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This spring marked an exciting milestone for Dayspring Homes as we officially opened our newest residence, the Augusta Home, in late April.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to the family who generously donated this beautiful home in honor of their daughter, Rebecca.

We were thrilled to welcome three incredible residents into their new home, where they have already begun creating friendships, building routines, and enjoying new experiences. It has been wonderful to see them settle in and make the house their own.

The Augusta Home is also supported by an outstanding team of dedicated staff members who are committed to providing compassionate, person-centered care in a warm and nurturing environment. Their enthusiasm and dedication have helped make this new house feel like home from day one.

The opening of the Augusta Home reflects Dayspring Homes' ongoing commitment to providing safe, comfortable, and supportive living opportunities for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities throughout Berks County. Every new home represents hope, independence, and the opportunity for our residents to thrive. *Continued on page 3...*



DEAR FRIENDS AND SUPPORTERS,

Summer is a wonderful time to reflect on the many blessings that continue to shape the Dayspring Homes community. Every new beginning, every act of kindness, and every moment of care reminds us of the purpose that inspires our work each day.

One of the most exciting milestones this season has been the opening of the Augusta Home. We are thrilled to welcome three residents into this beautiful new home. We are also deeply grateful for our dedicated staff, whose compassionate, person-centered care helps make Augusta more than just a house. It is a place where individuals experience comfort, belonging, and the opportunity to thrive.

We are equally thankful for the incredible success of this year's A Stake in the Future event. The evening was a true celebration of generosity, compassion, and community. Because of our sponsors, donors, volunteers, and community partners, we can continue enhancing our homes, expanding opportunities, and providing the

exceptional support our residents deserve. I would also like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Hugo Cardona for creating the beautiful video showcased during the evening. His creativity and storytelling captured the heart of Dayspring Homes, bringing our mission to life in a way that inspired our guests and reminded us all of the life-changing impact of your support.

At Dayspring Homes, our mission remains rooted in compassion, dignity, and respect for every individual we serve. Guided by our Christian values, we provide residential services, day program, Life Sharing, and respite care that empower individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live meaningful, fulfilling lives.

As we look toward the future, we do so with optimism and hope. We are incredibly thankful for the families, staff, volunteers, and supporters who stand beside us and make our mission possible. Together, we are creating brighter futures and building a stronger, more inclusive community.

Our Day Program is currently seeking new volunteer opportunities throughout the community. If you know of an organization, business, or individual interested in partnering with us, we would love to hear from you. Meaningful community connections enrich the lives of the individuals we serve and create lasting relationships for everyone involved.

We are also currently hiring Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) and seeking compassionate Life Sharing providers. These dedicated individuals play an essential role in helping people live with dignity, independence, and purpose. If you or someone you know has a heart for serving others, we encourage you to consider joining the Dayspring Homes family.

Thank you for being an important part of our community. Your generosity, encouragement, and partnership allow us to continue changing lives every day. We are truly grateful for your continued support and look forward to all that we will accomplish together.

With sincere appreciation,

Stacy Grube

Always Hopeful. Forever Grateful. Dayspring Strong!

DONOR SPOTLIGHT

A.C. Moore & New Castle Lawn and Landscape

We extend our heartfelt thanks to A.C. Moore and New Castle Lawn and Landscape for their generous support of the Hill Road residence steps project and ramp for our Augusta residence. The ramp was a necessary addition to the Augusta house in order to allow us to open the home.

A.C. Moore graciously donated all of the materials, while New Castle generously provided the labor to bring this important improvement to life. Together, their partnership reflects the power of community coming together to support meaningful change.

The completed steps and ramp are more than just

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As you browse the photos on the following pages, you'll see the beautiful landscaping and welcoming outdoor spaces that complete the property. We are grateful to our generous donors, volunteers, and community partners whose support made this dream a reality.

Welcome home, Augusta! We look forward to the many memories, milestones, and moments of joy that will be shared within these walls for years to come.



a physical improvement. They enhance safety, accessibility, and daily ease for the individuals who call Hill Road and Augusta home, helping to ensure they can move through their home with greater independence and dignity.

At Dayspring Homes, we are continually reminded that acts of generosity like this create lasting impact far beyond the project itself. They help shape spaces that are not only functional, but also welcoming and supportive for those we serve.

We are deeply grateful to A.C. Moore and New Castle for investing their time, resources, and care into our mission. Your kindness strengthens our homes and enriches the lives of the individuals we support every day.



