Seasons Greetings

Welcome to the fall and winter edition of DIY. We have had an exciting holiday season at CCS. Most recently was our Annual Holiday Party and Raffle. Over 90 friends and families attended the celebration (including Santa and Rudolph) and we raised over $3,000 to go towards our programs and services! It was a successful day filled with holiday cheer.

In this edition you will see pictures from our annual holiday party and the new CCS Intentional garden, learn about Silver Towers Camp, and much more.

We welcome new additions to the D.I.Y. newsletter. If you would like to submit an article, picture, recipe or joke please email me at ccsnewsletter1@gmail.com or join the newsletter group that meets every Wednesday at 9:30 at CCS.

All the Best,
Julie Campbell, Editor

The polls are in! Laurie T asked consumers and staff, “What is your favorite holiday song?”

The number one song polled was Jingle Bells, followed closely by:

- Santa Baby by Eartha Kitt
- Rudolph the Red Nosed Reindeer
- So this is Christmas by John Lennon
- Hark the Herald Angels Sing
- Silver Bells
- You’re a Mean One, Mr. Grinch
CCS Karaoke Program … By William V

Of all programs at Champlain Community Services, the Karaoke program for clients provides a special thrill for all of us. It has the beauty of dance giving happiness through the eyes. Each generation of music has heart, through these songs we help to capture our youth.

We appreciate the movement of every dance and vocal effort. The program is very well done and is put on by a good staff member, George Ellwood.

Have a joyous Holiday Season.

Shelburne Museum … written by Andy S … photos by Lucy R

One of my favorite places in the world is the Shelburne Museum. We have a family pass. I get in for free and get a discount on food and things in the gift shop. I love everything there, but my favorites are the Ticonderoga ship, the Lighthouse, the railroad station and the Circus House. I would like to be a tour guide on the Ticonderoga. I also like to ride the carousel. It is closed for the winter, but the new building is opened all year.
Silver Towers … By Dawn D

I went to Camp Silver Towers in Ripton, VT this summer. I loved it. I enjoyed the wagon pulled by two brown horses. I rode with several other campers and counselors around the campsite. I sang and saw birds. While at Silver Towers, I made some new friends and saw old friends from Camp Thorpe. I thought the counselors were awesome. They were there for us when we had problems.

I got two shirts with the Silver towers logo. I played a lot bocce ball and played basketball every day with my friends. I made a lot of shots. Plus, the swimming pool has ramps for campers who needed easy access.

I bunked in a cabin with four campers. Before bed time the campers had to come up with a story. I helped to write the story. In the morning at breakfast the campers got to read their stories. One story made me laugh because it made fun of the counselors. I wrote a story about my dog going to camp which made the counselors laugh.

I liked the food because we didn’t have to cook. There was healthy and junk food. They served vegetables such as fresh carrots, peas, and salads. They served tasty baked chicken and I had a good grinder for lunch. They made homemade chocolate chip and peanut butter cookies.

As you can see I enjoyed going to Camp Silver Towers. If you’ve never been I recommend it.

CCS Intentional Garden

Mark enjoying the sunshine in the Intentional Garden.

Mike M with J.L. Thurston at a CCS Benefit Concert on October 16 in St. Albans. CCS earned more than $1500, including more than $800 in the raffle and about $700 in donations from Smokin’ Butt’s Bar-B-Q, 14th Star Brewery and individuals in attendance. The event was organized by Simonne Gratton.

Upcoming Activities and Events

Network Get Together for VBSR
January 19, 2017 5:30 to 7:30 pm
CCS Building, Colchester

February—Bridging Program
Photography Exhibit at Penny Cluse (all month)

Staff Holidays
January 2 (New Year’s Day Observed)
January 16 (MLK Holiday)
February 20 (President’s Day)
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Our Mission & Vision
Champlain Community Services provides essential supports to people with intellectual disabilities and autism, building a community where everyone participates and belongs.

CCS is in its 49th year of serving our community, and offers coordinated one-to-one supported employment, home & shared living, school-to-career transition, and community supports.

Champlain Business Journal Readers voted CCS “Best Nonprofit Organization” for 2015, second year in a row! Thank you!

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