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# Quarterly Newsletter

## April 2023

### Get Ready!

This summer our signature Ox Roast is coming back as the **Summer Sizzle!**

Celebrate with us at the Allegany County Fairgrounds where there will be food vendors, a beer truck, and live music from special guest....

### Appalachian Road Show!

*So, come join us on June 16<sup>th</sup> and have a great time while supporting our organization!*



## New Staff from Last Quarter

(Jan - Mar)

### Shannon Stottlemyer

Residential Counselor

### Hillary Kerr

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### Christopher Blake

CLA

### Michele Moyer

Substitute

### Teri Tressler

Custodian

### Timothy DeMarmels

CLA

### Brynn Tabler

CLA

### Alexis Rae

CLA

### Gale Williams

CLA

### Timothy Stevenson

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### Ariel Norman

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### Elzina Hoffman

CLA

### Richard Kenner

Residential Maintenance

### Cassandra Guellich

Substitute

### Lexus Friend

Substitute

### Ryan Cosner

CLA



### *Employee Spotlight: David Goad*

*Position Title: Community Relations & Resource Development Director*

In September 2022, Friends Aware hired Retired Sheriff David Goad as it's Community Relations and Resource Development Director. David comes to us after 44 years in public safety.

David is a native of Allegany County, Maryland, and holds an Associate of Arts in Criminal Justice from Allegany College of Maryland, a Bachelor Degree in Political Science and Master of Business Administration from Frostburg State University. David is married, has two adult daughters, four grandchildren and two great-grandkids.

Since beginning a new career with Friends Aware, David has written several grant applications including the Section 5310 Transportation grant and the Community Development Block Grant. David has been instrumental in contacting and requesting a 2023 Legislative Bond Initiative to repair the Life Enrichment Center roof.

Friends Aware is happy to welcome David as our CRRD Director!



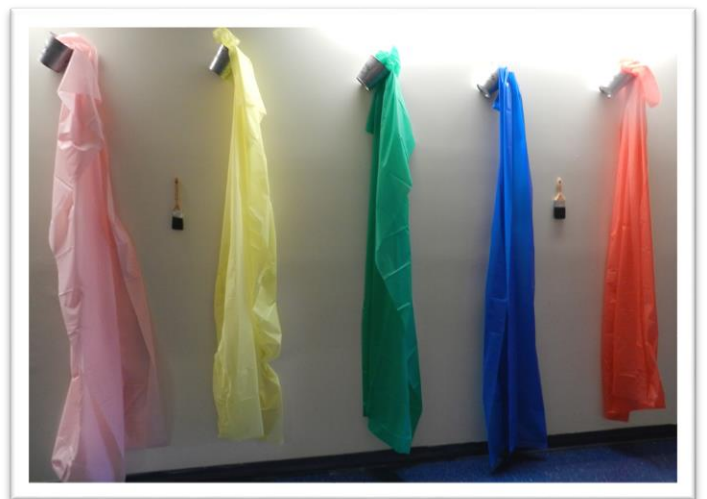
## Event Showcase

# MDS Art Show

On March 29<sup>th</sup> the MDS presented an art show in the Life Enrichment Center. The displays were an expression of the style and imagination of the contributors.

Arts, crafts, and personal memorabilia were on display for everyone to enjoy!

*Special thanks to Leona McTaggart, Susan Atkinson and the rest of the MDS staff for supporting our individuals with their creativity and for hosting the show!*





## **Their Year So Far!**

### **Volunteered at Animal Shelter**

*Throughout the quarter our individuals volunteered multiple times at the Allegany County Animal Shelter.*

### **Volunteered at Wesley Chapel**

*Individuals labeled peanut butter and coconut eggs for the church.*

### **Scotty's Greenhouse January 10<sup>th</sup>**

*On National House Plant Day our individuals went to Scotty's Green House to walk around. Every individual was sent home with a plant!*

### **Valentine Party February 14<sup>th</sup>**

*Our individuals celebrated for Valentine's Day and crowned a King and Queen!*

### **MDS Mini Golf February 23<sup>rd</sup>**

*Students from Allegany College came and set up mini golf in the LEC for individuals to play. Later in the day the students made vegetable pizzas with them!*

### **Spirit Night February 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Friends Aware held a spirit night at the Rio Grande restaurant.*

### **K9 Day March 13<sup>th</sup>**

*The Cumberland Police Department brought a couple of their police dogs to show our individuals.*

### **MDS Art Show March 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Friends Aware hosted an art show at the Life Enrichment Center.*

## **Our Individuals**

Our individuals have had a great start to the new year!

They've volunteered at a local church and animal shelter, made artwork for everyone to see, and had guests come see them at the Life Enrichment Center.

*They have so much more planned for the year so stay tuned!*



## Employee Anniversaries January - March

### 1 Year

Stephanie  
Darnell

Faith Sieunarine

Gary Gaither

Linda Anderson

Cyndi Mertens

Michelle Sawyers

Linise Becker

James Fields

Skyler Fields

Linda Anderson

Haley Williams

Kari Vanmeter

Leroy Naylor

Christopher  
"Dan" Landers

Amanda Casey

Mary Iman

Alyson Mellon

### 3 Years

Joyce Wolfe

Shawnta  
Rodenberg

Alyssa McDonald

### 4 years

Joseph Malloy

Dena Davidson

### 5 years

John Kelly

Larissa Patton

### 6 years

Susan  
Kirkpatrick

### 7 years

Ronald  
Lowdermilk

### 8 years

Joshua Spade

### 10 years

Sandy Buckler

Kathy Logsdon

### 11 years

Roberta Symons

### 13 years

Ally Wade

### 14 years

Stephanie Parks

### 15 years

Shane  
Leatherman

### 28 years

Tony Kimble

### 32 years

Lois Russell

## Organization and Staff News

This year we're making some big changes and adding different initiatives to our organization!

To show our appreciation for staff, we've added a quarterly giveaway! All employees who are in good standing will be included in the drawing.

Our first drawing was conducted on March 24<sup>th</sup>.

The following employees were the winners of this quarter's giveaway: Susan Atkinson, Angie Rudd, and Miracle Wilson.

**Congrats Everyone!**



*Congratulations to our Nursing Director Ember Fadley on the birth of her baby girl! She gave birth this past March and we couldn't be happier for her!*



*Congratulations to HR Generalist Christopher McDonald too! His fiancé gave birth to their daughter this March as well!*





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*In Loving Memory*

*John "Bing" Long*

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