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THE Voice

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We're Wearing Rainbows!



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DIRECTION**

This year ODDO, the Open Door Octopus, figured that if we took a week off to tie-dye, we'd all be a bit more bonded. So that's exactly what we did!



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Opening Doors & Developing Opportunities

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Kyle V.H. said, "I want to make my shirt stand out."



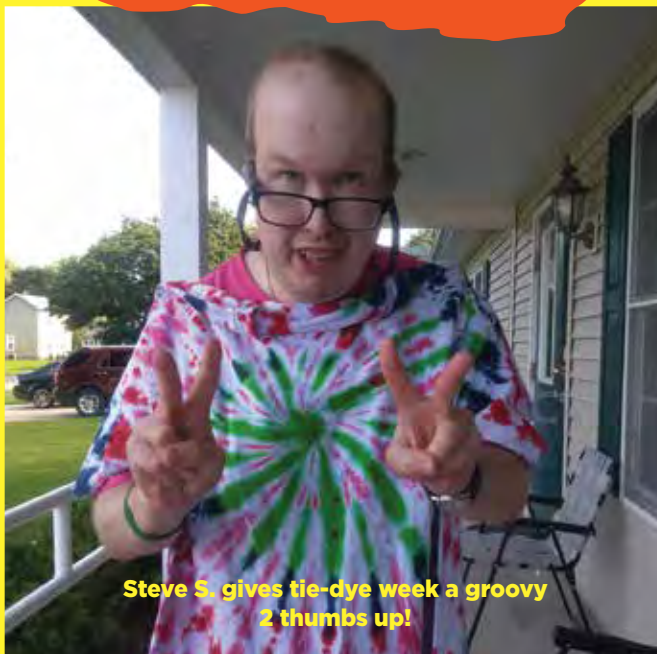
Denise M. said she brought her own gloves to make sure "we do this right."



Kenny S. said he wanted to "make art" and thought that dyeing a river pattern would be cool.



Brooke S. captured the sun perfectly!



Steve S. gives tie-dye week a groovy 2 thumbs up!



Timmy G. ties his shirt like a pro!

Thanks, ODDO! A whole week devoted to making ourselves rainbows was a great idea!

LET'S ALL GO TO THE MOVIES... QUARANTINE EDITION!



Becky helping Paula H and Stephanie K with their Bingo boards

With all the changes that have been going on for our activities program, the thing clients at Open Door were missing most was going to the movie theater to see their favorite stars emblazoned on the big screen. We wanted to make this request happen for our cinema-loving residents, so we set up an indoor theater at our East Workshop.

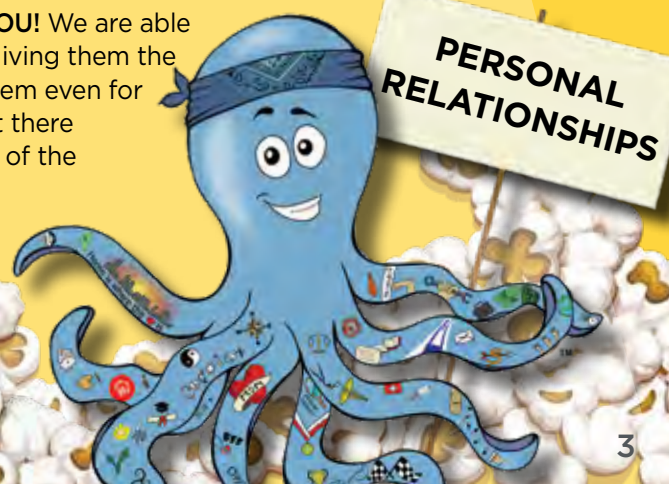
The clients have been treated to the full experience of the big screen, a projector and surround sound, coupled with fresh-made popcorn, pop and snacks. And this is no microwave popcorn! It was imperative that we get the best of the best for our moviegoers, so we utilized a popcorn machine to make the freshest of the fresh.

Everyone got to vote for which movie was most popular in each house, along with their favorite beverage and candy to go along with it. Ash House and Maple House have enjoyed the Open Door movie theater experience with a couple of their favorite movies. **Greg S. said, "The screen was big! I liked the M&Ms."** Clearly, Greg S. is more of a fan of snacks than the chosen movie, but M&Ms will sweeten any deal!

