



## All About: *Donna Spatola*

Donna has been at Woodland Group Home for over a year now. The staff and other housemates enjoy Donna's presence. Donna has great conversations with both staff and her housemates. Donna is a comedian and is constantly making staff laugh and cracking jokes. She can brighten anyone's day with a simple "hello and how are you." She loves to shop for clothes, jewelry and her snacks. She is always having packages delivered to the group home with things she has ordered. Staff will help her open them and put her things away in her room. She has jewelry stands filled with earrings, bracelets, and necklaces. There is not a day that she does not have her accessories on. Donna's snack choices change from time to time but you will always catch her drinking a peach Snapple iced tea, which is her favorite drink. Donna enjoys going on outings with staff, and anything that will get her out of the house and having some fun. Donna is a delight to have at Woodland.

### Welcome to the newest members of The Arc team!

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|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| - Nicole Richards  | Direct Support Professional |
| - Lashon Brown     | Direct Support Professional |
| - A'Neeyah Wilmore | Direct Support Professional |

## August Recreation Events

Contact Chuck ([theodore.nagel@arcocapemay.org](mailto:theodore.nagel@arcocapemay.org) or 609-861-7100 ext. 120) to RSVP for some of these great upcoming events:

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|------|--------------|------|----------------|
| 8/3  | Cooking Club | 8/17 | Movie Night    |
| 8/8  | Bingo!       | 8/22 | Gardening Club |
| 8/10 | Neon Night   | 8/24 | Scavenger Hunt |
| 8/15 | Karaoke      | 8/29 | Birthday Bash  |



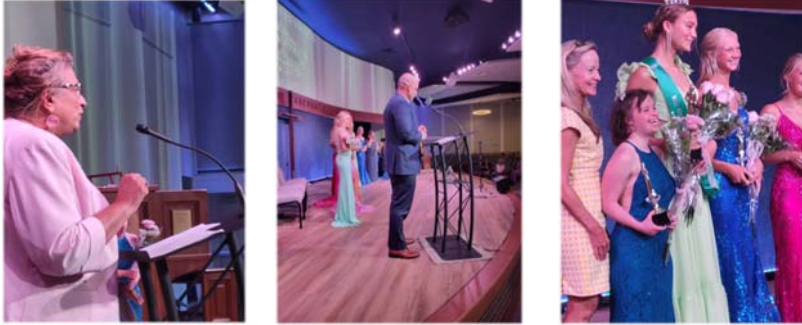
Enjoying some glow stick fun at the 7/25 Neon Night!

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## Ocean City's A Night In Venice

Board President Tom Rotondi and Chief Marketing and Development Officer Laura Gaffney received a check for \$5,000 donated by the Miss Night in Venice Committee on July 24th. Funds were raised by the pageant contestants and will be used to enhance our sensory room at the Day Program! We were touched by the generosity of these accomplished young ladies!



Pictured from left to right are Chief Marketing and Development Officer, Laura Gaffney; Board President, Tom Rotondi; and the crowned Miss Night in Venice with the first and second runners-up.

## Recognizing Board Member, David Craig

The Arc of Cape May County recently recognized long-serving Board member, David Craig for his dedication to the agency. David has served on The Board of Directors for many years and The Arc appreciates his guidance and service to the agency. He is pictured to the right with Board President, Tom Rotondi.



## A.B.L.E. Account Education

The Arc of Cape May County recently hosted NJ ABLE Program Representative, Cristine Chickadel, for an informative presentation on NJ A.B.L.E. accounts. Parents, Guardians and Stakeholders within our Cape May County IDD community were in attendance to learn about these accounts and how they can benefit people with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities.



## DSP Focus Group Pool Party



July's DSP focus group recently met at the Carriage Lane group home for a pool party cook-out. There were team-building activities, ice-breakers, and of course much discussion on ways to improve the work-

place for our most valued employees—our Direct Support Professionals.



## A Great Day for the Beach!

Day Program participants Christina and Amber recently enjoyed the summer sun with a visit to the beach with Program Supervisor, Margo Jarmon.





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## Have something newsworthy to share?

If you have something newsworthy to share about your group home, department, or staff, and would like it featured in the next edition of the agency newsletter, please send photos and corresponding information to Alicia Billig at [alicia@arcofcapemay.org](mailto:alicia@arcofcapemay.org).



# Spotlight On: Tattlers

## Charles G.

Charlie loves to spend time out in the sun listening to music on his cellphone or chatting with staff. He likes all kinds of music. He's the one to make sure we have a good song playing while we are driving around. He's always making jokes and he is happiest with a coffee in his hand. At the end of the day, he likes to have some solitary time in his room watching videos on his laptop or relaxing in bed watching shows.