PROGRAM SPOTLIGHT

What is Lifesharing?

Lifesharing is an enriching program where you can build a meaningful connection with an individual in your community. As part of the program, you invite an individual receiving services for intellectual disability/autism (ID/A) support to live in your home as a member of your family.

Together, you will have many opportunities to connect by planning and cooking meals, enjoying hobbies, and spending time both at home and in the community. You can enrich each other's lives by setting and achieving goals together and supporting personal growth. You may also enjoy sharing family conversations about daily life, dreams, aspirations, and accomplishments.

The individual may need your assistance with transportation to medical appointments, work or day program (if applicable), and other activities. They may also need support with tasks around the home, such as managing personal spaces or helping with household chores. In some cases, they may be fully independent in these areas and primarily benefit from friendship and companionship.

What are the requirements?

Anyone, at any age or stage of life, can become a Lifesharing provider. Requirements include meeting standard employment criteria, such as having a high school diploma or equivalent, passing background checks and a physical, and maintaining

a valid driver's license with a clean driving record.

In addition, your home must have an extra bedroom dedicated to the individual. You must also have the support and flexibility in your schedule to assist with medical appointments and desired activities. Providers are expected to maintain light documentation, including financial, outcome, and attendance records.

Most importantly, you must have the heart and willingness to open your home and life to someone as part of a long-term commitment.

What are the benefits?

Lifesharing allows you to share your home and life with an individual who benefits from your support and companionship. The support you provide helps them grow, achieve goals, and experience greater independence.

In return, you gain meaningful companionship and the opportunity to make a lasting impact in someone's life.

Providers are contracted with Dayspring Homes as independent contractors and receive a biweekly stipend to help cover the individual's living expenses and recognize the time and commitment involved.

Contact the following to apply or get more info:

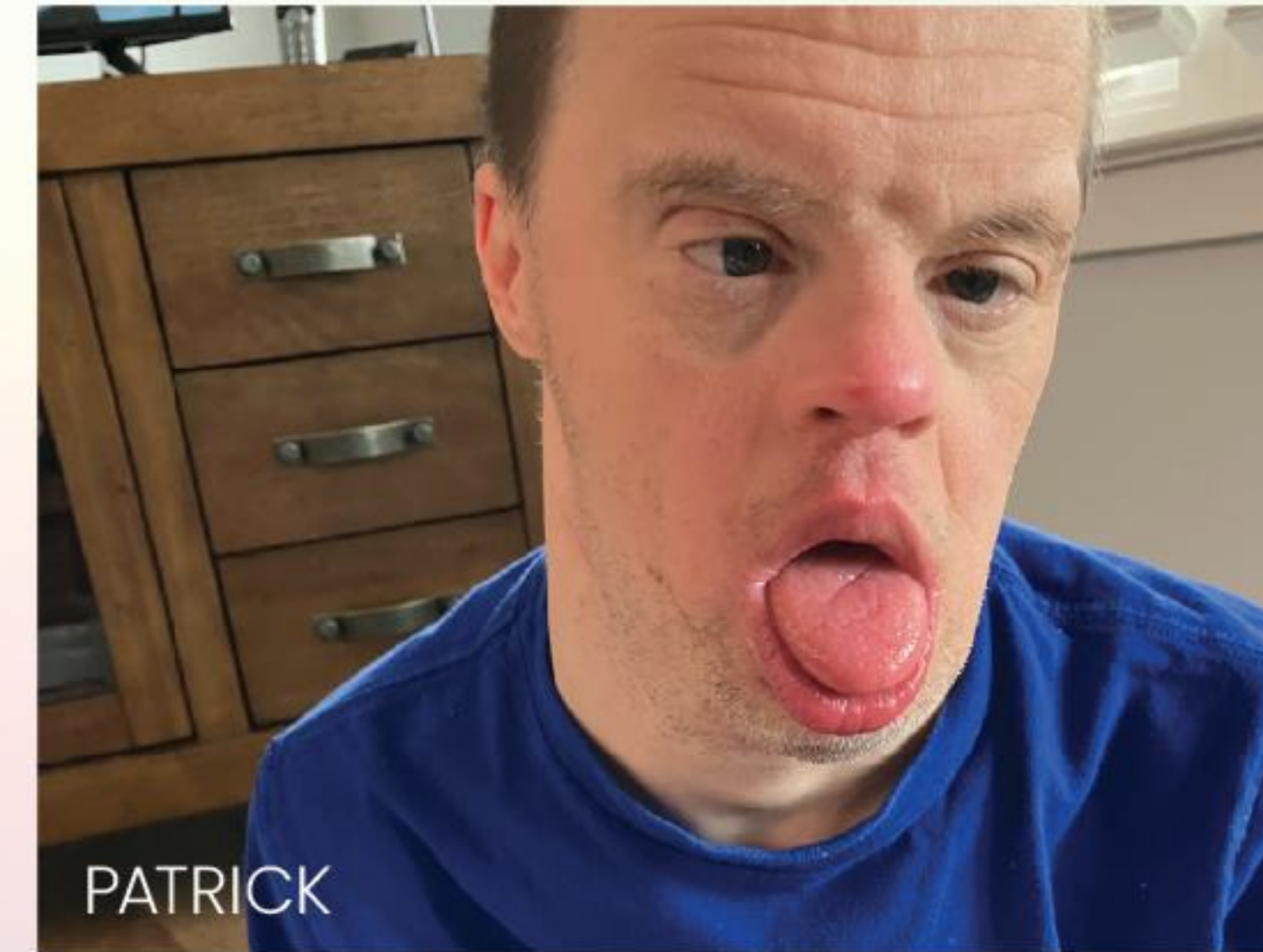
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484-258-8463
mdoyle@dayspringhomes.org

