

BRISTOL ADULT RESOURCE CENTER, INC.
2013 Annual Report
Advocating Personal Growth and Community Inclusion for All We Serve

Dear Friends and Families of Bristol Adult Resource Center:

On behalf of the Board of Directors and staff we are pleased to present the 2013 Annual Report demonstrating the work we achieve at the Bristol Adult Resource Center. The year revealed change, accomplishment, and loss for the agency.

Support from Farmington Bank Foundation allowed Bristol ARC to purchase new tables, chairs, computers, and a curriculum for the job readiness and retention program which is set to open on July 1, 2013. We began a new online training program for staff, obtained many new computers to replace old obsolete models, accomplished a variety of repairs to our buildings and properties, and received a dozen outdoor benches for our programs. We also received funds for our recreation program and to assist with marketing our products. It is with gratitude that we accepted all of these generous donations. Many thanks to United Way, GE, Webster Bank, BPOE, Bristol Garden Club, CL&P, and many families, friends volunteers and businesses who have donated time and money throughout the year.

We will continue to work together in the upcoming year to provide enhanced services to those we support in both residential and day programs.

Thank you for your continued support as we move into FY14.

Sincerely,

Judy Gebben
Executive Director

History

The Bristol Adult Resource Center is a private, non-profit, nationally accredited, United Way organization which has provided services to men and women with developmental disabilities for over 55 years. Bristol ARC was incorporated in 1957 as an alternative to institutionalization. Services began in a one-room schoolhouse, and expanded to the current program which includes a greenhouse, restaurant, candy kitchen, day support options program, community employment support, an expanded center, community residential program, and in home support. Bristol ARC is committed to supporting about 150 individuals in achieving maximum independence by providing educational, vocational, residential, and social services that will allow inclusion into their community.

Programs and Services

Residential Services provides several models of community based living in the Greater Bristol area. Those we support live in homes, apartments, or with family members.

Advocacy Program is adult volunteers (non-staff) who are matched with a person with developmental disabilities. They mentor individuals by providing support, guidance, and socialization opportunities to persons who may be socially isolated.

Recreation/Respite Program offers a variety of activities throughout the year. They are often in collaboration with the Imagination Museum and are generously funded by United Way.

Day Support Options Program provides participants with recreational and leisure activities. Located on Lake Avenue in Bristol it prides itself with “Larry’s Park” a specially designed outdoor park for individuals with special needs and a specially designed sensory room.

The ***Supported Employment Program*** provides community placement and support allowing the individuals to earn competitive wages. Area employers

include Bristol Hospital, Stop & Shop, Walmart, Price Chopper, and Komenetky Estates.

The Candy Kitchen produces chocolates and filled candies. Orders are received for special events such as showers, weddings and holidays. Items are sold through local vendors. Sugar free is also available for sale.

The **Work Activity Production Program** provides training to individuals in vocational and daily living skill development. They produce dog treats that are sold by area vendors including Farmington Bank. Skill development training includes clerical work, janitorial, laundry and bench work.

The Growing Center provides opportunity for individuals to learn horticulture skills including propagating, transplanting, watering, and maintaining a wide variety of plants. During the growing season they plant a garden and sell the produce at the local Farmers Markets. The center is open Monday-Friday 9:30am-3:30pm year round and they open on Saturdays for Christmas, Easter and spring seasons.

The Dining Room restaurant is open from 11:30am-2:00pm Monday-Friday to serve the local community. The workers train in food preparation, dishwashing, bussing, hostess, and waiting on tables in the restaurant. They also concentrate in money skills, janitorial and recycling.

Volunteer Services are an asset to the agency. Volunteers assist in our businesses, day programs, and recreation programs. Throughout the year we are graced with the United Way Day of Caring, Team ESPN and St. Paul's students sponsoring a prom and assisting in many different ways.

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Day Support Options

Replacement of carpeting in Room 2
Digital Camera

Boy Street

Kitchen Remodeling
Vinyl siding

The Dining Room

Oven/Grill
Commercial dishwasher
Tables and chairs
Silverware
Dinnerware
Glasses
Waitress station
2 desk chairs
Small glass refrigerator
2 microwaves
Commercial toaster
Mega sandwich unit with double shelf
Fryer with sides
Soup pot
Counter in kitchen
Shutters in kitchen

Lighting in foyer

Peck Lane

Carpet the house

Yard Service

Backpack blower
Weed Whacker

Candy

Stools without wheels
Cabinet with shelves and doors

The Growing Center

Remodel bathroom in the Greenhouse