



In This Issue

[Adult program celebrates...](#)

[They've got talent!](#)

[Muralist, friend liven up the Lindens](#)

[Joyful Noise to perform at WHYH film screening](#)

[Help Joyful Noise go to Chicago!](#)

[Bayada Nurses volunteer...](#)

[Family mentors needed!](#)

[NJ's inadequate system for crisis services](#)

[Hot off the press: our annual report](#)

[A gift that gives back - to you!](#)

[Free workshop on brain injuries](#)

[Workshop for families with new autism diagnosis](#)

Upcoming Events

**Thursday,
January 20**
7-8:30pm

Family Mentor Information Session

Location: Farrington Hall, Haddonfield Campus

Contact: Dan Keating

Phone: (856)524-7366

Email: dkeating@bnh.org

**Saturday,
January 22**
4:30-8:30pm

Joyful Noise Fundraiser-Spaghetti Dinner and Concert

Location: First Methodist



Jillian Berkman (right) accepts her Butterfly Award from staff member Clair Rohrer. For more photos from the event, [click here](#).

Adult program celebrates at holiday party and recognition gala

Bancroft's Community Services for Adults held its combined holiday celebration and awards dinner last month, at Lucien's Manor in Berlin, N.J.

Festivities included dozens of awards for people supported by the program, as well as dancing and socializing among the 260 attendees.

Some awards highlights:

- Six people received the program's top honor - the Butterfly Award - for making outstanding progress toward their goals.

Church
 446 Camden Ave.
 Moorestown, NJ 08057
Contact: Cathy Sonnenberg
Phone: (215)771-1003
Email:
cathy@joyfulnoisechorus.org

Friday,
February 11
 7:30-8:30pm
Bancroft School Valentine
Dance - Ages 13 - 21
Location: Cooley Hall Gym,
 Haddonfield Campus

Wednesday,
February 16
 6:30-8:30pm
Teaching Children with
Asperger's Disorder in the
Public School Setting
Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop
Series
Location: Farrington
 Conference Room,
 Haddonfield Campus
Contact: Pat Reid
Phone: (856)524-7453
Email:preid@bnh.org

Wednesday,
March 9
 6:30-8:30 pm
Bullying from a Legal
Educational Perspective
Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop Series
Location: Farrington
 Conference Room,
 Haddonfield Campus
Contact: Pat Reid
Phone: (856)524-7453
Email:preid@bnh.org

Wednesday,
April 6
 6:30-8:30 pm
Characteristics of Autism
Spectrum Disorders
Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop
Series
Location: Farrington
 Conference Room,
 Haddonfield Campus
[Learn more](#)

- Thirty-seven earned honors for increasing their level of independence.
- Ten individuals got awards for self-advocacy.
- Seventeen were recognized for their years of employment in the community, including three for 15 years.
- 72 persons received honors for volunteering in the community at least twice a week.

Congratulations to all!

They've got talent!



A student* does a turn as Elvis, at the annual Bancroft School Talent Show. For more photos from the event, [click here](#).
 *Name withheld.

Students and staff from our Haddonfield Education Program entertained fellow students, staff and family members at the annual Bancroft School Talent Show last month.

This year's production featured a wide variety of performances, including singing, dancing, and instrumental numbers. The grand finale: a visit from Santa and his elves, who handed out treats to the audience.



Staff member Samantha Schumacher (left) and Michael Clarke have festive surroundings, thanks to two talented volunteers.

Wednesday,
April 20

6:30 to 8:30 pm

**Medical Developments in
the Biology of Autism**

*Bancroft Developmental
Disabilities Workshop Series*

Location: Farrington
Conference Room,
Haddonfield Campus

[Learn more](#)

Muralist, friend liven up the Lindens

A local artist and her friend are volunteering their time to design and paint beautiful murals inside the Lindens, Bancroft's specialized program for people with behavioral challenges.

Muralist Chiara Lattanzio and her pal, Nora Jacquette, have already begun the mural shown here, as well as decorative stenciling, in Unit 1. They plan to create different murals and stenciling in Units 2 and 3.

"The artwork provides a colorful environment, along with a more naturalistic setting," says Lindens behavior analyst Molly Coyle, a friend of the volunteers. "They are great people who are willing to donate their time and talent to improve the lives of others."

To view Chiara's website, visit www.chiarapaint.com.

Thank you, Chiara and Nora!



An image from the documentary "For Once in My Life."

Joyful Noise to perform at WHYY film screening

The Joyful Noise choir will perform at WHYY studios in Philadelphia on Jan. 20, during a free screening of a new documentary film. Most Joyful Noise members also take part in Bancroft programs.

The movie - "For Once in My Life" by Jim Bigham - is about a musical group whose members have a wide range of

disabilities. It will air on WHYY-TV 12 in early February, on the show "Independent Lens."

When and where:

Thurs. Jan. 20
6:30 to 8:30 pm (doors open at 6)
at WHYY
150 N. Broad Street
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Registration is required, at <http://whyy.convio.net/foronce>.

To read more -- and for a link to the movie's trailer -- [click here](#).

Help Joyful Noise go to Chicago!

The Joyful Noise choir has a fabulous opportunity to sing at a prestigious event - but they need help paying for the trip.

A local church has generously offered to host a fundraising concert and dinner, so Joyful Noise can sing at the American Choral Directors Association Conference in Chicago in March.

Joyful Noise is the only chorus of people with disabilities that has ever been invited to perform at this conference, so this is a great honor! Most Joyful Noise members are also supported by Bancroft programs.

