

CLASS and Groundwork Lawrence Partnership

It's been a great summer this year in Lawrence! For the first time CLASS and Groundwork Lawrence created a partnership to provide our individuals a chance to grow vegetables in the city.

As you can see from the photos, we have grown our raised boxes from dirt to abundance. We have grown herbs, zucchini, peppers, tomatoes and lots more to share with staff and friends. We have been using the produce to encourage healthy eating in our cooking classes. Thanks to Kendrys Vasquez, Program Manager of our Arc, and Groundwork Lawrence for helping us create the partnership, and to our staff and individuals for helping us grow this summer.



New Adult Foster Care Program

CLASS, Inc. is pleased to introduce a new Adult Foster Care program funded through MassHealth (Medicaid). This program provides clinical and financial assistance up to \$18,000 a year to qualifying caregivers or family members to assist them to care for their loved ones with developmental disabilities. This reimbursement is excluded from taxable income. Adults with disabilities will benefit from either being able to stay in a home with their family or caregiver, where their needs are met, their interests and personal choices are supported and there is the potential for engagement in the community.

For the Caregiver
 The multidisciplinary team of CLASS will provide the following supports to the caregiver:

- Caregiver orientations and trainings
- Assistance with accessing community resources
- Caregiver compensation
- Relief and alternative placement (respite) services
- Caseworker management and support
- Nursing support
- Intake assessment
- 24-hour emergency care consultation.

Qualifications

- Eligible recipient must be 16 years of age or older and eligible for MassHealth
- Must need help with activities of daily living (ADLs) such as bathing, dressing, toileting, eating or transferring
- AFC Caregiver can be a family member but NOT be legally responsible for the recipient.

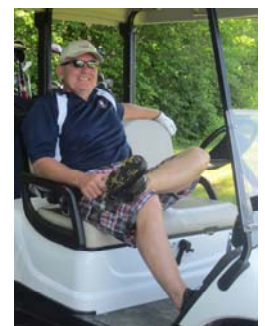
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The Barry Faye Memorial Golf Tournament 1st year



CLASS has held a golf tournament for 19 years. This year we renamed the event to the **Barry Faye Memorial Golf Tournament** to honor our friend and long-time Board member and supporter of CLASS.

On the first day of summer, a beautiful sunny day, all of our supporters came to enjoy golf, lunch, buy auction items, and honor Barry for a life-time of volunteer service to CLASS.



A Note from the President



After much deliberation by the board of directors and agency staff along with external interviews of agency stakeholders and even an on-line logo contest that drew responses from overseas, CLASS has selected a new logo and tagline. We believe the new logo and tagline communicate a positive and progressive message that captures the culture of our agency.

participating in the community in activities that all local residents enjoy and experience or having access to clinical resources that enhance their ability to live life more fully.

CLASS also believes that it is our responsibility to engage individuals in working with us to improve our agency's services and thus facilitate their opportunity to feel valued and respected.

Shortly CLASS will be unveiling a new website that will reinforce that message. It will create a more dynamic way for our community to participate in the work of CLASS and to experience the successes we are seeing in the lives of those we serve.

We believe firmly that our role is to create a pathway to new opportunities for individuals with disabilities whether these opportunities leads to securing their own job in an area business,



Arc of Greater Lawrence



Members of the Arc of Greater Lawrence and the Lawrence Boys and Girls Club had the opportunity to live through new adventures as they participated in the Adventurelore Program sponsored by the New Balance Foundation for youth with and

without disabilities. Since January participants of the inclusive outdoor experience traveled to the camp-site located in Danville, NH once a month for a full day, and were exposed to individual and group challenges.

For many of the youth, it was the first time they participated in activities such as ice-skating on a frozen pond, snowshoeing, cross country skiing, rope courses, kayaking, white water rafting, among others. Despite the different levels of abilities of the group, I am sure all the youth who attended this program had a great experience, learned to conquer their fears, and made lasting friendships.



The Arc of Greater Lawrence is a division of CLASS and a Chapter of the Arc Mass and Arc United States

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North Shore students train in Physical Therapy

The CLASS Occupational Therapy department welcomed Jennifer Anthony and Kayla Boucher, Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant students from North Shore Community College, for the spring semester. Jennifer and Kayla joined our licensed COTAs to spend every Wednesday observing and working with our individuals.

The students participated in sensory processing, use of the vestibular system, interactive cooking groups, and community experiences such as going to the YMCA, the recycling center and the local bowling lanes. They were also included in learning sessions on swallowing disorders, group protocol, and assistive technology.

CLASS congratulates Jennifer and Kayla on completion of their level I field work and wish them well in their Occupational Therapy careers.



Jennifer Anthony and Kayla Boucher work with CLASS staff.

Cultural Day at CLASS



One of the favorite days at CLASS is our Cultural Day. This year we enjoyed the different cultures of the world by studying the history of countries like Jamaica, China, Mexico, Greece, France and many more.

We celebrated in North Reading on June 22 and in Lawrence on June 24th. Staff, family members and individuals received stamps on their passports as they traveled through the countries enjoying food and music.

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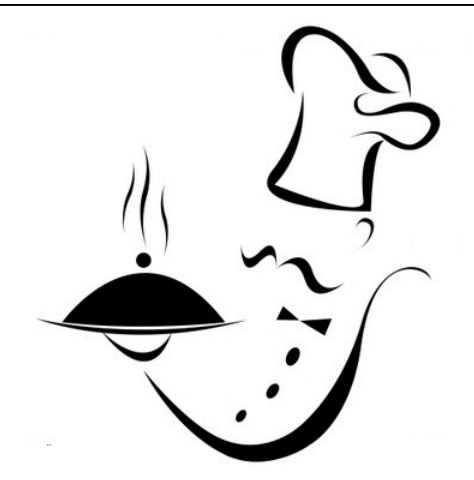
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Join us on October 20th for 'Celebrity Chefs with CLASS'



Learn how to prepare our Chefs signature dishes. Share in a tasting, and enjoy a buffet dinner with Auction and Raffle!

Celebrity Chefs with CLASS
October 20th 6-9:30pm
Merrimack Valley Golf Club
215 Howe Street
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Join our special guest chef
Robert Ozoonian from
Josephs Trattoria Bakery Cafe in Haverhill
Enjoy delicious dessert from
Frederick's Pastries in North Andover

Contact Nancy Kieran at 978-975-8587 ext. 1227 or nkieran@classinc.org. Please see insert for ticket and sponsoring, or register online at www.classinc.org.

Our Mission The mission of CLASS/Arc of Greater Lawrence is to support, promote, and facilitate the inherent rights of individuals with disabilities to experience a life of opportunity for personal growth and active, meaningful engagement in their community.