

Reflections

CENTER FOR SOCIAL CHANGE

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Center for Social Change

We Change Lives!

Our Mission

is to provide services of the highest quality for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities and related disorders including autism that optimize each individual's independence and capabilities, ensure self-determination and rights and, with partnerships in the community, enhances their opportunities to live healthy, safe and valued lives.

Our Vision

is to provide programs and services to individuals with developmental disabilities and related disorders including autism to live and work in the community and exercise their rights, choice and freedom and to live independent of institutional life through integrated efforts of change agents who are passionate about changing lives of people with disabilities throughout the world.

FRIGHT FEST AT SIX FLAGS

OCTOBER 21, 2023

Center for Social Change took close to 125 individuals and staff members to Fright Fest at Six Flags on October 21, 2023. Many individuals got into the Halloween spirit by dressing up in costumes for the occasion. Whether it was screaming on a frightening ride, getting scared in a haunted house, or simply enjoying the Halloween atmosphere, there was something for everyone to do. The event provided a perfect blend of spooky and fun, with thrilling adventures that created lasting memories for all the individuals.



HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCTOBER 27, 2023



On October 27, 2023, Center for Social Change held their annual Halloween party at their Day Program. This highly anticipated event was attended by all individuals, kids, as well as staff members who all came dressed in creative and spooky costumes. The day was filled with fun and excitement as everyone enjoyed the music provided by DJ Yates. The office staff also played a big role in setting up scary decorations, creating a festive atmosphere for everyone to enjoy. To satisfy hungry party-goers,



delicious pizza and wings were served for dinner. The night ended on a high note with everyone dancing together, creating unforgettable memories.





NOVEMBER 17, 2023



On Friday, November 17th, Center for Social Change held a Talent Show. The air was filled with anticipation as all were gathered to celebrate and witness the incredible talents and abilities of the individuals. The individuals competed in singing, dancing, and reciting poems. It was a fun-filled day, with lots of striking dance moves and beautiful voices. But more importantly, it was a day that gave everyone a spotlight to shine and showcase their passions. All participants were awarded with a certificate and posed with them for pictures.





FESTIVAL OF LIGHTS AT KENNEDY KRIEGER

NOVEMBER 24, 2023

Several individuals and staff members of Center for Social Change had the opportunity to attend the Kennedy Krieger Festival of Lights, held on Friday, November 24th. The focal point of the event was the display of hundreds of spectacular holiday trees, wreaths and gingerbread houses. Individuals took tons of pictures surrounded by festive Christmas lights, capturing the magical moment of the holiday season. In addition to the holiday trees, there were also various food vendors offering delicious treats for attendees to enjoy. From hot cocoa and apple cider to traditional holiday cookies, the festival had something for everyone's taste buds. Our CSC group went home with a happy and warm smile, filled with joy and excitement from the experience.

POLAR EXPRESS TRAIN

December 1, 2023

A fun Polar Express train ride was enjoyed by Center for Social Change's children and staff, who embarked in this festive journey in Baltimore this season on December 19th 2023. As the train set off, our group was treated to warm hot chocolate and freshly baked Christmas cookies. A narrator shared a heartwarming holiday story that set the tone for the rest of

the ride. However, the fun didn't stop there. Dancing chefs and lively sing-a-long carols added to the festive atmosphere, making everyone feel like they are truly on their way to the North Pole. Each passenger received their own silver bell as a gift from Santa's helpers. Santa arrived for a meet and greet with each child. The joy and excitement on their faces was priceless, making this Polar Express train ride an unforgettable experience.



ANNUAL INDIVIDUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

December 20, 2023

It was that time of year again, where our team at Center for Social Change came together to celebrate the holiday season. This year's Christmas party was held on Wednesday, December 20th at Martin's West and it was an event to remember. The individuals had been eagerly waiting for this day, and they were not disappointed. The venue was spectacular, with enough space to accommodate all of us comfortably. The decorations were beautiful and put us all in the holiday spirit.

