

Dining Room Reunion The power of family bonds

areem had been coming to Face to Face to enjoy a hot lunch and fellowship for about two weeks. Then, one day, Kareem was surprised when he saw his dad in the dining room. They had lost touch, almost 30 years ago, when his dad went into the service. This surprise reunion was celebrated by eating lunch together and catching up on each other's lives. Your support provides a place for connection.



Autism Group Offers Support for Parents Finding connection and resources together

t was a Friday afternoon and a group of parents of children with autism sat around the conference table sharing their struggles and success stories. This support group was formed when a parent told the Director of Educational Equity that she was feeling alone, overwhelmed, and frustrated while trying to access resources for her nonverbal preschool son. Recognizing that there were nine other families with similar struggles, the Director of Educational Equity formed an autism support group. The group, co-led by a parent and the director, meets monthly and covers different focus areas, as suggested by the group members. During their meetings they share their emotions, pain and sometimes tears that only mothers going through similar



circumstances can understand. Quarterly, an attorney with experience in supporting families with special needs, comes to the support group offering her expertise. "My grandson was on the speech therapy waiting list for two years. I don't know what the attorney did, but my grandson just got approved for speech therapy". When asked what the support group means to her, one mother replied "Now I have a team behind me. I am thankful for this support".

Artistic Expressions

Art Program

Every Friday guests create unique pieces of art led by our creative volunteers





Guitar

Twice a month guests learn how to strum along with our talented volunteer guitar instructor



Altenor's Tip AL'S CHICKEN WINGS

- 1. Rinse and clean wings
- 2. Combine grapefruit juice, water, and salt in large bowl
- 3. Place wings in marinade for 36-48 hours
- 4. Remove wings from the marinade
- 5. Rub with butter, garlic, and thyme
- 6. Bake in oven

Cook at 275° for 30 minutes and finish at 375° for 15 minutes



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Housing Partnership Provides Stability and Resources

iasha knew she wanted a change. The small, one-bedroom apartment she was living in with her two children was not the environment where she wanted to raise her kids. When she discovered the newly renovated three-bedroom Vincent's Homes with a reasonable rent, she thought it was too good to be true. Vincent's Homes is a Vincentian initiative, in Germantown, that provides long-term, stable housing, at below market rents, for people who are experiencing or at risk for homelessness. What makes this housing program unique is the commitment to the residents. In addition to stable and affordable housing, Vincent's Homes has property managers who establish relationships with their tenants and provide community resources. Vincent's Homes is partnering with Face to Face to help provide these supportive resources. Face to Face's behavioral health coordinator and community case aide make home visits to meet with the residents and review the services provided by the legal, health, social, dining, and educational equity programs. The families also receive resources for employment, education, childcare and assistance if a problem arises.

In the three years since Diasha has been in this stable housing, she completed her bachelor's degree in criminal justice and is now pursuing her master's degree all while working full time as a crisis counselor. "This is my first house. I never lived in a house before. I hope to provide stability for my kids and achieve financial freedom".



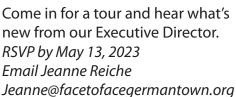




SAVE the DATE

COFFEE CHAT

Thursday, June 15th 10:30 a.m.





VOLUNTEER

Volunteer Scheduling is now online. Scan the QR code to create your account and view volunteer opportunities.



Wish List

2 IN 1 SHAMPOO/CONDITIONER (30z)
DEODORANT
LOTION (40z)
CREW SOCKS (NEW)
SWEATPANTS (medium & large)
MEN'S BOXERS (medium, large)
UNDERSHIRTS (medium)
WASH CLOTHS
APRONS
PEANUT BUTTER
JELLY

Ways to HELP

- ✓ Volunteer (bring a friend)
- ✓ Share a special talent or skill
- ✓ Become a casserole cook
- ✓ Hold a birthday fundraiser
- ✓ Donate prizes for our BINGO
- ✓ Become a monthly donor
- ✓ Contact us to discuss a legacy gift
- √ Follow us on Instagram & Facebook

JOB OPPORTUNITIES

Interested in working at Face to Face? Check out our website for job opportunities. www.facetofacegermantown/employment-opportunities



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