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**SEE YOU AT THE
OKTOBERFEST FUNDRAISER, THURSDAY
6-8 PM AT BROWN'S BREWING COMPANY,
OCTOBER 29TH**



The 200 guests at our first Oktoberfest in 2014 will all attest to what a great party it was. By popular demand, we are hosting Oktoberfest again, and time is running out to buy your tickets in advance. This is Vanderheyden's primary fundraising event this year, so please help us support the youth, individuals and families we serve by buying

tickets and joining us for a great evening of Oktoberfest music, food, beer and wine, a live and silent auction, and a casual evening of mingling with friends. Don't miss out your chance to buy a raffle ticket for the most amazing carved pumpkin ever!

If you win it, you'll be the envy of your neighborhood.

You can purchase tickets at www.vanderheyden.org and, of course, the door.



School is Back in Full Swing



More than 80 students are once again buckling down to their studies at Vanderheyden's on-campus school. Karen Carpenter Palumbo welcomed each student on the first day of school with a goodie bag. Also on the first day, The Rhema Revealed Ministries, under the direction of Pastor Relf in Troy delivered to each student a bag of new school supplies.

Students arrived to find their school in great shape. Over the summer, Vanderheyden's Maintenance team put on a full court press to clean, paint, install new furniture, and hang inspirational posters inside the

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Group Homes

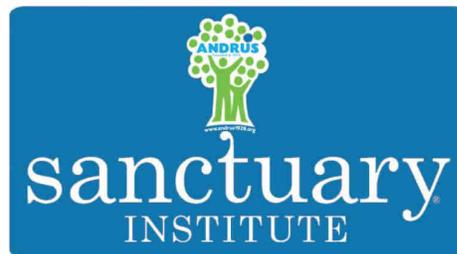
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Sanctuary Garden

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The seven commitments of our

Sanctuary Community:

Non-violence

Emotional intelligence

Social learning

school. Many teachers also painted and decorated their own rooms. Outside, new landscaping was done, old basketball hoops were replaced, and soccer and baseball fields were put in.

Open communication
Growth and change
Shared governance
Social responsibility

Thanks to everyone who made our students' return to school such a positive experience.

Direct Support Professionals Celebrated

Direct Support Professionals, who are such an important part of the work we do at Vanderheyden, were honored during the week of September 13 - 19. Direct Support Professionals are crucial resources for so many of our individuals with emotional disruption and/or intellectual and developmental disabilities. "I salute those Direct Support Professionals who work tirelessly every day of the year administering skilled and compassionate care to the individuals we serve," said CEO, Karen Carpenter Palumbo. "I commend the important work carried out by our DSPs that allows our individuals to stay connected with their community and their families." In honor of their constant dedication, Vanderheyden provided appreciation gifts of ice cream sundaes, lunch, fruit baskets, gift cards, posters of appreciation. Each received a proclamation signed by Governing Cuomo that cites the value of DSPs.

DSP's spend more time with the individuals in our care than any other type of professional, and often develop close bonds with the young people they support. Marilyn Schreyer recently helped Christine, a resident of one of our independent living apartment complexes, to achieve a long-held dream. Christine is a huge fan of the music group **One Direction** and dreamed of going to hear them at a live concert. Christine looked up when they would be performing and with Marilyn's support, began saving up for a ticket to an upcoming concert at Foxboro, CT.

On Saturday, September 12th, the two left at 3 pm, had dinner, attended the concert, and arrived back home at 3 am. "Christine was overwhelmed and so happy," reports Marilyn. "Our job is to help people set and meet personal goals, and Marilyn did a

great job with the planning, even figuring out that if we bought the tickets ahead of time they would be less."



Perfect Weather for Our 7th Annual Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 3rd, the Vanderheyden community enjoyed, along with many friends from the wider community, a day full of chicken barbeque, candy apples, cotton candy, ponies, face painting, therapy dogs, dancing, and even a reptile exhibit.

YNN Channel 9 came to enjoy the festival and interview our CEO and some of the attendees. Thank you to the great volunteers from RPI who helped to make this a wonderful celebration for everyone!

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