The highlight of the night was definitely the amazing DJ who kept us on our feet dancing all evening. The delicious 3-course seated meal was also a great hit. One of the most exciting parts of the party was the award ceremony for our Christmas Decoration Contest. It was heartwarming to see the effort that each home had put into decorating, and it was a joy to recognize their hard work. To add to the festive atmosphere, we had a slideshow running on two screens displaying all the decorations for each home. To wrap it all up, Santa Claus arrived to distribute presents to every individual. The Christmas party was wonderful and we look forward to making even more special memories in the years to come.





The most anticipated ugly sweater party of the year was held at the day program on Friday, December 22nd. The festive colors of our individuals' sweaters put a smile on everyone's faces. To kick off the festivities, we watched the iconic Christmas movie "Home Alone". It was a great way to get into the holiday spirit and have a few laughs.

We also asked everyone to bring in some food from their favorite restaurant so we could have a variety of tasty treats to enjoy throughout the day. We were excited to have DJ Nathan. He is a very talented individual who knows how to get the party started! After lunch, DJ Nathan took the party to another level with lots of dancing and karaoke. It was so much fun to see everyone let loose and show off their moves!

HOME DECORATION CONTEST FOR ALL CSC HOMES

Our annual Center for Social Change Christmas home decoration contest was an absolute hit this year. Every house did a wonderful job decorating this season and displaying their creativity and spreading holiday cheer. It's heartwarming to know that everyone put in so much effort to make the holiday season special for the individuals living in the houses.



Staff members were excited to participate and showcase their Christmas spirit by sending pictures of their decor to the Director of Programs, Dana Dimas. She was delighted with all the submissions and a wonderful slideshow with all the pictures combined was created and played at the Christmas party on December 20th, 2023.