You can also visit dayspringhomes.org/programs.html or follow us on social media.

WELCOME PATRICK AND BECKY!

We are excited to welcome Patrick and Becky to the Dayspring family! We are grateful to have them join our community and look forward to supporting them as they begin this new chapter filled with friendship, growth, and new opportunities.



PATRICK



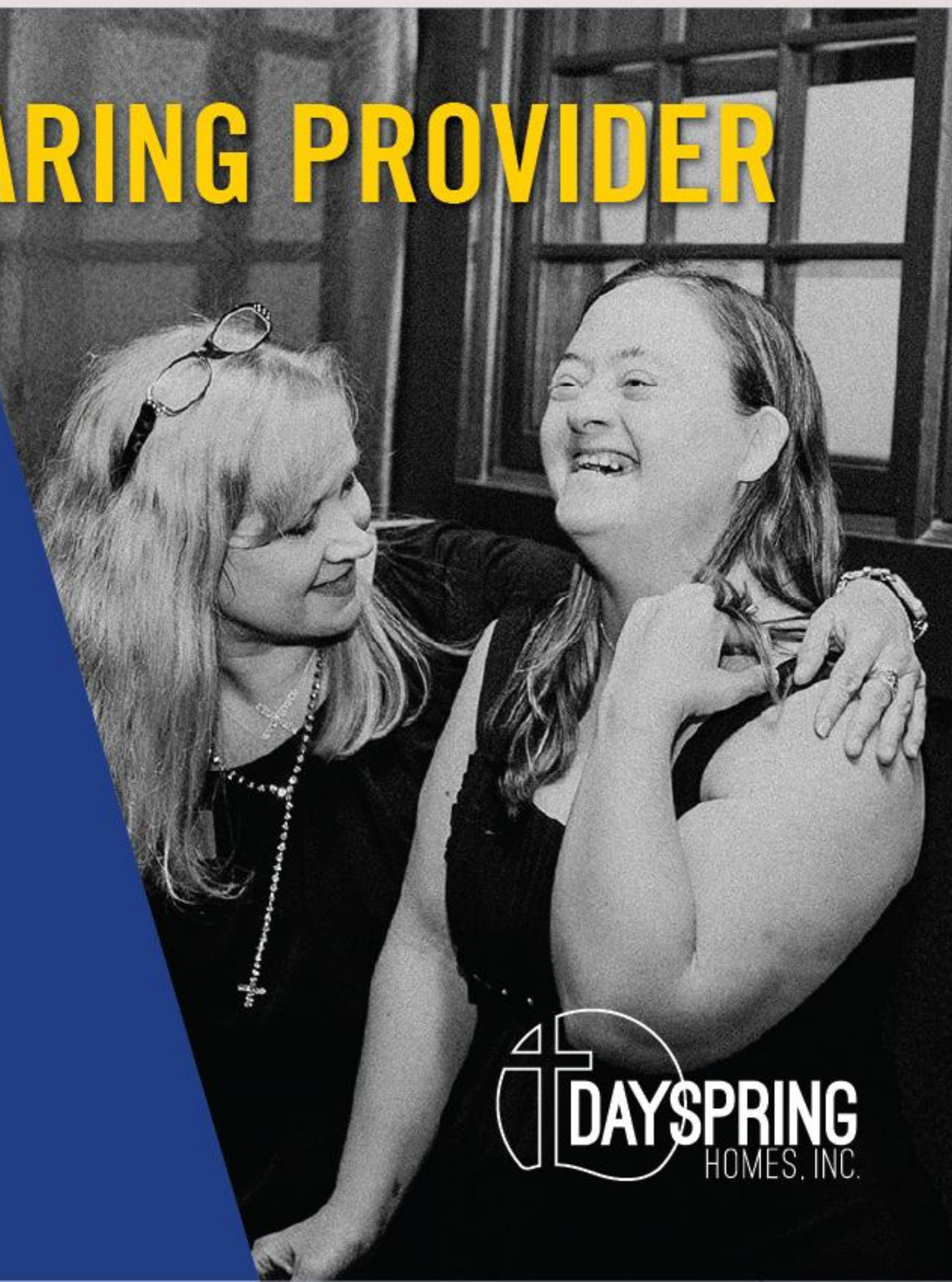
BECKY

BECOME A LIFESHARING PROVIDER

- Have you been wanting to enrich your life and become a companion?
- Join us and grow your family while giving an individual with IDD access to a family home atmosphere and family style care.
- Want to learn more about fostering community connections and supporting an individual to live an everyday life?



Scan the QR code for more info,
or contact Cassie:
610-977-1958
crambo@dayspringhomes.org



A Legacy of Faith, Peace, and Hope

One faithful friend of Dayspring Homes recently shared a beautiful reminder that it is never too late to put your values into action.

After facing many hardships throughout her life, she spoke openly about the one constant that carried her through every challenge: her Catholic faith. Through it all, she never lost her trust in God or her desire to help others.

Today, a loved one dear to her heart is receiving compassionate care through Dayspring Homes. Knowing firsthand the importance of this ministry, she wanted to ensure that Dayspring could continue serving families for generations to come.

She shared her wish to include a gift to Dayspring Homes in her estate plans, but she had not yet created a will. With the help of Dayspring Homes and the Catholic Foundation for Eastern Pennsylvania, she was connected with a trusted attorney who graciously helped her create an estate plan reflecting her intentions.

Her plan now includes a gift to the Dayspring Homes Fund at the Catholic Foundation for Eastern Pennsylvania, an endowment that will provide lasting support for the future of Dayspring Homes.

After everything was completed, she shared these words: “Now I can sleep better at night knowing all is taken care of.”

