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Thanks to Our Generous Donors for Supporting Aurora

The Harrisburg Aurora Center has been awarded a generous donation from the Second Anonymous In and Out Fund of The Foundation for Enhancing Communities on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Conrad M. Seigel.



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Aurora is Going to The Dogs!

Caring Hearts Pet Therapy Visits Harrisburg Aurora



Every other month we are happy to share our space with our furry friends. We enjoy their visits, it makes us happy. We are starting to build real bonds with our new furry friends.



Be sure to mark your calendar for their next visit and thank them for volunteering their time to our center.



Meet the New Executive Director

Meet Mary Medkeff-Rose our new Executive Director

It is so good to be a part of Aurora Social Rehabilitation Services. Coming to Aurora has been a joy and a challenge. After getting an undergraduate degree in Behavioral Science it has been important to me to keep up with the field of Mental Health and I have found many ways to apply that knowledge throughout my career. Aurora is the perfect fit. The staff is superb, and the consumers have a powerful sense of belonging at our centers. This speaks highly of Aurora's legacy and future.

My childhood was spent in Pueblo, Colorado and then I lived in Ohio and Iowa before moving to PA 29 years ago. My background includes the ministry and hospice chaplaincy. The most valuable things in my life are my two daughters, one-year old grandson and my other loved ones. I enjoy art and music. I like to create art and music, but my path will never lead to a stage or art museum. I do get a great deal of enjoyment out of each.

I am looking forward to being a part of this great organization.



Executive Director—Mary Medkeff Rose

To Live...

Life...is a Quest Full of Happiness

To Live, to be Alive

The Joy of Living is Hard

to...Decide Be, BRAVE

To Be Born (come's)

One Step...to the Other

The Pass is Over

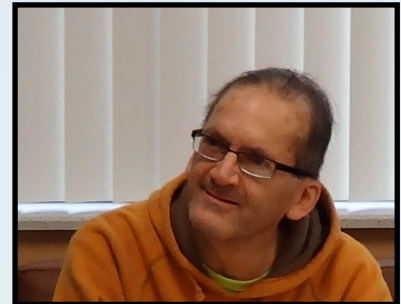
Our Reach for the Stars, Become

Further Never Attempt to Look

into...Tomorrow

It's to Distant, Be Content

Submitted by: Thomas F.



Friends

Aurora News, by Katrina

Winter is here! This can be a rough time of year for people. Shorter days, less sunlight, combine that with the cold weather making it tough to want to do things outside. Yeah it doesn't sound great BUT that's even more reason to come in to Aurora!

So come on get out of the out of house and hang out at Aurora! Enjoy a nice cup of coffee with a side of friendly conversation. Have lunch with friends. Take part in scheduled activity or do you own thing, maybe start a craft or play a game of pool. We have a lot of things available for you here! There are two cabinets full of board games in the class room. Three cabinets filled with arts and craft supplies. Several computers, video game systems and a competitive pool table.

Not only is it winter but its 2018, a new year with filled with hope and promise! Maybe you want to work on a personal goal like getting in better shape or making a budget? We can help with that too! You want help reaching your goals? Just see any staff member to get started!

Thanks for Reading!

Katrina Seidel

Look Whose Back in Harrisburg



Kathy has been a part of Aurora for almost 10 years. She was recently transferred back to the Harrisburg Center after serving as the Director of Programs in Cumberland and Perry for the past two years. Kathy's new job duties include administrative office procedures and assisting the Executive Director as needed. Kathy came to Aurora in 2008, prior to coming to Aurora she owned and operated her own photography studio in Pine Grove, PA.

Today Kathy lives in midtown Harrisburg and frequently travels to Philadelphia to visit with her sons, and granddaughters. On any given Monday Kathy can be heard telling stories of her travels and the people she met along the way. In addition to Aurora she also serves a tour guide for persons with disabilities. This part time job allows her the pleasure of travel and also the joy of working with a fantastic and fun group of people.

Assistant To The Executive Director—Kathy Landes



Darin H.

When is your Birthday:

June 3rd

What do you like best about the Aurora Center?

