will be entered into our prize drawings. Free t-shirts, too!

Bancroft is seeking at least 50 walkers to take part in the annual Walk for Thought, held by the Brain Injury Association of New Jersey.

Members of the Bancroft team will receive free t-shirts, and be entered into prize drawings for:

- two \$25 Wawa gift cards
- a \$25 ShopRite gift card
- a \$25 Bed Bath and Beyond gift card
- three Bancroft Goody Bags, including umbrella, tote, lip balm, wristband and more!

Bancroft is an official sponsor, and we already have more than 20 registered walkers for the Oct. 1 event, which will be held at Mercer County Park in central New Jersey.

Even if you can't walk with our team, you can support us in these ways:

- Make a donation to "TEAM Bancroft."
- Sponsor a Bancroft walker. For instance, you can donate the \$25 registration fee to enable a person we support to participate in the walk.

However you participate, you are helping BIANJ to raise awareness, share resources, educate the public and advocate for people with brain injuries.

To get involved, sponsor a walker or make a donation, please email Deb Conner at dconner@bnh.org or call (856) 524-7023. Or, you can register or make a donation online at www.bianj.org. Look for team name "Bancroft Brainiacs"!

Expert to address common sleep problems, other issues at Oct. 7 lecture

Bancroft's next Clarence York Lecture will tackle a challenge that many parents face - childhood sleep problems - as one of the ways to prevent severe behavioral issues in children with autism and other developmental disabilities.

The workshop -- by Gregory Hanley, Ph.D., director of the behavior analysis doctoral program at Western New England University - will teach strategies to address noncompliance with nighttime routines, delayed sleep onset, night awakenings and early awakenings, among other techniques.

Titled "Autism and Severe Behavior Problems: A focus on prevention," the lecture will be held on **Friday Oct. 7** at the Haddonfield United Methodist Church at 29 Warwick Road, Haddonfield, from 8:30 am to 12:30 pm.

In addition to promoting healthy sleep, the lecture will focus on:

- Minimizing non-functional, repetitive behaviors - such as spinning or hand-flapping - known as stereotypy
- Teaching social skills that eliminate the causes of problem behaviors

Brief lecture periods will alternate with small group discussions and role-playing, so attendees can practice and discuss the various components of these strategies.

Continuing education credits are available. Call or email the contact below for details.

For the lecture brochure and registration form, please [click here](#).

Questions? Call Sue Crouse at (856) 348-4010 or email scrouse@bnh.org.

New webinars for brain-injury professionals

Bancroft's 'Heads-Up' series to provide continuing education

Bancroft Brain Injury Services is launching a series of webinars this fall for case managers, social workers, therapists and other brain-injury professionals. The first two events are:

- Trends in Cognitive Rehabilitation, Wed. Oct. 19 from 12 - 1 pm
- Exercise and Effects on the Brain, Wed. Nov. 16 from 12 - 1 pm

The "Heads-Up" series will be presented by Bancroft's clinical experts and will focus on the latest issues and best practices in brain-injury rehabilitation.

The convenient webinar format enables attendees to participate in these valuable educational opportunities during their lunch hour from their own workplace or home computer.

For a mailer with more details, please [click here](#).



Transformation Every Day: The Margaret Bancroft Annual Fund

Bancroft's Transforming Our World campaign -- our most ambitious fundraising effort to date -- is focused on three vital priorities:

- facility enhancement
- technology
- our Annual Fund

Of these three priorities, the most familiar is The Margaret Bancroft Annual Fund. Named for our founder, the Annual Fund supports initiatives across Bancroft that are not funded in other ways -- from

increased recreational activities to facility improvements to enhanced staff professional-development opportunities.

The Annual Fund also creates a capacity to respond to unexpected needs and emerging opportunities. It is crucial that these unrestricted funds are available each year, so we can best serve those who need us most.

To learn more about this vital priority and its organization-wide importance, please click [here](#).

For more information on Transforming Our World | The Campaign for Bancroft, please register for our members-only campaign blog at CampaignforBancroft.org. Or, call Linda Wasilchick, director of campaign operations, at (856) 348-4002.

Thank YOU for thanking our direct-care staff!

Last week was National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week, and we want to thank all family members who went out of their way to show appreciation to our direct-care staff.

Whether you sent a nice note, dropped off some treats, or simply said thank you, your recognition really means a lot. Thank you!



Staff member Michelle Habingreither (right) and Bancroft President Toni Pergolin admire the proclamation issued by N.J. Governor Chris Christie, honoring the state's 30,000 direct-support professionals - including more than 1,000 at Bancroft.

N.J. governor honors direct-care workers

New Jersey Governor Chris Christie last week issued a proclamation honoring direct-support professionals and naming the week of Sept. 11-17, 2011, as Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Week in the state. This designation coincided with National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week.

The governor's office sent an official copy of the proclamation - complete with the governor's signature and the state's gold seal - to staff member Michelle Habingreither, on Bancroft's behalf. It will hang at Bancroft's Jacob Schaefer Center in Cherry Hill, N.J.

