

BRISTOL ADULT RESOURCE CENTER, INC.
2009 ANNUAL REPORT
Advocating Personal Growth and Community Inclusion for All We Serve

“Together we are Better”

Dear Friends of Bristol Adult Resource Center:

On behalf of the officers, directors and staff of the Bristol ARC, we are pleased to present our 2009 Annual Report. Due to the current economic environment, we are continuing to down size our Annual Report. 2009 was a year of professional growth and creativity for all of us at Bristol ARC. We have learned how to survive an unfriendly funding climate while continuing with the highest quality of supports to the people we serve. The staff continue to be supportive of all the changes we face. We all work together to make Bristol ARC the best it can be. We want to thank you for your continued support to our organization and we look forward to another productive year in meeting the needs of the people we serve.

Sincerely,

Francine M. Pangaro, Ph.D.

WHO WE ARE....

The Bristol Adult Resource Center, Inc. is a private, non-profit, United Way organization. It is made up of parents, educators, professionals in the field and volunteers who are dedicated to providing services and improving the quality of life for people with disabilities in the greater Bristol area. Bristol ARC has been nationally accredited by CARF for more than 20 years.

VOCATIONAL PROGRAMS AND SERVICES....

Our Supported Employment Program locates and secures jobs in the community at competitive wages. Some of our clients' employers include Bristol Hospital, Stop & Shop, Wal Mart, Komenetsky Estates, Sheriden Woods Health Care Center and three Price Chopper stores located in Bristol, Southington and Newington. We have a job developer to assist with securing community employment placements for our clients.

Our Day Support Options Program provides opportunities for participants to take part in a variety of social, recreational and leisure activities at our Lake Avenue location and in the community.

The Candy Program produces a large assortment of lollipops, filled candies, jams and relishes. These items are sold at Bristol ARC and at area shops. We also take orders for favors for those “special” occasions such as weddings, showers and other special events.



Our Work Activity Program provides training in vocational and daily living skills. Areas of training include clerical work, janitorial, laundry and light bench work. A new activity for the workers in this program is producing dog treats that are sold at Bristol ARC, Farmington Bank and at area shops.

Horticulture/The Growing Center workers are responsible for propagating, transplanting, watering, and maintaining a wide selection of plants. They also plant and maintain the flower and vegetable gardens at the Jerome Avenue location. This program is also selling their products at area shops and the local Farmers Market in the summer and fall. The Growing Center is open Monday through Friday from 9:30 am – 3:30 pm year round and Saturdays for Christmas, Easter and Spring.

Our Food Service workers are trained in food preparation, dishwashing, bussing, hostessing, and waiting on tables in our restaurant “The Dining Room,” which serves lunches to the public Monday through Friday from 11:30 am – 2:00 pm and also does take out orders. Our workers are also trained in money skills, housekeeping and recycling.

Our Yard Service Program, which is community based at St. Paul Catholic High School, specializes in mowing, spring and fall cleanup and general yard maintenance. During the winter months our crew works inside producing a variety of fabric products, including now our own line of fashionable tote bags.

Residential Services include several models of community-based living in the Bristol area. We have residents living in both community and supported living arrangements. Residents are assisted by staff with decision making concerning their vocational and personal lives.

Advocacy Program. An advocate is an adult volunteer who is matched with a person with developmental disabilities. These relationships provide support, guidance and socialization to individuals who may often be socially isolated.

Recreation/Respite Program offers Bingo three times a month along with arts and crafts that are offered on a regular basis throughout the year. Some of our recreation programs are in collaboration with the Family Center and The Imagination Museum and are funded by the United Way and private donations.

Volunteer Services recruits individuals in the community to assist in our retail businesses, day programs and respite/recreation. During the year groups of volunteers take on large projects particularly during the United Way Day of Caring and Team ESPN’s Volunteer Day. Most of these large projects are cost prohibitive to the agency and would not get done without the assistance of volunteers.

We are pleased to announce that our products are now being sold at “Ladies Night” held at Nuchie’s Restaurant in Bristol the 1st Tuesday of each month.

A copy of our CARF accreditation survey results are available for your review, upon request, at our main office on Jerome Avenue.

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