

# SHORELINES

News from Shore Community Services, Inc.



## Back To Our Roots

### Spring Benefit Honors Susie and Joel Blau & Jerrold Berg

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This year's Spring Benefit, "Back To Our Roots" was held on May 16th at the Palmhouse in Evanston, which is the birthplace of Shore. Nearly 200 guests attended the Roaring 20s themed event that honored Susie and Joel Blau. David Lloyd, Board Vice President, presented the Blaus with the Thomas and Lois Lloyd Humanitarian Award, named after his parents and our founders; this is the highest recognition given for one's commitment to our mission of improving the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities.

Special thanks to Roseanne Tellez, reporter and morning news anchor for FOX 32 Chicago for being the Emcee; our sponsors, volunteers, Ronald Bernardi of Sunset Foods for conducting our Fund-a-Need, and to Alfonso Ponticello & The Swing Gatan for providing lively entertainment throughout the evening. Net profit was over \$150,000.

Joel graduated from Evanston Township High School (ETHS) in 1977 and Susie graduated in 1976 from Highland Park High School. They have been active Shore supporters since they met and became friends of David Lloyd at Drake University in 1977. They soon became close with the Lloyd Family, spending time in Evanston with late founders, and David's family, Dan and Martha, as well as the late Ann, and the Roberts family.

Susie, who holds a Master degree in Behavioral Psychology, was co-founder of the kindergarten enrichment program, Extraordinary Kids, and Joel co-founded MEDIQUS Asset Advisors, both in 1996. They have both since retired and enjoy spending their time with their family here and in Boulder, Colorado. As proud parents, parents-in-law, and grandparents of four, they look forward to continuing to help Shore reach its short and long term objectives.

Susie served on Shore's Board of Directors from 1988-1991. Together, Joel and Susie continue to support the agency's growth as they have for over the last 45 years.

Another award recipient was Jerrold "Jerry" Berg. Meridith Adams, Board President, presented him with the President's Award for the nearly 45 years of achievements he has made while maintaining his independent living.

Jerry is a resident at the Patricia Lloyd Townhomes in Evanston, and is a recipient of Home Based Services, which enables him to be his own guardian.

***"The staff comes over every Wednesday and helps me do budgeting, checks, and manage my medicine and my shots," says Jerry. "They take me to the bank, grocery shopping, and other errands. They treat me very well and I'm very happy with them!"***

Jerry currently works at Mariano's as a Bagger. He worked at Home Depot for 18 years, Goodwill, and did light cleaning at Shore's Administration Center for several year while he received Job Coaching from the Supported Employment Program. ***"I love to work"*** Jerry says. In his free time, Jerry likes to travel, volunteer and enjoys sports.



***Top: Jerrold Berg proudly poses with his President's Award along with his brother Larry Berg, Board Vice President, and Meridith Adams, President. Below: Shore staff and the residents from Karger House.***



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Erin Ryan, MSW, MPH

*Dear Shore Friends and Family,*

What an incredible summer, and first six months as CEO of this amazing organization! I am honored to lead an organization that not only has deep history and roots in the community, but continues to develop new approaches and adapt to meet the challenges of living with disabilities. I hope you enjoy reading about some of the special activities and accomplishments of the first half of 2024 in these pages.

In the first six months of 2024, we have made investments in facilities to continue to keep our homes safe and comfortable for residents and staff. We have nurtured new partnerships that focus on individual health through nutrition, meal planning, and activities to keep the mind and body active. In the coming year, we will take additional steps to improve the health of all individuals served, focusing on nursing care, staff training, and liaising with other clinical services to enhance our programs.

One of the most-requested services is help to find and keep meaningful employment in the community. Our Supportive Employment Program is hard at work, with new state funding, to find new employers and provide job coaching that benefits employer and employee alike.

Lastly, we've re-introduced Shore to the community in many ways these past months. In January, we launched Shore's new website, which was designed to enhance your experience and keep the community up to date. Please visit us at [www.shoreservices.org](http://www.shoreservices.org). Also, be sure to check out our News and Events page for recent media coverage on radio, television, and more! We appreciate when you follow us online, and share social media posts with your networks in order to spread the word about our work.

At Shore, we believe that everyone deserves to be cherished. Our programs are designed to help people with intellectual and developmental disabilities achieve more independence, and live an engaging and enriching life full of possibility. Thank you for your ongoing support!

Warm Regards,

Erin Ryan, MSW, MPH  
 Chief Executive Officer



I. to r. Isabel, Erin Ryan, Lori and Representative Kevin Olickal.

## True North - Find Your Path Program

Since 1951, Shore's mission has been to improve the quality of life for individuals with intellectual and other developmental disabilities. We accomplish this through educational, residential, vocational and related programs, along with community integrated support services. Our tagline is "Guiding Individual Abilities," which aims to empower every individual to achieve greater independence and to live with hope, passion and purpose.



I. to r. Angela, Janie, Sam, Steven, Joshua and Terri at Summerfest on August 23rd.



Stephen distributes samples at Costco while working for Club Demonstration Services.



Mark is dressed as a pickle to promote the lunch special at Potbelly where he works.



Murtaza volunteers at the Skokie Public Library.



Janie, Allen, Carol and Than Than enjoyed a trip to Flick Park in Glenview.