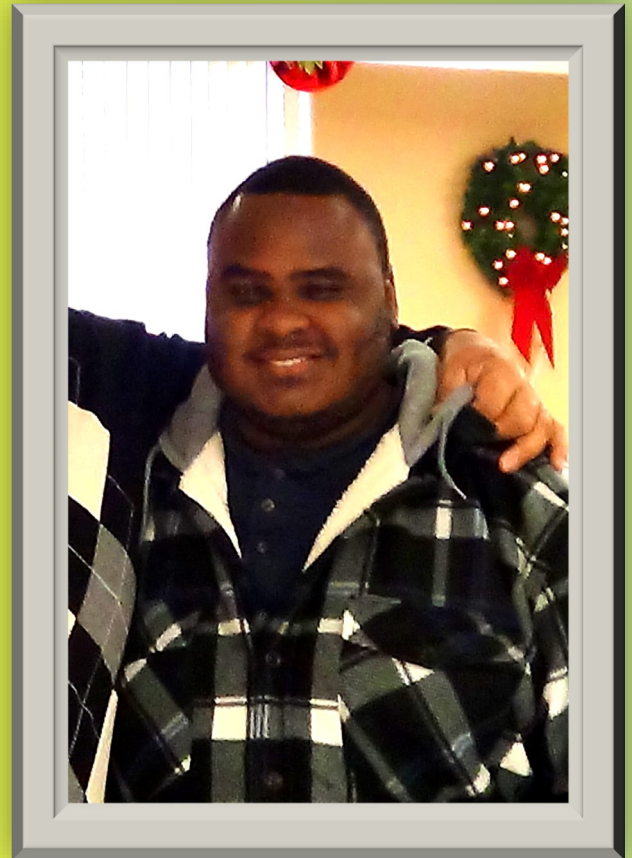
The activities

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Getting a job.

How do you want to be remembered?

Having good conversations with people.



Kelvin A.

When is your Birthday?

March 22nd

What do you like best about the Aurora Center? Watching music videos and exercising.

What is your greatest accomplishment?

Getting up and coming to the Aurora Center everyday.

How do you want to be remembered?

Somebody nice and friendly.

What's Your...

Favorite Food:

Linda P. — Ice Cream
Jamie C. - Everything!

Favorite Song:

Cleon W. - Adore by Prince
Bobbie S.— Boys to Men , I'll make Love to You

Most treasured item(s):

Doris S.—My Daughter
Louis G.—Movie and DVD collection

Biggest Accomplishment:

Robert N—Finishing high school
Ray P.—Being the best cook I can be

Greatest Lesson Learned:

Katrina S. - Treat others as you like to be treated
Randall D.—How to control my anger

Best Coping Skill:

Antonio Bray—Working as a stocker
Dwight K—Working on my personal hygiene

When I am NOT at Aurora

I like to?.....

Tapreeka W:

I like to do arts & crafts

Tea:

Everything! Cook, help at Church

Kimmy:

***Play with my cat, cook, clean, watch TV,
and listen to music***

Ray:

Play cards and cook

Doris:

Listen to music play games

Fay:

***Watch TV enjoy reading a book, making
hats and blankets.***



Our Favorite

Time of Year

Shirley H - Xmas & Easter



Lori T – Fall & Christmas

Faye- Summer, the birds, flowers and colors.

Robert M- Winter and going to the Farm Show

Bobbie S. - Valentine's Day

Antonio B. - Spring

Darin - Summertime

Kimmy - My Birthday

Kim P-Spring and Eastertime

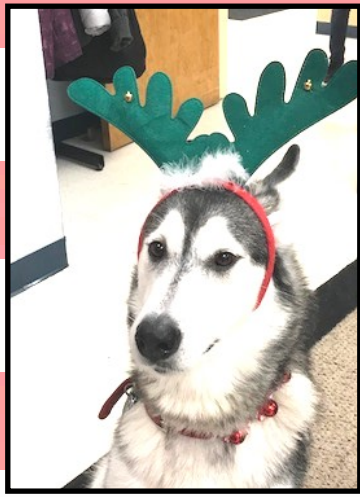
Randall D.- Winter and dressing warm

Demetrius R- Winter and Christmas time and
Spring and Fall.





ANNUAL
Holiday Party



THE LEGEND RETIRES

Some Said it Would Never Happen



The time comes for all good things to end. No matter how we say it, "So Long", "Bon Voyage", or "Goodbye" Owen Hannah will be missed. He directed staff in a way never asking us to do anything he wouldn't do himself. He gave us guidance and direction and we always knew we could trust him. He took the blame for everyone, never letting anyone disrespect his staff or the consumers. He took such care in making sure everyone was treated fair and never taken advantage of. He would give you the shirt off his back if you needed it, and for some you may be wearing some of his clothes now. LOL!

Thanks Owen for your dedicated service to Aurora

You will be missed!