She is now honored as a member of the Forever Society at the Catholic Foundation for Eastern Pennsylvania, recognizing those who remember the

Catholic causes they love through their estate plans.

Her story is an inspiration to all of us. Including Dayspring Homes in your estate plans can be simple. In many cases, it may be as easy as adding one sentence to your will. Even easier, you can update the beneficiary designation on your life insurance policy, retirement account, or IRA to leave a percentage to Dayspring Homes.

If you would like to learn how your legacy can provide hope for future generations, or if you need help getting started, please contact Vicki Swain, Director of Development, to learn how she and the Catholic Foundation for Eastern Pennsylvania may be able to assist you.

Like this generous donor discovered, planning today can bring peace of mind tomorrow.



Dayspring Homes Giving Back!



We love volunteering at Kula Kamala Foundation & Nice Knitters!



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Forever!

A gift in your will, an IRA transfer, or an investment / insurance beneficiary secures the future of our community.



**CONTACT: Vicki Swain, Director of Development - 610.376.5648 ext. 228
vswain@dayspringhomes.org**

THE EIGHTH ANNUAL A STAKE IN THE FUTURE

Thank you to everyone that came out to support Dayspring Homes and have a stake in our future.

Dayspring Homes held its Eighth Annual “A Stake in the Future” event at the Berkshire Country Club on Thursday, May 7, 2026. The evening featured a sit-down dinner, premium open bar, silent and live auctions, and much more. It was a beautiful evening, and the event grossed over \$100,655 in support of the mission of Dayspring Homes.

“A Stake in the Future” is a wonderful opportunity to learn more about Dayspring Homes and the individuals we serve, all while enjoying a memorable evening with the community. This year’s Fund-A-Need proceeds will help purchase a new roof and gutter system for our Hill Road residence.

