

## What's Inside?



All smiles at one of Webster House's infamous BBQ dinners!



Janet makes a birthday wish!

## FROM THE DIRECTOR'S DESK

Hello, P2P community!

Whew, what a summer! I hope you enjoy reading this newsletter and reliving with us all of the fun we had together. I remain grateful to our incredible staff for the care and creativity they bring to their work every single day, and to the many community partners who brought their energy and enthusiasm to a variety of projects in and around our homes.

While we're not fully ready to say goodbye to summer *just* yet, we are excited for all that fall brings - crisp air, festive outings, and P2P's beloved Autumn Auction! We look forward to celebrating with friends new and old on September 28, and it's not too late to join us!

The Autumn Auction is a lovely evening together, and also an opportunity for us to double down on our commitment to our clients and their families. Many of the community resources that have historically been available to our clients have been irrevocably diminished in this post-COVID landscape. Demand for qualified direct care staff across the human services industry far outpaces the pool of new workers entering the field, and government funding continues to lag well behind the actual cost of supporting our population.

The funds and engagement that the Auction raises are a promise that Pathway to Possible will be able to continue to face - and overcome - the obstacles in our path. Together, we can capitalize on opportunities to expand our programs, invest in our staff, and continue to provide each and every one of our clients with the individualized supports they deserve so they may thrive. We hope to see you there.

Warmly,



Brenda Noel, MSW, P2P Executive Director

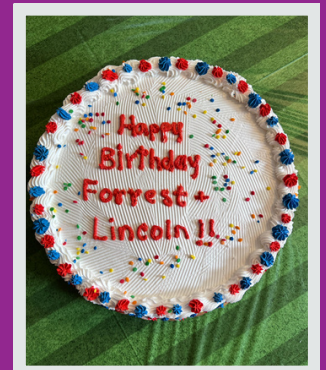
### Summer Recap

### Jubilee House Updates

### Autumn Auction

### New Client & Family Programs

### Summer Intern Sendoff



One of many birthday cakes our residents enjoyed this summer!

# JUBILEE GLOW UP



P2P got a special visit this summer from the **College Park Baptist Church's** youth service group, all the way from Greensboro, NC! These energetic, compassionate young people spent a fun, sweaty week prepping and painting Jubilee's exterior. We're so grateful for their time and talent, and to the **Susan A. and Donald P. Babson Charitable Foundation** for their support of this project!



*Lots of hard work, attention to detail, and good humor on display from the CPBC team!*

No sooner had the exterior paint dried than **Julie Murphy** and her expert team from **Designer Draperies of Boston** swooped in to give Jubilee's kitchen window treatments the star treatment! Our residents love to cook and eat together, and the kitchen table is often a gathering space for projects, games, and chit chat. Thank you, Designer Draperies of Boston, for the gorgeous new shades and blinds in this well-loved room of our house!



*The kitchen windows getting ready for their close up.*



*Two thumbs up from Sevrin & Nathalie!*

# ANNUAL AUTUMN AUCTION

*Pathway to Possible cordially invites you to the annual*

## AUTUMN AUCTION



*Thursday, September 28, 2023 ~ 6:00pm - 9:00pm*

*Brae Burn Country Club ~ 326 Fuller Street, Newton, MA*

Join us for cocktails & festive hors d'oeuvres, exciting bidding opportunities in our silent & live auctions, and live entertainment from the Fenway String Quartet with one shared vision - strengthening our community by empowering individuals with developmental disabilities.

Purchase tickets or learn more at [www.pathway2possible.org/autumnauction2023](http://www.pathway2possible.org/autumnauction2023)

## LIVE AUCTION SNEAK PEAK

### *Luck 'o the Irish*

All you can eat & drink for 6 at local favorite **O'Hara's Food & Spirits** in Newton!

### *Cape Escape*

You'll immediately feel the restorative powers of salt air & scrub pines when you visit this **charming Eastham abode.**

### *Ocean State Getaway*

The hardest choice you'll have to make during your stay is whether to dip into the ocean or the pool of this **luxury Portsmouth home!**

### *Explore Istanbul*

Enjoy a carefully curated experience & immerse yourself in **Turkey's history & culture**, then retreat to the privacy of a well-appointed condo.

### *Karma Is My Boyfriend*

Two VIP tickets to **Taylor Swift's Eras Tour in Dublin** on June 29, 2024, including hotel & airfare!