"I'm thrilled that our direct-support professionals are being recognized by the governor again this year for all of the hard work they do," says Ms. Habingreither, who chairs Bancroft's Core Values Committee. "Our staff are mindful, supportive people who ensure the safety of individuals while assisting them to live fulfilling lives.

"The thing that makes them stand out," she continues, "is, despite the challenges they often face, the dedication and care they demonstrate

by effecting positive change in the lives of those they support, every day."

Bancroft President Toni Pergolin applauds the governor's efforts toward people with disabilities and those who assist them.

"He's very supportive of the most vulnerable members of our society," Ms. Pergolin notes. "He appreciates what we, as human-services providers, do, and he understands that DSPs are an important component of the state's workforce."

Following is the text from the proclamation:

Whereas, more than 30,000 individuals in New Jersey work as Direct Support Professionals, providing vital care to hundreds of thousands of our residents with disabilities; and

Whereas, Direct Support Professionals provide a wide range of support for people with disabilities, including assistance and medications, transportation, learning important life skills and other day-to-day activities; and

Whereas, Direct Support Professionals work to build important, trusting relationships with individuals with disabilities, empowering them and enabling them to lead meaningful, productive lives resulting in positive outcomes for all involved; and

Whereas, Direct Support Professionals make a meaningful difference in the lives of people with disabilities, strengthen our communities and support some of our most vulnerable residents, for which they deserve our respect and gratitude; and

Now, therefore, I, Chris Christie, Governor of the State of New Jersey, do hereby proclaim September 11-17, 2011, as Direct Support Professionals Week in New Jersey and applaud our State's Direct Support Professionals for their dedication and commitment to our residents with disabilities.

For a printable version of the proclamation, [click here](#).

Free seminars on brain injury, cerebral palsy, spinal-cord injuries

Attorney Joseph Romano will sponsor three seminars for people with disabilities and their families, as well as nurses, PTs, OTs, case managers and social workers.

Titled "The Changing Tide of Healthcare: New Trends and Treatments for Patients with Cerebral Palsy, Traumatic Brain Injuries, Spinal Cord

Injuries and Complex Medical Needs," the free sessions will be held on Saturdays:

October 1

Sheraton City Center Hotel
17th and Race Streets, Philadelphia, PA 19103

October 15

Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh Green Tree
101 Radisson Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

November 5

Hilton East Brunswick Hotel and Executive Meeting Center
3 Tower Center Boulevard, East Brunswick, NJ 08816

Speakers will include:

- Physicians, who will address the latest trends in rehabilitation
- Community-support representatives, who will discuss government programs and benefits
- Mr. Romano, who will talk about the new federal healthcare reform act and how it impacts people with serious injuries and illnesses

Space is limited, so registration is requested as soon as possible. Call (877) 649-1883 or visit www.sci-tbiconference.com.

In addition, Mr. Romano's newly updated website -- www.josephromanolaw.com -- offers informational videos, and forms that allow you to send him questions directly regarding benefits, insurance appeals, and the like.

New autism website a helpful resource

A new website -- www.autismafter16.com -- is devoted to issues affecting adults on the autism spectrum, especially legal, financial, residential, employment and social issues.

The site will focus first on the transition into adulthood, which is poorly understood by many families. It will also feature short news stories, longer feature articles, guest commentary and regular columnists. Writers include adults on the autism spectrum, who will provide their own unique perspectives on the issues they may face.

Donate or purchase used wheelchairs, other equipment Nonprofit offers more affordable options

A central New Jersey nonprofit offers refurbished medical equipment at low prices, and accepts donations of items in good condition.

Your ReSource, Inc., based in Ewing, accepts and sells:

- wheelchairs and scooters
- bath items
- walkers, canes and crutches
- hearing, vision and speech devices
- rehab equipment
- patient lifts, lift chairs and more

Bancroft physical therapist Roberta Kramer had a good experience with the service.

"I recently purchased a reconditioned wheelchair and bathtub transfer bench at very reasonable prices from Your ReSource, for use by our students who did not have the funds to pay for them," she notes. "The service they provide is very needed by many people."

To see what's available, visit their website - www.yourresourcenj.org - or their showroom at 8 Industry Court in Ewing. For more details, call (609) 530-1513 or email info@yourresourcenj.org.

Upcoming events at indoor water park

Sahara Sams Oasis in West Berlin, N.J., invites guests with special needs and their families to its upcoming "special needs nights" Sundays, Oct. 2 and Dec. 4, from 6 to 9 pm.

All water attractions will be open, except the Flowrider Surf Simulator. Arcade games will be turned off to accommodate guests with light and sound sensitivities. A quiet space will be available for guests who would like some peace and quiet. Guests with special dietary needs are invited to bring their favorite snacks. The cafe will be open as well.

Admission is limited. Discounted admission for this event is \$15 for swimmers and \$5 for non-swimming chaperones. Click here for tickets. To avoid waiting in lines to check in the night of the event, you may purchase tickets onsite or pick up online orders for the Oct. 2 event from 3-7 pm from Sept. 28 to Oct. 1. To make group reservations in advance, contact Beth at btwisler@sahasams.com



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