

December Update from the ADC

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The ADC's December Newsletter

NEWS FROM YOUR ADC

December 2020

Monthly News From the ADC

Welcome to the 2020 December edition of our monthly newsletter.

This holiday season is very different and may be difficult as we continue to see COVID-19 on the rise in NJ, as well as in the nation. When we think about the holidays, we usually think about spending time with family and friends, sharing meals, and attending parties. At the ADC, we are typically making plans for our annual holiday party, craft bazaar, and visit from Santa. Our traditions will have to change this year, but I hope we can all still find some holiday spirit. We are re-imagining our holiday party and we will be hosting a drive through with an appearance from Santa on December 16th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. We hope you will join us. Please RSVP by Monday, December 14th to drobinson@adultdaycenter.org.

Please take the time to read the update below. Our annual wine tasting was a success, and we are thankful to our sponsors, Rich Scelfo of Carolina Wine Brands and Alessandro Pasqua for their support. We kicked off our year end fundraising appeal with a successful #GivingTuesday.

Please remember the best way to spread good will and show your care for others this year is to continue to wear your mask, social distance, wash your hands, and avoid group settings.

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

Sincerely,

Diann Robinson

Executive Director

Getting Better with Age Wine Tasting

Thank you for your support of the Adult Day Center's 22nd Annual ***Getting Better with Age Wine Tasting Event***. Event Chairs Caitlyn Campbell and Christine Flanagan are thrilled to announce that the event raised over \$32,000 in net proceeds for ADC! To see our list of sponsors, please visit our [website](#).

Thank you Unity Bank!

Thank you once again to Unity Bank for serving as the Presenting Sponsor for our 2020 Getting Better with Age Wine Tasting. We are proud of our affiliation and grateful for their leadership support. For more information, please visit their [website](#).

Making Plans for Our Future Re-Opening

We will remain closed through January. With the announcement of the approved vaccines and timeline for their dissemination, we are starting to see a light at the end of the tunnel, and we hope to announce a re-opening date soon. The ADC nurses and senior staff are developing policies and procedures we will need to have in place when we do re-open. We are following guidelines and directives issued by the county, state, and CDC. Once we develop a guidebook for our new "normal", all staff will be trained, and copies of our policy/procedure guide will be made available to all our families.

The ADC Honored Steve Hatch

The ADC honored Steve Hatch with the fourth annual Jim and Anita Ventantonio Volunteerism Award. Steve has been a volunteer with the ADC since 2002. He got to know us as a caregiver when his mother-in-law attended the ADC from 1987 to 1990 and from 2002 to 2010 when his wife Terry was a member. Steve was so grateful for the compassion and support shown to them that he committed to support others in the same position. Steve represents the ADC at community meetings, is always willing to share his story with our caregivers and is willing to lend a hand when needed. Thank you Steve for your years of services. Click [here](#) to see the award presentation and [here](#) for his acceptance speech.

The ADC Requests Your Support of our 2020 Year End Campaign

In mid-March, the COVID-19 pandemic forced the ADC to close its doors to in-person attendance. After 45 years of being a "home-away-from-home" for thousands of older adults and people living with dementia, the ADC could not do what it has always done - offer face to face connection, engagement and support to its members and their caregivers. Although nothing can replace in-person care, we knew we had to do something, so we created at home Distance Programming.

Please watch this [video](#) to learn about our programs and how we are serving our members.

Our year end appeal is in the mail and a copy can be viewed [here](#). If you would like to receive a copy, please email [Hilary](#).

In the meanwhile, to donate, please see our [website](#) or call Hilary Kruchowy in the development office. She can be reached at (908) 725-0068 X 103.

The ADC honored its veterans

On Veteran's Day, ADC staff visited our members who are veterans and presented them with personalized thank you cards. We were grateful for a warm, sunny day so we could spend a few minutes with our members and their caregivers outside. To see additional photos, please visit our [Facebook](#) page.

The CARES Act: New Charitable Giving Incentives

Signed into law on March 27, 2020, the Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act") includes provisions designed to encourage charitable contributions of cash. It allows a growing number of taxpayers who do not itemize their returns to receive a tax deduction of up to \$300 for cash donations to 501(c)(3) nonprofit organizations during calendar year 2020. Taxpayers who itemize returns may now deduct up to 100% of their 2020 Adjusted Gross Income (AGI). The limit on corporate donations has been lifted from 10% to 25%.

Your gift to the ADC at this time may provide you with additional tax advantages. Please consult your personal tax advisor.

We will celebrate December Birthdays!

We celebrated October birthdays! The staff met at the ADC, decorated their cars, and picked up the birthday presents. We loved seeing Pat (pictured center in the photo) and other members and we look forward to celebrating again on Monday, December 14th from 1:00 p.m. to 2:00 p.m. Please RSVP to [Stacy](#) if your loved one has a December birthday and you would a visit, and visit our [Facebook](#) page to see photos.

About the newsletter

Please email Hilary Kruchowy at hilary.kruchowy@adulthoodcenter.org 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. Thank you.

"Like" us on Facebook!

We update our [Facebook](#) page every day with videos, Facebook live events, and other notices about our distance programming. So far, we have 750 likes for our page. Please tell your friends and colleagues about us and ask them to check out our page.

The Adult Day Center is a nonprofit 501(c)(3) that raises a portion of its operating funds through donations from individuals, corporations, and foundations. Individual contributions are directed to the Annual Fund which is the foundation of our philanthropic support. These gifts constitute the most important source of unrestricted funds available and allow the ADC to offer a sliding scale for payment when appropriate. Giving to the Annual Fund is an opportunity to

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