



FCS Community News

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FCS Honored at Drop-In Center

Fitzmaurice Community Services, Inc. was honored at an **Appreciation Luncheon** on October 15, 2009, hosted by the Carbon/New Hope Drop-In Center in Lehighton. The event was organized to recognize FCS for its commitment and dedication to the Behavioral Health community in Carbon County.

The luncheon was planned by Darlene Scherer, a key holder and host to the center, Carla Hubert, and by Jeanine Pitt, who serves as a Peer Specialist and secretary to the center.

Certificates of Appreciation were presented to **Elizabeth Koster**, President & CEO of FCS, **Debra Scocoza**, FCS's Executive Vice President, **Elizabeth Booterbaugh**, FCS's Vice President of Behavioral Health, and **Adrienne Hoeker**, FCS Program Director.



Left to Right: Elizabeth Booterbaugh, FCS's Vice President of Behavioral Health Services; Darlene Scherer; Carla Hubert; Jeanine Pitt, New Hope Drop-In Representatives and luncheon organizers; and farthest right: Adrienne Hoeker, FCS's Program Director. The Carbon/New Hope Drop-In Center provides opportunities for recreation, education, and socialization. FCS oversees two centers in Carbon and Monroe Counties.

"Bringing Out The Best In People"

FCS Consumer Party!

In December, FCS Consumers, family, and caregivers gathered at the West End Fire Hall in Brodheadsville to celebrate the holidays. Many thanks to the *wonderful* volunteers of the **West End Fire Department** who graciously prepared a home-made turkey dinner! Following the delicious meal, participants enjoyed a program of seasonal music and fun.



Mi Casa es Su Casa

Lifesharing Families Celebrate!

FCS hosted it's 7th Annual Lifesharing Dinner Dance on October 16th at the Lodge at Mountain Springs Lake in Reeders.

The evening honored families for their service and dedication.

The FCS Lifesharing Program provides an opportunity for adults with Developmental and Behavioral Health Disabilities to live, work, and grow in a family environment. It is a residential alternative which allows people with disabilities to move into a family living arrangement.

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Pick-A-Star Campaign Thanks!

Thanks to generous contributions from the following donors, many FCS consumers enjoyed a brighter holiday season!

Patricia & William Hibschan	Herb Society of Monroe County
Mountain Pest Control	Joan Groff
Church Women United	Arnold & Nancy Goldfuss
Barrett Elementary Center, Ms. Aiello's 1st Grade Class	Robert Hibschan
PNC Bank of Eagle Valley, E. Stroudsburg	Laura Volpe
Duane & Pam Hubbard	Jaimie Robins
Janice Crisafulli	Christopher Loedel
Marlene Pawlikowski	Lorraine Banks
	Ronald J. Mishkin
	Kenneth & Linda Hoelle



FCS Hosts Breakfast With Santa in December

In 2009 FCS held it's first **Breakfast with Santa** for children and grandchildren of FCS Employees. Children ranging in age from newborn through twelve were invited.

Over seventy children ran through the FCS corridors finding something to do in every corner. Holiday crafts, music, traditional carols and even Santa & Mrs. Claus were on hand.

Children were treated to a gift and a photo to remember their special holiday celebration at FCS.



2009 Important Piece of the Puzzle Winners & Nominees!

2009 1st Quarter Nominees

Denise Hersh, Theresa Walsh, Dorothy Battle, Pat Botta, Gene Williams, Josephine Augugliano, Patricia Piekarski, Lisa Zbikowski.
Winner: Gillian Metzgar
Supported Living Manager

2009 2nd Quarter Nominees

Scott Hersh, Angelina Catalano, Kay George

2009 3rd Quarter Nominees

Crystal Andino, Christina James, Ellen Noble
Winner: Vanessa Segarra
Lifesharing Specialist

2009 4th Quarter Nominees

Tom Maltes, Walter Kunz, Debra Volpe, Nancy Luongo, Duane Hubbard

Winners! Weir Lake Staff:
Maureen Jendrzewski

Denise Hersh
Lisa Zbikowski

Michael Digilio
Yigo Diouf
Carla Dekis

Diana Anzelde
Riassa Lutz
Aidette Villafane &
Kim Burno as PD



Thomas Miller

April 16, 1943 - October 14, 2009

"It will be the little things that you will remember, the quiet moments, the smiles, the laughter. And although it may seem hard right now, it will be the memories of these little things that help to push away the pain and bring the smiles back again."



Consumer Spotlight:

Eugene Pelletreau Stays Busy!