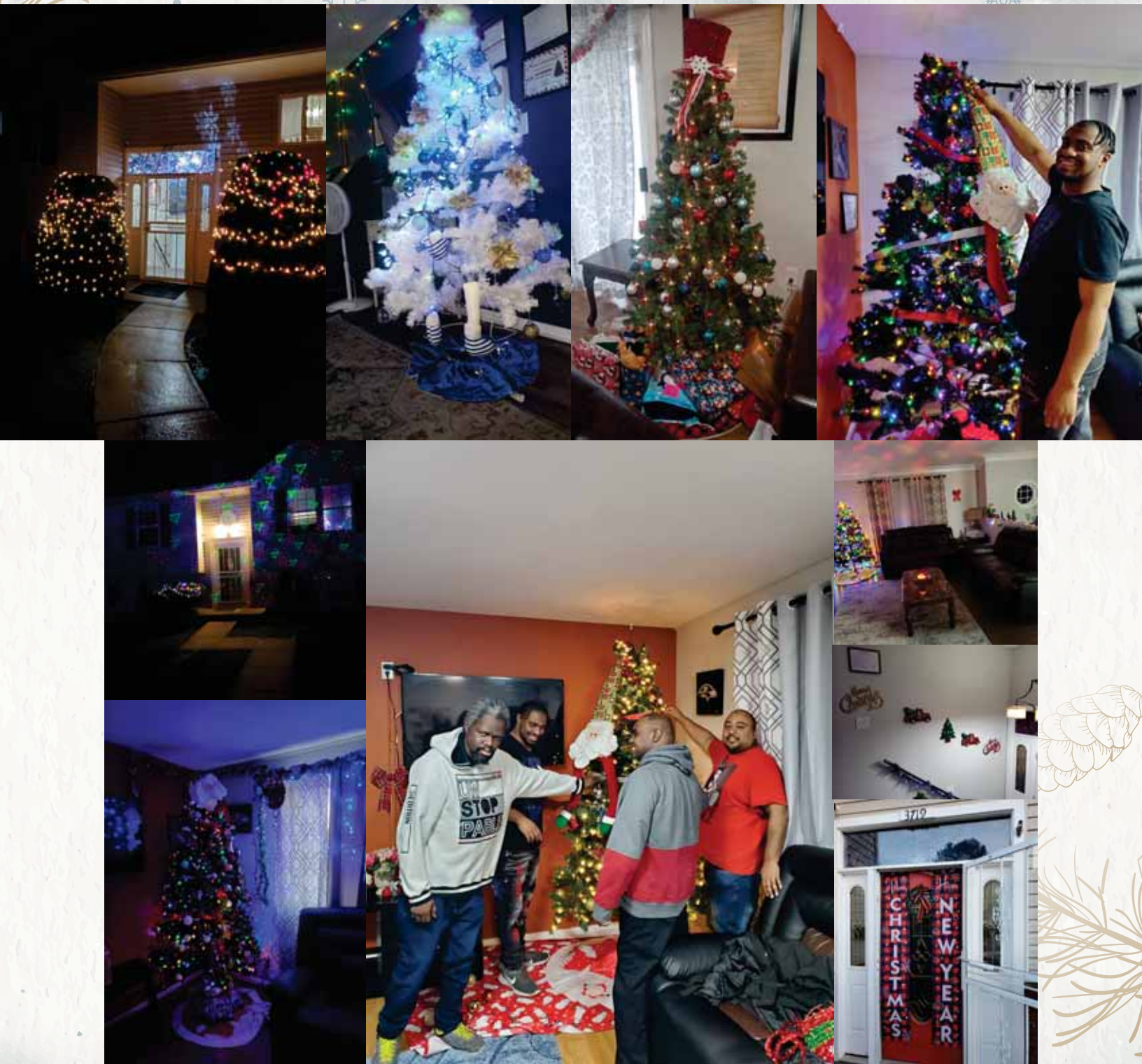


The awarded certificate recognized their hard work and dedication in putting up beautiful decorations, including Christmas trees, lights inside and outside the houses, wall decorations, Christmas tablecloths, chair covers and much more.



But it doesn't end there. Each house also has the opportunity to gather everyone on February 2, 2024 and order food from a restaurant of their choice to enjoy a meal together with the individuals as a reward for their efforts.

HOME DECORATION CONTEST FOR ALL CSC HOMES



CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST DINNER CELEBRATION

February 2, 2024



On the joyous evening of Friday, February 2, 2024, all Center for Social Change homes were filled with the delightful aromas of their choice of food they ordered from their favorite restaurant to share amongst all the individuals and staff. Everyone came together to celebrate their hard work they put in for the Christmas Decoration contest in December. Seated across from one another, plates piled high with various food, the room buzzed with stories of the past Christmas decor accomplishments. This annual celebration is not just about indulging in good food; it's a toast to creativity and team spirit. At CSC, we ensure that every individual and staff feels acknowledged and appreciated, because here, everyone is a winner.

JURASSIC QUEST

January 13, 2024



On January 13th, CSC surprised all our dinosaur enthusiasts for an unforgettable trip to Jurassic Quest, into a world millions of years in the making. The individuals and staff were thrilled to become explorers for the day. Upon arrival everyone received a special kit which allowed them to dig for fossils and find secrets beneath the sand. The centerpiece of the event were the dinosaurs themselves, with stunning animatronics bringing these creatures to life with movement and sound. For the curious minds, each Dinosaur came with informative plaques. Our group also enjoyed dinosaur- themed rides and slides. The adventure ended at the refreshment stands where everyone shared their fun experiences of the day.

MONSTER JAM

JANUARY 20, 2024



On Saturday, January 20, a group of individuals with CSC attended the highly-anticipated Monster Jam truck show. As the gates opened and the crowds began to fill the stadium, the anticipation among the individuals was palpable. Eyes sparkled with excitement when the Monster Jam show started and the roaring of the engines left everyone electrified and on the edge of their seats. True to its reputation, Monster Jam delivered a jaw dropping display of stunts. It was a great way to kick start the year with a thrilling event. Everyone left with stories to tell and memories of excitement.



DISNEY ON ICE

February 11, 2024



On February 11, 2024, Center for Social Change embarked on a magical journey to the CFG Bank Arena in Baltimore to experience the enchantment of Disney On Ice. This event, featuring more than 50 beloved Disney characters gracefully dancing on ice, transcended expectations and has become an unparalleled favorite among our CSC community. Hosted by the iconic Mickey and Minnie Mouse, the show took us on a rollercoaster of emotions. Our CSC family, filled the venue with laughter, cheers, and the kind of joy that only Disney can inspire. The way back home was as lively as the show itself, with some of our members singing and dancing to the tunes of the Disney classics played during the event. Disney On Ice was more than just an event for CSC; it was a shared experience that bonded us, reminded us of the joy in simple pleasures, and inspired us to dream bigger.

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