Dayspring Homes provides a continuum of care

that meets the ongoing needs of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in a Christian environment. We are a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that provides residential, day program, life sharing, and respite services when space is available. Our dedicated staff members are trained and qualified to meet the diverse needs of our participants.

A BIG thank you to all of our event sponsors: Boscov’s Travel, Jerry and Carolyn Holleran, New Castle Lawn and Landscape, Inc., Joe Jurgielewicz and Sons LTD, Vicki and Bill Combs, Burkey Construction, The Close Family, Penn State Health St. Joseph, Power Kunkle Benefits Consulting, Saint Paul’s Roman Catholic Church, Tompkins

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Wagner Auction Service, LLC.

Thank you as well to our Host Committee, Bill Combs, Vicki Combs, Eric Esterbrook, Stacy Grube, Rita Jurgielewicz, Mark Kunkle, Vicki Swain, and Tricia Williams, for helping make this event such a success.

For more information, please call Vicki Swain, Director of Development, at 610.376.5648 ext. 228 or email vswain@dayspringhomes.org



START YOUR JOURNEY WITH US

Start your journey with us. Intern today and build your future!

We are excited to spotlight Shane Rowles, an Alvernia University graduate who completed two internships with Dayspring Homes. In May, Shane received his Bachelor of Science in Psychology, with a minor in Theatre and Communications and a concentration in music. With a strong academic record, a passion for service, and a natural ability to connect with others, Shane brought both heart and thoughtfulness to his work.

During his time as an intern, Shane supported both residential and day program environments, where he quickly became known for his calm presence, curiosity, and genuine interest in the people we support. One of the most rewarding aspects of his experience was the opportunity to get to know residents and Crosswalk participants as individuals, engaging in activities and learning how best to support them.

Shane shared that his internship provided valuable real world experience that directly complemented his coursework, allowing him to see how classroom learning concepts translate into real world practice. He also noted that the structured onboarding and training process helped set clear expectations and prepared him well for success. While the learning curve required adaptability, particularly early on, Shane embraced those moments as opportunities to grow.

What stands out most about Shane was his reflective mindset. He thoughtfully observed situations, asked meaningful questions, and remained open to feedback. He described the Dayspring environment as one where professionalism and humanity coexist, where feedback was constructive, relationships matter, and learning was encouraged in a supportive way.

Outside of Dayspring, Shane's background included peer ministry, volunteer service, camp counseling, and campus leadership at Alvernia University, all of which were grounded in service, compassion, and collaboration. These experiences naturally aligned with Dayspring's mission and values and were reflected in the way Shane approached his work.



Pictured: Shane Rowles

What made you want to return to Dayspring for a second internship?

I wanted to return to Dayspring for a second internship to explore the administrative side of the organization, as my future career aspiration is to work in recruiting.

What was the most valuable part of your experience?

The most valuable part of my experience at Dayspring was having the opportunity to witness psychological concepts I learned in real time. Additionally, I was able to use that opportunity to grow as a person on both a personal and professional level.

What skills have you gained that you didn't expect?

Going into my residential internship at Dayspring, I didn't expect to develop my creativity skills in offering solutions that align with the individual outcomes of residents and Crosswalk participants.

What would you say to another student considering an internship at Dayspring?

I would absolutely recommend Dayspring to other students as an internship site. I think Dayspring is a great place for students who wish to pursue a career in healthcare, especially in supporting adults with ID/A in their everyday lives and helping them achieve the highest possible quality of life

for their unique circumstances. The residents in the group homes are an absolute joy to get to know.

Shane's journey highlights what we strive to offer students at Dayspring: hands-on experience, meaningful relationships, and the opportunity to learn with purpose. At Dayspring, interns are not observers on the sidelines. They are welcomed as contributors, learners, and future professionals. Shane's experience reflects our commitment to mentoring students who are curious, compassionate, and eager to make a difference in the lives of others.

We are grateful for the time, energy, and thoughtfulness Shane brought to Dayspring during his internships. His story is a reminder that when students are given meaningful opportunities and supportive guidance, everyone benefits.



THANK YOU FOR YOUR DEDICATION



Tom Minick is gratefully recognized for more than seven years of dedicated service on the Dayspring Homes Board of Directors. Throughout his time on the board, he brought leadership,

experience, and a deep commitment to the organization's mission.