If you've already met Eugene Pelletreau, you've gotten a glimpse of his energy, commitment and can-do attitude. His wonderfully full schedule is truly inspiring!

Eugene, a long-time consumer with **FCS's Supported Living Services**, has a part-time job working for the **Developmental Education Services**. In addition, he focuses his free time on projects, committees, clubs and groups that are near and dear to his heart.

Eugene participates on several consumer boards as well:

- ★ Consumer Quality Counsel
- ★ AKTION Club
- ★ Kiwanis of Stroudsburg
- ★ Rotary
- ★ Speaking Out
- ★ Finance Committee for Carbon/Monroe/Pike MHMR.

Eugene currently serves as a director for the **Best Buddies Program at East Stroudsburg University**, and has been active with the organization for the past six years. Best Buddies is an international organization that enhances the lives of people with intellectual disabilities by providing unique opportunities for one-to-one friend-



Clair Wolf, Annette Keenhold, Supported Living Specialist & Eugene Pelletreau

ships. Each year, college students volunteer to be matched with individuals with intellectual disabilities, forming 'best buddy' relationships that are mutually enriching.

In March, 2009, Eugene was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for being an **Outstanding Buddy Director**. The award honored his success at matching fellow consumers with ESU students.

Consumer Spotlight:

Dale Kerzmann Enjoys Work and Many Hobbies, Too!

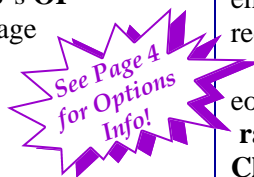


Dale Kerzmann, a consumer with FCS for a little over seventeen years in the **FCS Supported Living Program**, is active, fun-loving, hard-working and involved in our community.

Dale came to FCS shortly after his graduation from High School. For the past seven years, Dale has worked full time for WalMart. He's received two **Employee of the Month Awards**, and is part of the WalMart pre-opening team. Dale has traveled with WalMart to set up new stores in New York and Western PA. Dale belongs to many organizations, including **Speak Out** and **Kiwanis**. He's also quite involved with his church.

The **Advocacy Alliance** has asked Dale to assist with interviewing consumers within the MH/MR system. This important activity helps to ensure that consumers are well cared for and happy

Dale is an enthusiastic member of FCS's **OPTIONS Program**, where he takes advantage of the many enjoyable activities offered each week. Dale enjoys many hobbies, including fishing, reading and bowling with friends.



Congratulations Weir Lake!



Weir Lake was awarded the 4th Quarter **Important Piece of the Puzzle** award, and also received the **Employees of the Year!** Each received a \$100 gift card, a Piece of the Puzzle pin, a \$25 Shoprite gift card and a Certificate of Appreciation. Congratulations to: Program Manager, Maureen Jendrzewski; Direct Support Professionals, Denise Hersh, Lisa Zbikowski, Michael Digilio, Yigo Diouf, Carla Dekis, Diana Anzelde, Riassa Lutz, and Aidette Villafane; and Program Director, Kimberly Burno.

FCS Appreciation Luncheon

On November 17th, 2009, employees gathered at Fernwood Hotel & Resort in Bushkill, PA for the annual employee Appreciation Luncheon. FCS's Fiscal department received special recognition for successful transition to a new set of fiscal procedures. Many thanks to our luncheon donors: **Camelback Ski Resort, Friendly's Restaurant of Tannersville, Sparkle Car Wash and Aardvark Cleaning Services.**



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Mission Statement: Fitzmaurice Community Services, Inc. is an organization dedicated to building bright futures for people with special needs and the individuals who support them in reaching their goals.

Fitzmaurice Community Services, Inc. creates an environment that fosters Independence, Individuality, Productivity and Inclusion in the community through customized services provided by highly-qualified and motivated employees.

Vision Statement: As the Provider, Employer and Charity of Choice in our community, Fitzmaurice Community Services, Inc. is committed to continually expanding services through innovative projects.

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OPTIONS for YOU!

What is OPTIONS? It is a Habilitational, Educational & Social Program for Adults with Developmental Disabilities. You can enjoy movies, bowling, crafts, shopping and much, much more! Please visit the FCS Website at www.fitzmaurice.org for more information, or call Debbie Smith at 570-213-4332. Please remember that many activities have *limited* space! So, the sooner you call to sign up for activities the better chance you have for reserving your spot. You can call 570-213-4332 for Debbie. Please leave a message stating the activities you want to sign up for if she is not there. Be sure to leave your name and phone number in case a call back is necessary. If you have TRANSPORTATION questions or need to CANCEL then please call the Options cell phone at 570-620-8299.



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