

Happy New Year and January News

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Happy New Year From the ADC!

News from the ADC

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January Update from the ADC

I imagine that most of us can't imagine ever being happier that a year came to an end. 2020 was an incredibly difficult year, and the staff and board of the ADC thank you for your support and dedication to our mission. We are heartbroken over not being able to care for our members in-person and offer respite to our caregivers. We remain hopeful that with the vaccine rollout we will be able to get back to offering our regular services in the not-too-distant future.

We continue to offer distance programming using Zoom, Facebook, and telephone calls, and support our caregivers through weekly nurse check-ins and our support group. The schedule for the upcoming week is emailed and posted on Facebook and our website on Friday afternoon. We hope you are receiving it and taking the chance to look at it.

We are beginning to prepare for our re-opening. If you know of someone who might be in need of our services, please feel free to refer them to [me](#) or have them contact our social services coordinator [Stacy Scelfo](#). We are contacting families that have already applied and are anxious to integrate new members into our ADC family as we prepare to restart in-person services.

Please take the time to read the update below. We are honored to receive a second grant award from The Grotta Fund for Senior Care and to be the recipient of a generous donation from Alpine Business Systems. We are including highlights of our December programs and an update on our year end giving appeal and 2021 events.

We are here for you. If you need something, have a question or suggestion, or just need someone to speak to, please reach out to us.

Sincerely,

Diann Robinson

Executive Director

Thank you and Update

Thank you to our generous donors! We received \$35,000 in donations to help us implement distance programming and caregiver support while we are closed to in-person attendance. This closure has affected our budget and we have had to rely on the community to help see us through. It is not too late to donate! Please take the time to read our 2020 Year End Appeal letter and consider a donation to our Sharing Your Care Campaign. Please donate on-line or call Hilary in the development office at (908) 725-0068.

Grotta Fund Awards Grant to the ADC

The ADC has received a second grant from The Grotta Fund for Senior Care of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater MetroWest NJ for Covid-19 Relief. We have been funded for our project "Presenting Stimulating & Innovative Therapies through Distance Programming and Support to Caregivers." This award will provide much needed income during the Center's closure and underwrite our distance programming which includes our Facebook videos, zoom programs, virtual support groups, ADC activity care packages and nurse check-ins.

As we wait to resume member attendance, we are grateful to the Grotta Fund for helping us to support our members and caregivers at home.

"I'm thankful for the weekly check-ins, the drive-thru programs, and the care packages but mostly knowing I can reach out if I need to.

-ADC Caregiver

Thank you Alpine Business Systems

Thank you to Bill Blum and Alpine Business Systems! Alpine Business Systems, Inc. is a leading provider of computer support and information technology services to small and medium-sized businesses in the greater Somerset County area. The ADC is a proud and satisfied customer. Alpine Business System received credit from one of their business partners which they paid forward to the ADC with the purchase of touchless hand sanitizers. In addition to this much-needed PPE, the firm invited Executive Director Diann Robinson to their annual holiday breakfast to share our mission and impact. Finally, Alpine is a generous supporter of our Wine Tasting and Generations Gala and we are grateful for their ongoing support.

Weekly Schedule and January Highlights

We are creating and publicizing our schedule weekly. If you would like to receive it by email, please email [Hilary](#). It is also updated on our Facebook page and website. Our special events for January include our birthday drive by on Wednesday, January 25th and Winter Wonderland Drive Through at the ADC on Friday, January 27th. If you would like to participate, please email [me](#).

2020 Caregiver Survey Highlights

Thank you to our caregivers who took the time to complete the 2020 COVID-19 Caregiver Survey. The Board of Trustees and staff have reviewed the findings and are incorporating them into our distance programming and future strategic planning. We also use the funds who ask for outcome information. Here are some [highlights](#).

ADC 2021 Fundraising Events

We are working on the plan for our two ADC fundraisers. We are unsure when restrictions will lessen and when we will be able to gather in person. We are considering a hybrid wine tasting event in the late spring and holding our Generations Gala honoring Jim Hughes of Unity Bank in the late fall. We will update our community as plans are made concrete.

Honor and Memorial Donations

Thank you to our families who remember the ADC in their philanthropic plans by making a donation in honor or in memory of a loved one. These donations, when added together, make a significant impact on our ability to meet our budget and help us to implement our programming. When a donation is received, we send a thank you note to the donor and a letter sharing the news of the donation with the honoree. For memorial donations, we can provide notes and return envelopes to help your family members and guests. If you have any questions or would like to request more information, please contact our [Director of Development](#).

Activity Professionals Will Be Celebrated

In conjunction with the National Association of Activity Professionals (NAAP), we will be celebrating Activity Professionals Week from Monday, January 25th to Friday, January 29th. NAAP was formed in 1981 by leaders who are committed to providing outstanding quality-of-life experiences for older adults. The very first National Activity Professionals Day was celebrated on January 27, 1984, and it is now celebrated for an entire week. This year's theme is "10,000 Possibilities." This year instead of an afternoon social we will be celebrating with a special video on Facebook on Friday, January 22nd. This year, more than ever, we honor our staff's contributions. They have pivoted to working from home and shown amazing dedication, creativity, flexibility, and persistence. Our activity staff includes Activity Director, Jane Drake and Activity Assistants Debbie Cocino, Tina Crawford, Samantha Girard, Ashley Puppo, Angela Scarpati, Jon Steinklein, Meredith Tesch, and Kathy Xumphonphakdy.

Happy December Birthdays!

As we have shared before, birthdays are a big deal at the ADC! We are missing our Friday afternoon socials and monthly birthday parties. Here are some photographs from our [December](#) Birthday Celebration. The staff met at the ADC and travelled to visit our members at home. We loved seeing our members and making them feel special. We look forward to celebrating again this month on Wednesday, January 27th.

About Our Newsletter

Please email our Development Director if you have any suggestions about future features. Please feel free to forward the newsletter to your friends and colleagues. We are trying to build our mailing list. Currently there are more than 500 names on our list.

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through our Sharing Your Care Appeal.**

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