



# ***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.



# DISNEY ON ICE

OCT 19, 2024 AND FEB 15, 2025

Center for Social Change organized two magical evenings at Disney on Ice: Let's Dance on October 19th 2024 and one on February 15th 2025. These spectacular events brought together individuals for an incredible experience filled with wonder and joy. As Mickey Mouse and his pals were rocking the DJ table on the stage, the individuals couldn't help but dance and wave along in their seats, their faces beaming with excitement. These special moments perfectly capture the spirit of connection and joy that CSC strives to create in our community. Throughout the evenings, attendees were treated to breathtaking performances featuring beloved Disney characters bringing their stories to life through graceful figure skating, stunning acrobatics, and spectacular stunts. The experiences went beyond the show itself, as our team enjoyed delightful dinners complete with festive treats like cotton candy and snow cones. These events showcased our commitment to providing enriching experiences that bring smiles and create lasting memories for everyone under CSC care.





# CLARK'S ELIOAK FARM

OCT 21 & OCT 23, 2024

CSC's Day Program recently enjoyed two wonderful fall outings at Clark's Elioak Farm. Split across October 21st and 23rd, individuals and staff participated in memorable pumpkin patch activities that brought smiles and joy to everyone involved. The days began with individuals picking a delightful meal of their choice to bring to the farm and enjoy it later on the picnic tables. The most enjoyed moment for many was the enchanting hay ride, where participants settled onto cozy hay bales for a scenic tour of the farmland, stopping along the way to capture perfect fall photos among the pumpkins. The petting zoo proved to be another favorite spot, offering our individuals the chance to connect with friendly farm animals in a safe and engaging environment. To make the experience even more special, each participant went home with their very own pumpkin as a memory of this heartwarming fall adventure.





# CLARK'S ELIOAK FARM





# KID'S DAY TRIP TO BAUGHER'S FARM-PUMPKIN PATCH

OCT 22, 2024

The children at CSC enjoyed a wonderful fall adventure on October 22nd, with an exciting trip to Baugher's Farm in Westminster. The day was filled with memorable experiences, especially at the farm's petting zoo, where the children had delightful interactions with a variety of animals including donkeys, chickens, lambs, pigs, and turkeys. The joy continued with traditional farm activities like hay rides and slides, creating moments of pure excitement and laughter. The highlight of the day came when each child got to select their very own pumpkin to take home, making for a perfect ending to this special autumn outing. They also had the opportunity to pick apples which they thoroughly enjoyed as well.





# HALLOWEEN PARTY

OCT 25, 2024

The CSC team came together to create an unforgettable Halloween celebration at our day program on October 25th, 2024. The dedication of our staff shone through as they transformed the space with spooky decorations and coordinated a fantastic party experience for all attendees. The CSC administrative team had a Halloween surprise this year, transforming an inflatable house into a thrilling haunted adventure. It was truly an exciting spooky experience, with staff dressed as clowns and other scary characters creating playful scares for everyone who entered the haunted house. The event featured lively music by DJ Freddie, creating an energetic environment where everyone could dance and socialize. The attention to detail in the decorations by our wonderful administrative staff and the thoughtful inclusion of crowd-pleasing refreshments like pizza and wings demonstrated their commitment to making this annual tradition special for all. The evening concluded with a memorable dance celebration, exemplifying the strong sense of community and joy that makes CSC such a special place.



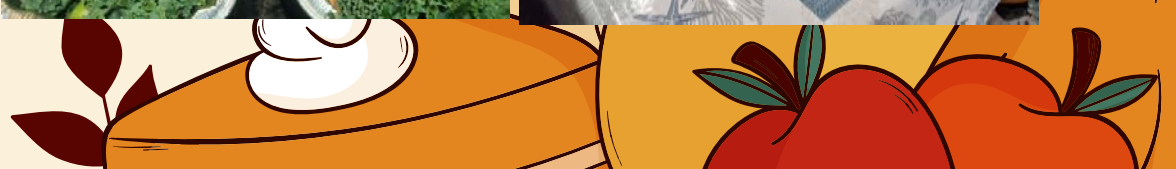
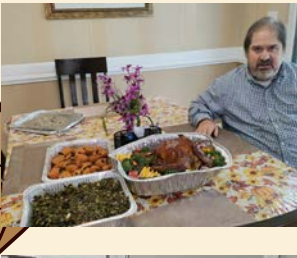
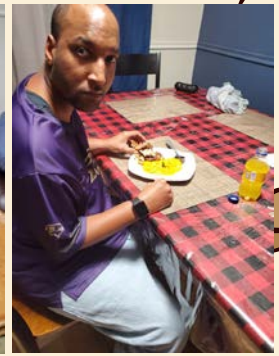






# GATHERING Thanks giving

The long-awaited holiday finally came and it brought a sense of gratitude in CSC Homes this Thanksgiving with a special tropical twist! Thanks to Fresh Valley, every household was treated to a festive feast featuring a unique pineapple-themed Turkey celebration. Individuals gathered around tables adorned with juicy turkeys garnished with sweet pineapple slices, complemented by savory ham, creamy mac and cheese, fresh vegetables, and delicious pies. These thoughtfully prepared meals helped create cherished memories that will warm our hearts long after the holiday season. We're thankful for the joy and unity these shared moments brought to our CSC community!