Tom was inspired by Dayspring's dedication to empowering individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities to live with dignity, independence, and a strong sense of belonging. During his service, he generously shared his expertise in leadership, relationship building, fundraising, and community engagement to help support Dayspring's continued growth and sustainability.

Tom especially valued the relationships he built with fellow Board members, staff, residents, families, and supporters, and appreciated the opportunity to see firsthand the positive impact Dayspring has on the lives of those we serve.

Outside of his service to Dayspring, Tom enjoys spending time with family and friends and remains actively involved in the Berks County community.

We sincerely thank Tom for his years of service, dedication, and the meaningful contributions he has made to Dayspring Homes.



Chris Muvdi is gratefully recognized for his eight years of dedicated service on the Dayspring Homes Board of Directors. During his time on the board, he brought leadership and a

deep commitment to the organization's mission.

Chris's connection to Dayspring began many years before his board service. As a high school student, he completed his Eagle Scout service project at one of our homes. He has also volunteered with Dayspring alongside his parents, demonstrating a long-standing commitment to supporting our organization and the individuals we serve.

Outside of his service to Dayspring, Chris enjoys cooking, spending time with his family, and rooting for the Philadelphia Eagles.

We sincerely thank Chris for his years of service, dedication, and the meaningful contributions he has made to Dayspring Homes.



MINI-STORIES



Thank you, Brentwood, for donating patio furniture to our Hillside home!



Dayspring Homes was awarded the One Family Award at St. Paul's Gala.



Thank you, Catholic Charities, for the food truck donations!



Thank you to the Reading Fightin Phils for a fun day at the game! We had a great time.



Planting flowers and growing vegetables in the community garden is what summer is made for.

Adopt-A-Residence

is for every participant at Dayspring Homes, Inc. We ask each participant to list a few items they would like for Christmas. We ask each parish, business, or individual to donate 1 to 2 items from their assigned participant's wish list. If you would like to learn more or participate in this program, please call 610.376.5648 ext 228 or email vsvain@dayspringhomes.org.



In Loving Memory of Stacie and Susie



STACIE

It is with deep sadness and heartfelt gratitude that we remember and honor the lives of Stacie and Susie, both beloved members of the Dayspring Homes family.

Stacie and Susie each made Dayspring Homes their home for many years, becoming familiar and cherished faces within their house communities. Over time, they built meaningful relationships with staff and friends, and they were surrounded by people who cared deeply for them.

Each brought a unique personality, warmth, and spirit to daily life at Dayspring Homes. Whether through simple routines, shared celebrations, or everyday moments, they enriched the lives of



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those around them in ways that will not be forgotten.

We are grateful for the years we were privileged to share with them and for the memories they leave behind. Their lives reflect the heart of Dayspring Homes' mission of community, dignity, and compassionate care.

Stacie and Susie will always remain part of the Dayspring Homes family. While they are deeply missed, their memory lives on in the many lives they touched.

May they rest in peace, and may their memory be a blessing.

THANK YOU YOUTH VOLUNTEER CORPS OF READING

Thank you to the Youth Volunteer Corps of Reading for partnering with Dayspring Homes! Our residents and staff enjoyed a wonderful afternoon of decorating cookies and spending time with the volunteers.

The Youth Volunteer Corps of Reading's Youth Advisory Board is made up of approximately 35 high school students from across Berks County. These students apply and interview to serve on the board, where they identify and discuss causes that are meaningful to them. This year, the students chose to support individuals with disabilities and immediately thought of Dayspring.

We are grateful for their kindness, creativity, and commitment to making a difference in our community!



Donations will go towards the purchase of a new roof and gutter system at our Hill Road residence. With your support, we can ensure these individuals have the safe and secure home they deserve.

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

Please consider a donation to fund this essential project. Every gift—big or small—makes a difference.

For donations please detach this portion and mail to:
Dayspring Homes, Inc., P.O. Box 158, Reading, PA 19607

Please make checks payable to Dayspring Homes and enclose this form with your donation.

Name: _____

Address: _____

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Thank you for your continued support and commitment to our mission!

The official registration and financial information of Dayspring Homes, Inc. may be obtained from the Pennsylvania Department of State by calling toll free, within Pennsylvania, (800) 732-0999. Registration does not imply endorsement.

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NOW HIRING DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONALS

Dayspring Homes provides compassionate care for the individuals we serve. We are actively seeking Direct Support Professionals to join our team!!