## Ronald D.

You're number one in Ronald's book if you like Dave Shultz. If you ever stop in to visit, he will happily show you his Shultz posters, pictures, and jerseys. Ronald also loves going out and getting iced coffee. Whenever he hears that we are going anywhere, iced coffee is the first thing he asks about. Whenever we are staying in, he is usually watching hockey videos, The Bionic Woman, The Price is Right, or cop movies and shows. Ronald won't let you forget that he is a retired officer, either. He'll show you his badge with pride if you ask.



## Mary V.

Ms. Victor loves The Price is Right. She starts her morning and ends her day with it. If you want to change it, then you can always break away from it with some cartoons like SpongeBob. She loves cartoons. She likes to wear socks with the characters on them and enjoys receiving compliments on them. She has a newly found interest in comics and is starting to build up a collection. Mary comes home from Day Break each day excited to see staff and tell them about her day as well as ask about going out. She loves going to the stores and ordering out.

## Gabby

Gabby has been with the Arc since 2020. She has spent time in different roles at Rio Grande and Carriage group homes as well. She is now in the position of a DSP here at Tattler's and all the individuals here are happy to have her. They look forward to when she is due in next and surround her upon her arrival to update her on how they have been while she was off.

## Olivia

Olivia is the Program Supervisor at Tattlers. She started with the agency in 2018 as a Direct Support Professional and has moved up to Assistant Supervisor, and then Program Supervisor. She has been at Tattlers group home since April, and does a wonderful job at maintaining the home and providing the best support to Charles, Ronald, and Mary.



Crest Savings Bank employees raising funds for non-profit organizations throughout Cape May County.

If you visit one of our locations on a Friday, you may notice that some of our staff are dressed casually. They are participating in our Casual 4 a Cause day. The goal of this program is to evoke conversation and raise awareness of charities in our community. 100% of the proceeds go to employee-recommended non-profit organizations throughout Cape May County.



This quarter, our donations will be used to help  
**The Arc of Cape May County**  
visit: [arcocapemay.org](http://arcocapemay.org)  
to learn more about this organization.

## August Birthday Wishes!

Happy Birthday! to our team members with upcoming August birthdays!

Veronica Parker-Scott  
Jaydah Easley-Moses  
Jennifer Herdanez-Pelaes  
George Blackman  
Lukas Axelsson  
Tameka Rolle  
Uriah King  
Janelle Clark  
Alicia Billig

Majken Mechling  
Brenda Escobar



# Cheers From Peers June Nominations

## Congratulations to Ashley Tarallo!!

She is June's Cheers From Peers winner! Ashley was nominated by Margo Jarmon, who nominated her for the following:

**“Ashley always takes the lead in making sure housekeeping is up to par at the Day Program!”**

### **Cynthia Watson**

"Cynthia is a great team player. She's always asking how she could help in any capacity. Her professionalism is top tier, and she is always awaiting a task with a smile on her face. She recently helped me out with recruitment! She inspires me to step my game up here."

### **Ann Davis**

"Ann always helps with the extra shifts. I can always count on her with tasks that need to be done."

### **Barb Gaskins**

"Barbara was a thorough and detailed trainer. The residents adore her, and the home is warm, inviting and lovely. Barbara rocks!"

### **Beatrice Donaldson**

"Ms. Bea is always willing to help with picking up extra shifts to help out."

### **Carma Frisko**

"My training has been a breath of fresh air! Carma brings a professional yet relaxing atmosphere to the training where we could learn at a pace that everyone excelled. She is patient, respectful and impactful. We have all been very fortunate to have had such a natural leader. Carma genuinely cares about the agency, her coworkers and most especially, the individuals we serve. Kudos!"

### **Carmen Oquendo**

"Carmen always goes out of her way to always try and help me. She is excellent with the guys here at Carriage and she is loved by all of us."

### **Jackie Rutter**

"I always hear how Jackie and Kathy keep each other in check. I always hear back how great they are from trainees, and how great and homey Washington is."

### **Kathy Blizzard**

"Kathy is extremely thorough and is an outstanding trainer. She is amazing with the individuals."

"Always double-checks with me before completing meds comps., ensures she gets all items updated and sent back as soon as possible. She is ALWAYS friendly!"

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### **Kristen Rooney**

"Makes Fidler feel like a home. She keeps it going with teamwork. Always willing to help explain things and routines when someone new picks up a shift."

### **Margo Jarmon**

"Always ensures that trainings are complete in a timely manner. Always willing to help others!"

### **Mekeala Phillips**

"Mekeala is so supportive and attentive as a director. Even with how busy she is, she will always make time."

### **Melissa Gurdgiel**

"Melissa is the best. She is always willing to help, she is a great listener and so supportive. I know I could always turn to her for any questions or concerns."