We also set up a virtual bingo game so that some of our community clients could join in on the fun. It was great fun to see their smiling faces up on the big screen to visit with the folks at Rose House while joining in on a good ol' game of bingo.

Pat S. from Rose says, "We got to pick a prize after we won bingo, so getting jewelry was my favorite part. I got to see Lori and Marcy and Virginia's people too!" It was more like 'blingo' than bingo with all the great prizes won, and nobody left empty-handed.

These great experiences are all because of donations from people like YOU! We are able to come up with creative solutions to client wants and needs, ultimately giving them the huge relief of just being able to see friends and play games, distracting them even for a brief moment from the global pandemic. We may not be able to get out there into the community, but we are doing our darnedest to bring experiences of the community to Open Door and/or at least bring joy to the clients' faces.



HERE COMES: The Ice Cream Express!

Open Door's second parade during this pandemic:

The Ice Cream Express was inspired by a very generous donation from Meadowvale, Inc. and Andy's Frozen Custard.



Julie O. & Tim G. enjoying every mouthwatering scoop of their frozen custard! Yummy in the tummy!



Rita P. representing "Open Door Strong" Ice Cream Express while a shark cheers on the crowd!



"Open Door Strong," Toni J. says it all with that dedicated look of Open Door Pride on her face.



Glenn E., Dean S. & John G. relaxing on the front porch, rocking to the music and wearing a stylish face mask before diving into their custard!

Here's a big shout-out and a very special thank-you to our good friends from Meadowvale, Inc., Andy's Custard and to all of our supporters who make Open Door a happier place to be!!!

Staff and friends lined up in a convoy equipped with a cooler of tasty custard and yummy Italian ices. The Express stopped at each group home, surprising them with refreshing treats, awesome music and a great dance party!

Becky C. holds our sign made with the true spirit of our Ice Cream Express, Open Door Style!

Evelyn S., Michelle B., Brooke S. and Laurie P. hear the music cheerfully coming from the line of cars, wondering... what is the music for? Surprise! Here they are again! This time with ice cream treats for all!



Meet the Open Door Staff Dance team! Yes, we rock a great team! A pizza, a lime and even a shark were all there to bust a move!



Brody J. offering the camera a peace sign with Andy's Frozen Custard in hand... there is no doubt it would disappear soon!

All Kinds of Happiness

“Art is something that makes you breathe with a different kind of happiness.” — Anni Albers

The individuals we serve were able to breathe all kinds of happiness while painting at The Petite Palette! From sports and patriotic themes to animals, abstract and whimsy, everyone showed their creative streak with guidance from Michelle Shepard, owner of The Petite Palette. After some thought selecting a theme, colors of paint were selected, and then our artists were on their way. Putting brush to canvas was fun, and this creative outlet seemed to energize everyone. With the works of art complete, we were definitely breathing a different kind of happiness.



Kelly B., Laurie P., Michelle S. (owner), Angie H. and Gina G. pose with their beautiful artwork.



Markesha J. attending carefully to the teacher's gentle guidance.



Josh B. executes his design first in pencil, while Jack P. adds color to his pencil doodle.



Rob H. is one happy man after creating his masterpieces!



Do you recognize who Brooke S. painted a picture of?

FUN & RECREATION



Housemates Peggy G., Brian H., Cindy S., Mike P., Ann Y. and Chet C. thoroughly enjoyed their afternoon learning to paint on canvas with Michelle S.



Beth G. couldn't be any more happy or proud of her painting!



Paula H., Kyle H., Markesha J., Pat S. and Melissa H. with their completed paintings.

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Watch for the November/December newsletter article where we will be reporting on the Open Door “Fun Fair.” Your contributions helped us fund a food truck, dunk tank, petting zoo, a dance party and fair games with prizes!

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For your convenience, we have enclosed a donation envelope in this newsletter. We hope you find this to be helpful, and we look forward to acknowledging your generous gifts in future newsletters!

***We try very hard to acknowledge every gift.** The donations included in this issue are those received between July 1, 2020 – August 31, 2020

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