# Quarterly Newsletter April 2024

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On February 14, 2024 Friends Aware hosted a reception at the Life Enrichment Center to begin the yearlong celebration of our 70th Anniversary.

We will hold a monthly employee drawing through December 2024 giving employees a chance to win \$70!

### \$70 for Our 70 Years!

Congratulations to our first two winners of the year!

Alyssa McDonald
Carolyn Epps



## **Celebration Event**

On Friends Aware's birthday,
February 14th,
an event was
held at the
Life Enrichment Center.

Guests included local officials, sister agencies, and Friends Aware contributors, along with many other appreciated guests

Follow our Facebook page

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for event updates to join us throughout this year to celebrate our 70th!

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# **Celebration Reception**

**Held @ the Life Enrichment Center** 





Individuals & staff enjoyed a night of dancing!

The dance was held at the Alhambra Building to celebrate our anniversary.

A Special Thank You to

Wamba Caravan

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for the continuous

support of
Friends Aware!



## **Celebration Dance**

**Held @ the Alhambra Building** 





# Welcome! New Employees of Quarter 1

#### **Kelsey Fagan**

- Substitute

#### **Alexis Jackson**

- Substitute

#### **April Phares**

- Substitute

#### **Justin Fagan**

- Community Living Assistant

#### **Natasha Lucas**

- Community Living Assistant

#### **Kianna York**

- Community Living Assistant

#### **Habron Johnson**

- Community Living Assistant

#### **Taina Cajigas**

- Community Living Assistant

#### **Nori Dawson**

- Community Living Assistant

#### **Loucinda Schlotterbeck**

- Community Living Assistant

#### **Angela Talley**

- Residential Counselor

#### Janae Calhoun

- Residential Counselor

#### **Cassie Frederick**

- Residential Counselor

#### "BJ" Swarner

- Residential Manager

#### Elizabeth Brown

- HR Generalist

#### **Matt Kidwell**

- Maintenance

# **Employee**Spotlight

## Teri Tressler

"I love how Friends
Aware makes me feel
so welcomed, wanted,
and appreciated!"

- Teri Tressler



Teri has worked at Friends Aware as a custodian for more than one year. Teri previously worked at Rocky Gap Casino & Resort for 23 years as the Housekeeping Supervisor.

She has been in hospitality for 28 years including at Holiday Inn from 1994 – to 2000.

Cleaning is a hobby for Teri and she enjoys doing so even in her free time. She also enjoys taking care of her animals which are 3 dogs and 3 cats. Her Granddaughter Kaylee is her pride and joy!

Teri enjoys being part of the Friends Aware team! Her favorite thing about working here at FAI is how welcoming the atmosphere is here.

#### **Employee Anniversaries**

33 Years

29 Years

Lois Russell

**Tony Kimble** 

16 Years

15 Years

Shane Leatherman

Stephanie Parks

12 Years

11 Years

Roberta Symons

Kathy Logsdon

9 Years

8 Years

Josh Spade

Ajai Butler

Susan Kirkpatrick

#### 6 Years

John Kelly

Dena Davidson

Larissa Patton

Shawnta Rodenberg

5 Years

4 Years

Jody Malloy

Alyssa McDonald

Joy Sheldon

Josh Suder

3 Years

2 Years

Alyson Mellon

Stephanie Darnell

Carleanna Rosa

Cynthia Mertens

Kari VanMeter

Michelle Sawyers

**Christopher Landers** 

#### 1 Year

Hillary Kerr

Lexie Rae

**Brynn Tabler** 

**Ariel Norman** 

Lexus Friend Elzina Hoffman

Shannon Stottlemyer

Christopher Blake

Teri Tressler

**Timothy Demarmels** 



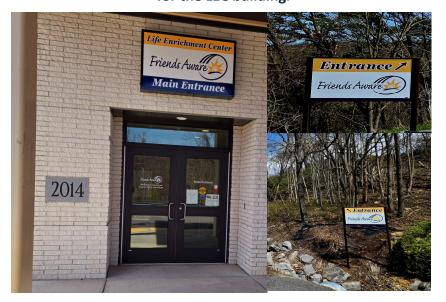
Friends Aware held a Spirit Night at Rio Grande in

February. We raised nearly \$500 that evening! Thank you to everyone who came out to support us!

## **Updated Look!**

Thanks to Kenney Signs, Inc. for installing and updating our signs! We LOVE the fresh new look.

This includes a new sign on Holland Street, two direction signs along the driveway and a lighted Main Entrance sign for the LEC building.





## **Activities!**

#### **Drum Class at the YMCA**

We enjoy this fun group exercise called "Drum Class" weekly at our local YMCA.

#### **Valentine's Day Party**

Individuals enjoyed voting for Valentine King & Queen at the LEC Valentine's Party this February. Congratulations to King Chris Davis and Queen Kelcie Simpson! Everyone enjoyed goodie bags and treats to celebrate the event.

#### **Bowling Night**

Not only do individuals enjoy bowling at White Oak Lanes, they also enjoy playing the jukebox and other arcade games during the night!

#### St. Patrick's Day Party

Staff and individuals dressed up to partake in the St. Patrick's day parties both in Residential and at the LEC in March.

# **Indoor Fun**

Quarter one was full of celebration and outings!

We celebrated both Valentine's Day and

St. Patrick's Day with holiday outfits along with parties involving snacks and crafts!

Individuals also had many activities such as bowling night, out to the movies, and lunch outings!





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Thanks to all of the FAI employees who participated in the 2024 Hooley Plunge at Rocky Gap State Park!



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Friendsaware.org/donate

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