# Robin's Corner



## 73rd Annual Meeting & Open House

Erin Ryan, CEO, kicked off the 73rd Annual Meeting on June 17th at the Lois Lloyd Center. She highlighted the Fiscal Year, which runs July 1-June 30th, discussed future plans, and then numerous awards were presented. A light dinner was served and afterwards, guests were able to tour the Life In Motion - Your Choice Program, which is housed at the center.

Individuals served who received the Personal Achievement Award are as follows:



Lola Ajayi, Program Manager at the Buehler House/Shore Homes East, with Vincent (I.) and his brother William Marcus.



Anu attends the True North - Find Your Path Program and increased her volunteerism and job interests.



Lorraine attends the Life In Motion - Your Choice Program.

Anni Braverman, Chief of Vocational Services, (I.) presented Dawn Wlezien, Volunteer/Accessibility Specialist at the Skokie Public Library with a Community Partnership Award. The library has provided our individuals served with opportunities to volunteer, participate in Book Clubs and other resources.



I. to r. Tanashua Slaton, Developmental Activities Trainer at the Life In Motion - Your Choice Program, Dr. Carl Lieberman, Honorary Board Member, and Mary Matz, Chief Philanthropy Officer. Tanashua and Mary were recipients of the inaugural Dr. Carl P. Lieberman Values in Action Award, which recognized their exemplary service to individuals and families and a commitment to putting our values into action every day. They were nominated and voted upon by their peers and family members.



## Volunteering With Violeta



Violeta, Morning Show Host of 101.9 FM The Mix, second from right, gathered a group of dedicated listeners to volunteer at the Buehler House/Shore Homes East on March 21st. The residents played Bingo, painted art projects and listened to The Mix on the radio while some of the volunteers painted the activity room. Thank you for taking time to interact with our residents and freshen up their home.

## Cruising Lake Michigan

On July 13th, I did something new. The YWCA sponsored a lunch cruise on The Spirit of Chicago, a boat at Navy Pier. We got on the boat and had lunch. There was chicken, salmon, pasta, salad (I didn't have any salad) and soda. And a lot of desserts, like brownies, cheesecake and carrot cake. The only bad thing was the DJ was playing the music too loud. But a lot of us danced anyway - Isabel, Diane, Marcus, Vincent, Roxanne and Josh. The cruise turned out to be a lot more fun than I thought. I saw the Navy Pier Ferris wheel when we got off the boat. Maybe next time I'll get to ride it.

## Fore Shore!

The 29th Annual Golf Outing was on June 28th at Deerfield Golf Club in Riverwoods. Nearly 90 golfers participated and helped raise over \$10,000. Special thanks to our Golf Co-Chairs Matthew Margolis and David Lloyd and to our sponsors. The lowest scoring foursome was from HUB International I. to r. Rudy Fratto, Sam Smith, Danny Gubin and Anthony Hernandez, not pictured, with a score of 61. Their names were engraved on the Thomas L. McRaith Memorial Cup, named after a dear Board Member who started the first outing.



## Happy Retirement Eileen!

Eileen Mikota, Registered Nurse for the Life In Motion - Your Choice Program, hung up her stethoscope for the last time in June. After nearly 20 years at Shore, she decided to retire. A party was held in her honor and staff were able to share some of their favorite memories of working with Eileen. We thank Eileen for her dedicated service to Shore and wish her a well deserved retirement.



## ♥ In Loving Memory

We are deeply saddened by the loss of our Shore family members Earl Davis and Natasha Harris. Earl attended the Life In Motion Program for over 10 years and Natasha was an independent contractor for the Home Based Services Program. They will be deeply missed.

## Legacy Society

The Legacy Society includes some of our dearest supporters who have included Shore in their estate plans. This high form of generosity helps ensure that individuals who rely on Shore Services will continue to receive therapies, training and supports they need to achieve independence. For more info on our Legacy Society, please contact Mary Matz, Chief Philanthropy Officer, at (847) 982-2030 ext. 221 or [mmatz@shoreservices.org](mailto:mmatz@shoreservices.org).



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*Fun Times*



Top l. to r. The individuals served at the the Life In Motion - Your Choice Program have been busy this summer. Emilie, Diosely and Louis had a delicious dessert at the Eli's Cheesecake Cafe; this group liked the rocket at the Volo Auto Museum, and Mitchell, Scott and Edwin went shopping at the Dollar Tree. Bottom l. to r. Dara at the salon getting a haircut; Elizabeth, Philip and Janie at the Backlot Bash in Skokie; and John waters the new garden at Shore Homes West, compliments of Nature's Perspective.

*Skokie Festival of Cultures*



During the weekend of May 18-19, Shore participated as a Community Resource at the Skokie Festival of Cultures at Oakton Park. Pictured is Honorary Board Member, Dr. Carl Lieberman, his daughter Nancy (c.) and Terri, who are Shore residents. They volunteered to greet attendees and shared information about our programs and services.

*Save the Dates*

**CARF Survey - September 16-18, 2024**

Shore has over 50 years of accreditation by this prestigious international organization.

**November 1, 2024 - Annual Appeal Launch**

Largest direct mail campaign for program support.

**December 3, 2024 - Giving Tuesday**

International Day of Giving

**December Holiday Parties - Dates TBD**

Volunteers needed!

**Spring Benefit - April 2025**

Honoring Dr. Jane Nani with the Thomas and Lois Lloyd Humanitarian Award

