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We Need Your Help

A lot has changed in the last couple months due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Here at Pathway to Possible, **we need your help**. With today's crisis, our services are more critical than ever. Please stand with us as we work to protect and serve our vulnerable neighbors from the COVID-19 outbreak. The additional care and precautions needed at this time require increased financial support. We ask you to join us by **Adopting a Home today**.



- \$1500 provides one month of utilities for a home
- \$1000 provides one day of 24-hour care during quarantine
- \$750 provides one month of cleaning and medical supplies for one house
- \$500 provides one week of food for a home
- \$250 provides one week of craft supplies and entertainment for house-bound residents
- \$100 provides birthday celebration for clients who cannot celebrate with family at this time

HOW TO GIVE:

- Online at pathway2possible.org/give
- By check, mailed to Pathway to Possible
1301 Centre Street Newton, MA 02459

Activities In Quarantine

Despite the routine-disrupting nature of COVID-19, staff are using their creativity to find ways to keep our residents happy and healthy while quarantined. They have committed themselves to providing physical and emotional support in our homes, 24 hours a day and 7 days a week. Staff are filling the long days by keeping our folks active and participating in activities that bring them joy.

Our homes are still filled with genuine smiles.

Dance Parties

AT JUNIPER!



Cupcake Decorating

AT JUBILEE!



Cookout

AT WEBSTER!



Rock Painting

AT ORCHARD!



Crafts

AT COYNE!



Outdoor Walks

AT BONTEMPO!



A New Face at P2P



Jenny Dill and Rachel Dill at the Ellie Bloom Special Olympics hosted by the Charles River Center Day Program.

Meet Rachel Dill, our new Director of Advancement & Community Engagement!

Rachel spent the last five years working for Special Olympics Massachusetts as their Director of Development for Partnerships. Rachel has been involved with Special Olympics her whole life. Her sister, Jenny has been a Special Olympics athlete since she was 7 years old. Before working at Special Olympics, Rachel started out as a young spectator, turned volunteer, turned fundraiser, to employee.

Jenny was Rachel's inspiration for leaving her job in the for-profit sector more than five years ago. Rachel decided to pursue a line of work where she could connect with the mission on a deeper and more personal level. **She is very excited to bring her passion, as well as her extensive development and fundraising experience to Pathway to Possible!**

Rachel lives in Waltham with her husband and seven month old daughter. She loves to run and ran the Boston Marathon back in 2017 for Special Olympics. She declares it as one of the best experiences of her life. She also really enjoys cooking and has been making lots of fun new recipes during her time home in quarantine. She is a big 'foodie' and is excited to enjoy some of the Newton Center food spots surrounding the P2P office once everyone is back in the office!

Client Spotlight: Compassion During Covid-19

Our Program Director, Lisa has developed a very close bond with Diane in the 15 years of working with her in the Independent Living Program. Diane recently moved into one of our residential homes, but thankfully her and Lisa have maintained a wonderful relationship. Lisa has made a point to visit Diane on a weekly basis to chat on the patio or share a special meal.

Before COVID-19 consumed the surrounding area, Diane loved to spend time in the community. She always enjoyed getting her hair and nails done. When Lisa comes to visit now, she improvises and helps Diane **keep up the self-care routines that brings her joy**. Lisa will assist Diane in doing her hair, nails or whatever special primping she needs help with. The continuity and care during this uncertain time has provided **incredible stability** for Diane.



Gloria, A Life



Back in February of this year, we had a wonderful event with some great community members. We partnered with the American Repertory Theatre (A.R.T.) for the showing of *Gloria, A Life*. The show was a powerful piece on the life of one of the most inspiring women of our time, Gloria Steinem, and her decades-long fight for equality. Thank you to A.R.T. for highlighting us as your non-profit partner for the night and making the show accessible for our folks. We also had a lovely reception at the Longfellow Bar in Cambridge with some of our beloved Pathway to Possible supporters. Thank you to all who attended!

Best Buddies



We have started Pen Pals with Best Buddies! Each volunteer is paired with one of our residential homes to write weekly letters. Receiving meaningful mail has truly brightened the lives of our folks in quarantine!

One-to-one matching & events are postponed until Fall 2020.



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Spring Events Update



Family Series Brunch

Open only to family members of Pathway to Possible clients.

Postponed until Fall 2020



Marathon

Cheer Douglas & Tony as they run from Hopkinton to Boston for Pathway to Possible!

New Date: Monday, September 14th



Newton Serves

Our Newton Serves day of volunteering has been **cancelled**.



Dog Show

Our Newton Serves day of volunteering has been **cancelled**.



Annual Meeting

Our Annual Meeting will now be held virtually on **Tuesday, May 12 at 7pm**. Email canderson@pathway2possible.org for additional details.