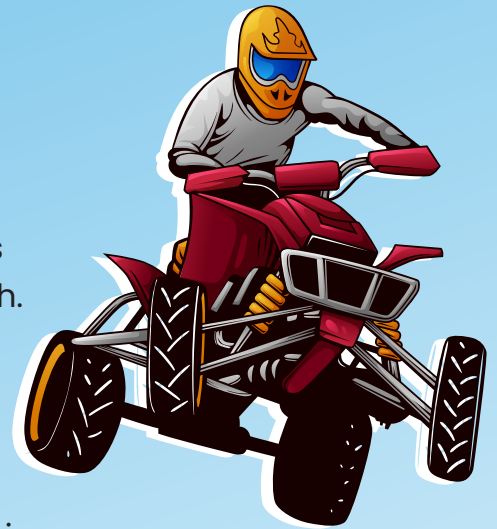




# MONSTER JAM

DEC 17, 2024

The start of 2025 brought excitement as CSC individuals shared a fun experience at Monster Jam on January 18th. The spectacular truck show created lasting memories for everyone in attendance. As the massive vehicles roared through the stadium, our group watched in amazement at the incredible stunts and heart-pounding performances. The pure joy and enthusiasm on everyone's faces highlighted the success of this community outing. Events like these strengthen our bonds and provide thrilling experiences that our individuals will cherish for years to come. These special moments exemplify CSC's commitment to creating engaging and memorable experiences for our community.





# CHRISTMAS PARTY

DEC 18, 2024



Center for Social Change brought holiday magic to life at our annual Christmas celebration for our individuals, held on December 17th, 2024, at Martin's West in Baltimore. The evening proved to be an unforgettable celebration that had everyone talking and smiling.

The festive atmosphere was enhanced by an elegant three-course dinner service, complemented by an array of cheeses, appetizers and refreshments throughout the night. A highlight of the evening was the special awards ceremony recognizing the outstanding holiday decorating efforts of our residential homes. In the spirit of celebration and acknowledgment of everyone's dedication, each house received a certificate for their festive contributions.



The joy of the season came alive with festive music from our DJ, while a photo booth captured countless moments of happiness and friendship. Adding to the magic, two of our Individuals embraced the role of Santa Claus,

distributing thoughtful gifts to ensure everyone received something special to remember the evening by.



The night was a testament to our community's spirit, filled with dancing, laughter, and the warm embrace of holiday cheer. These moments of togetherness reflect the very essence of what makes our CSC family so special.



# MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR





# CHRISTMAS DAY AT AMC

DEC 17, 2024

The Christmas spirit was in full swing as CSC staff and individuals enjoyed a special holiday treat - a screening of the timeless classic "The Lion King" at AMC Owings Mills. The festive atmosphere was enhanced by the excitement of movie theater treats, from buttery popcorn to delicious hot dogs. This beloved Disney masterpiece worked its magic once again, bringing joy and wonder to everyone in attendance. The memorable outing perfectly captured the holiday spirit, sending everyone home with hearts full of happiness and creating another cherished CSC community moment.





# WWE HOLIDAY TOUR SMACKDOWN

DEC 28, 2024



Individuals along with their staff at Center for Social Change had an amazing evening at the WWE Holiday Tour Smackdown in Baltimore on December 28th. They shared the excitement as they watched their favorite wrestlers compete in thrilling matches, including an edge-of-your-seat championship bout. The electric atmosphere and high-energy performances created pure entertainment. Everyone enjoyed the hot dogs, pizzas, and various other food and drinks the venue offered. The Individuals couldn't stop talking about how great this tour is and what an incredible way to end the year.

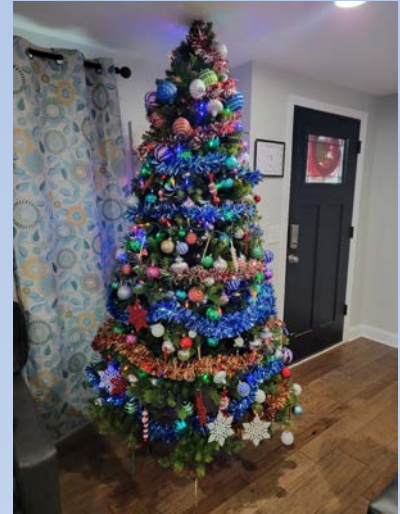




# CHRISTMAS HOME DECORATION AND DINNER CELEBRATIONS

DEC 17, 2024

The annual Center for Social Change Christmas home decoration contest brought tremendous joy and festive spirit this season. Every house showcased remarkable creativity and dedication, transforming their spaces into magical holiday displays that spread warmth and cheer. As a special recognition of their wonderful efforts, each house's staff and individuals will have the opportunity to celebrate together with a special meal of their choice. As the day finally approached the Christmas decoration celebration dinner on January 20th brought together the entire CSC community in a festive mood. Staff and residents from all CSC homes eagerly anticipated this special gathering, which featured a diverse array of cuisines from various local restaurants of their choice. These cherished moments of coming together help strengthen the bonds that make CSC such a special place for everyone involved. Thank you to everyone who participated in making this holiday season truly memorable!











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