## YOUR CHANCE TO WIN PATS TICKETS!

Enter our raffle to **win 4 tickets to the Patriots vs. Chargers** on December 3rd, 2023! Ground transportation provided.

Seats are in section 312, row 18.

*We'll draw the winner at our Autumn Auction, but anyone participate! Purchase entries online at*

[www.pathway2possible.org/autumnauction2023](http://www.pathway2possible.org/autumnauction2023)

1 for \$10 | 3 for \$25 | 6 for \$50 | 12 for \$100

# 2023 CAROL BEARD AWARDEES

Carol Beard was instrumental in establishing Pathway to Possible in 1972, and she and her husband Richard were active leaders in the organization for almost five decades. We honor her extraordinary legacy each year at the Autumn Auction by recognizing members of the P2P community who exemplify her spirit of compassion, generosity, and dedication.

## VISIONARY COMMUNITY LEADER

### JEFF BEHRENS

President Emeritus, Pathway to Possible Board of Directors  
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### MICHAEL ATKINSON

Webster House Direct Care Staff

### DENIS ECWOU

Webster House Direct Care Staff

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# SUMMER FUN!

It might have been the second rainiest summer on record in Greater Boston, but our residents didn't let that dampen their spirits! From backyard BBQs and birthday celebrations galore, to cheering on the Sox - Red and Wool! - to indoor dance parties, bowling, cornhole, and more, we made the most of the season together!



# SUMMER YOGA & MEDITATION SERIES

Our Webster residents had a wonderful time working on mindfulness and functional flexibility this summer with **Mary Rose Anthes**, a friend of P2P and the Director of Compliance for Title IX & Section 504 at Lasell University. We're grateful to Mary Rose for her calm energy and expertise as she helped our residents modify yoga poses to suit their needs, and look forward to continuing to be present in our daily lives!



*Yoga and meditation are endlessly adaptable, and encourage strong mind-body connection.*

## WATCH ORCHARD AVE'S GARDEN GROW!



How it started, and how it's *growing!* OA residents had a wonderful time planting their raised bed garden with the **BNI Rebounders** this spring, and an even better time watching the fruits of their labors grow all summer long!



## COMING SOON! P2P Family Groups

Family support is important to P2P's core values, and we are excited to expand our opportunities for family members to connect with one another and other mission-impacted families in our community. These volunteer-led family conversation groups will center on education, support, and community discussion tailored to the unique needs of participants. Please email [community@pathway2possible.org](mailto:community@pathway2possible.org) if you are interested in joining this new program, and for information and updates on schedules.

# THANK YOU, SUMMER OFFICE INTERNS!

Pathway to Possible welcomes a cohort of office interns every summer, and we can't thank them enough for the good spirit, enthusiasm, and dedication that they bring to their work! These high school and college-aged students assist with various projects and initiatives with our leadership and administration teams while gaining valuable experience about work in the nonprofit and human services fields. For more information about our internships, or to apply, please email Colleen Jamison, our Outreach, Communications & Talent Acquisition Manager at [cjamison@pathway2possible.org](mailto:cjamison@pathway2possible.org).

***“My favorite thing about P2P is how impactful the work is. My time in the houses showed it is clear how big a positive impact the organization has on our clients, their families, and all of the employees.”***  
***-Josie Tucker***



Left: Operations Manager Nate Doyen-Charon with Kavi Chander at an all-staff meeting. Above: Lilli Helmling, Hannah Khorshidi, and Kavi Chander help celebrate a grant award.



Josie Tucker, left, helps Webster Program Manager Archie Sonii hang new art.

*A little rain couldn't stop us from our farewell lunch!*



Kavi Chander and Josie Tucker getting ready to help paint the porch at Jubilee House.

## Independence

## Community

## Advocacy

## Meaningful Relationships

### Pathway to Possible

is committed to the free expression of choice and decision-making, enabling independence and developing self-advocacy skills for individuals and their families.

### Pathway to Possible

promotes community inclusion by providing individualized opportunities in a wide range of settings.

### Pathway to Possible

protects the rights of all individuals while promoting compassion, equality, respect, and community inclusion.

### Pathway to Possible

encourages and enables meaningful relationships among families, friends, neighbors, and co-workers.



Our mission is to provide housing, support, and advocacy for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities - and their families - while erasing barriers, building confidence, empowering independence, and expanding opportunities that enrich their lives and their communities.

#### Staff Leadership

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