



Pathway Staff-Jillian, Tara, Andrea, Haley, Audre

Dear Friends.

Was it just me or did the summer FLY by? The last time I sat to write a letter I was excited about the longer, warmer days. This morning, I grabbed a light scarf on my way out the door 😞. For many of us summer meant more time with family, enjoying nature, and feeling super carefree. We had some fun and recreation here at Mercy also, thanks to some **very** caring community members.

Pathway Counseling Day of Play

Pathway Counseling owner Tara Sottile gathered a handful of her staff therapists to come connect with



the shelter children for an afternoon this summer. They brought games, set up play stations in the yard, face painting, and ended the session with ice cream sundaes! Tara has a vision of ensuring her team understands the needs

in the community at the street level, and wanted to have them volunteer at a place that serves our most vulnerable community members. One of her senior staff members, Andrea Mills served as a shelter director here years ago, so it was a full circle moment to have this re-connection. The kids really enjoyed it, and they planned a fall gathering geared toward the moms and women!

Day of Service



Pastor Claire Repsholdt from the **Lutheran Church of Our Savior** reached out to us again this year to serve Mercy Center residents on the Church's annual Day of Service on 9/8. Claire brought parishioners, and Scouts from Troop 40, sandwiches and sweets, to break bread with our residents. The residents loved and appreciated the inclusion, the food, and the fellowship!



King of Cones

This tradition was initiated by Board President Louis Bamonte to enable a fun visit to the shelters to give staff and residents a treat. The ice cream truck funding came from **the Dreams R Us Foundation**. It's not summer until you've dripped all over the driveway! I recommend the vanilla shake blended with fruity pebbles! 😊



She recommends she Sonic pop!



40 Years of Mercy

We also kept busy this summer by planning our Anniversary Event for November 7th. By now you ALL should have received an invitation to our celebration at the Bellport Country Club. We will have special speakers, a very special short documentary about our history, a full bar, dinner, and big cash raffles. Come celebrate our longevity and success with us! Your seats can be reserved on our website, in person at the office before 2pm M-F, or send a check via snail mail!

Raffle Bonanza 3rd Quarter Winners

- Quarterly \$100-Patricia Caminiti
- Monthly 100's-Kelly Weiss, Alexander Detweiler, Donna Cantadella
- Weekly \$25's- Mary Costello, Shameece Taylor, Alan Hartman, Tim and Natalie Caputo, Jean Benedetto, Kathy Heinlein, Max Bukovec, John Merkle, Marva Pierre Louis, Pat Musso-Olsen, Kathy Vaeth, Shay Plitt

You have one more quarter to win again!

Winning Employees

They keep things running smoothly, strive for excellence, and do so with a smile! This quarter we recognize the following employees of the month:

- ❖ June-Ashli Salmon,
- ❖ July-Jenn VanDenheuval,
- ❖ August-Candace Gately

Peace out Summer!

While many of us will take some time mourning the loss of Summer by savoring salty sunsets and fire pit nights, September couldn't come fast enough for the little shelters. ones in our structure of often what homeless feel We were see our kindy kids first day at schools. so bright; they will find school to be everything they dreamed of and more! Thank you for enabling us to provide a safe place for them to start and end their days of learning and growing!



Thoughtfully,

Briana Taylor

Briana Taylor, LMSW, Executive Director