We hope you can attend the fundraiser:

"Radical Hospitality" Benefit Concert and Spaghetti Dinner

Saturday Jan. 22
Dinner at 5 pm
Concert at 7 pm
at First United Methodist Church
446 Camden Ave.
Moorestown, NJ 08057
(856) 235-0450

Tickets for the dinner cost \$10 for adults and \$5 for children. A free-will offering will be collected at the performance. All proceeds will go to Joyful Noise, to fund the group's trip to Chicago.

For an article on Joyful Noise and the fundraiser - by Victoria McGrath, Bancroft's ministry intern - [click here.](#)

For a flyer on the event, [click here.](#)



These volunteers from Bayada Nurses recently spruced up Bancroft's campus apartments for children and youth.

Bayada Nurses volunteer at Haddonfield Campus

A group of volunteers from Bayada Nurses helped our Haddonfield Campus residences get ready for the holidays last month.

The group raked and bagged leaves outside the campus apartments, then came indoors to decorate. The volunteers made and hung wreaths, cleaned windows and put up seasonal decals.

"The Bayada group really brightened the holidays for our residential students," says Nichol Trolio, operations manager for the campus residential program.

"They were a very nice bunch, and we enjoyed having them here," she reports. "I was also very proud of one of our

students, who appropriately introduced himself and thanked the window cleaners."

Thank you, Bayada!

Reminder: Family mentors needed!

Please register now for Jan. 20 info session

Bancroft is launching a Family Mentor program, which will match families who are new to Bancroft with those who are more experienced.

If you think you may be interested in becoming a Family Mentor, please register now for our Jan. 20 overview and training session. The meeting, scheduled for 7 to 8:30 pm in the Farrington building on the Haddonfield Campus, will help you decide whether to become a mentor.

For more information, see the previous issue of the Family Buzz or [click here](#).

To register for the overview and training session, or to learn more, please call Dan Keating at (856) 524-7366 or email dkeating@bnh.org.

Media reports on NJ's inadequate system for crisis services

Bancroft parent Donna Icovino helped develop a landmark report two years ago, to address New Jersey's inadequate system for helping people with both developmental disabilities and mental health and/or behavioral disorders.

But a recent story in the Star-Ledger newspaper reports that little has improved since that time. To read the story, [click here](#).

Ms. Icovino, co-chair of the N.J. Department of Human Services Dual Diagnosis Task Force, asks everyone to forward this article to others, and to comment on the piece at the Star-Ledger website.

"I strongly encourage people to advocate for... the priority recommendations proposed by the Department of Human Services Dual Diagnosis Task Force," she says, noting that the task force also welcomes further input.

To read more - and for a link to the Task Force's report and contact info - [click here](#).

Hot off the press: our annual report

Bancroft's new annual report is now available, featuring lots of great updates, beautiful photos, and acknowledgements of our many generous supporters.

We hope you will enjoy the striking "moments in time" we've captured, and learn more about how we help people with neurological challenges meet their highest potential for happy, healthy and successful lives.

To view the report, please click on the links below:

- For a reduced version that shows two-page photo spreads, [click here](#).
- For an enlarged version that is easier to read, [click here](#).

Coming soon: A gift that gives back - to you!

Did you know that some types of donations can provide you with guaranteed lifetime income?

To learn more, watch for the next issue of *Our World*, Bancroft's printed newsletter.

You'll see how one family - the Mates - discovered this powerful way to give!

Can't wait? Call Heidi Rixman, director of major gifts, at (856) 348-1164 or email hrixman@bnh.org.

Free workshop on brain injuries

Bancroft will present a free workshop titled "Overview of Acquired and Traumatic Brain Injuries" on Wed. Jan. 19 in Haddonfield, N.J.

This workshop will provide an introduction to brain anatomy, development, areas of the body that each section of the brain controls, types of brain injuries that people can be born with or that occur at birth, and types of brain injuries that can occur through accidents or trauma.

Designed for family members and professionals who support people with brain injuries, the workshop will be held from 6:30 to 8:30 pm in the Farrington Hall conference room on Bancroft's Haddonfield Campus at 425 Kings Highway East. The session will be presented by Bancroft neuropsychologist Karen Lindgren, Ph.D.

For more information or to register, call Pat Reid at (856) 524-7453 or email preid@bnh.org.

This event is part of Bancroft's ongoing series of free disabilities workshops. For the complete list of upcoming workshops, [click here](#).

Workshop for families with new autism diagnosis

The Children's Hospital of Philadelphia will present the following workshop on two dates:

Next Steps Workshop for Families

Wed. Jan. 19 and Wed. Mar. 30

[3535 Market Street, 16th Floor](#)

Conference Room D

Philadelphia, PA 19104

8:30 am to 3 pm

Cost: \$20 per person. Includes resource binder, continental breakfast, lunch

This workshop is designed for parents supporting young children newly diagnosed with an autism spectrum disorder. Presenters will include fellows in developmental pediatrics, behavioral pediatrics, speech and language therapy,

occupational therapy, education, and special education law.

Attendees will also participate in a discussion with a panel of parents who have made the next steps with their children.

Space is limited, so register early to ensure seating. To register, [click here.](#)

For more CHOP workshops, [click here.](#)



This email was sent to jlott@bnh.org by jlott@bnh.org | [Update Profile/Email Address](#) | Instant removal with [SafeUnsubscribe™](#) | [Privacy Policy](#).

Bancroft | 425 Kings Highway East | P.O. Box 20 | Haddonfield | NJ | 08033