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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.

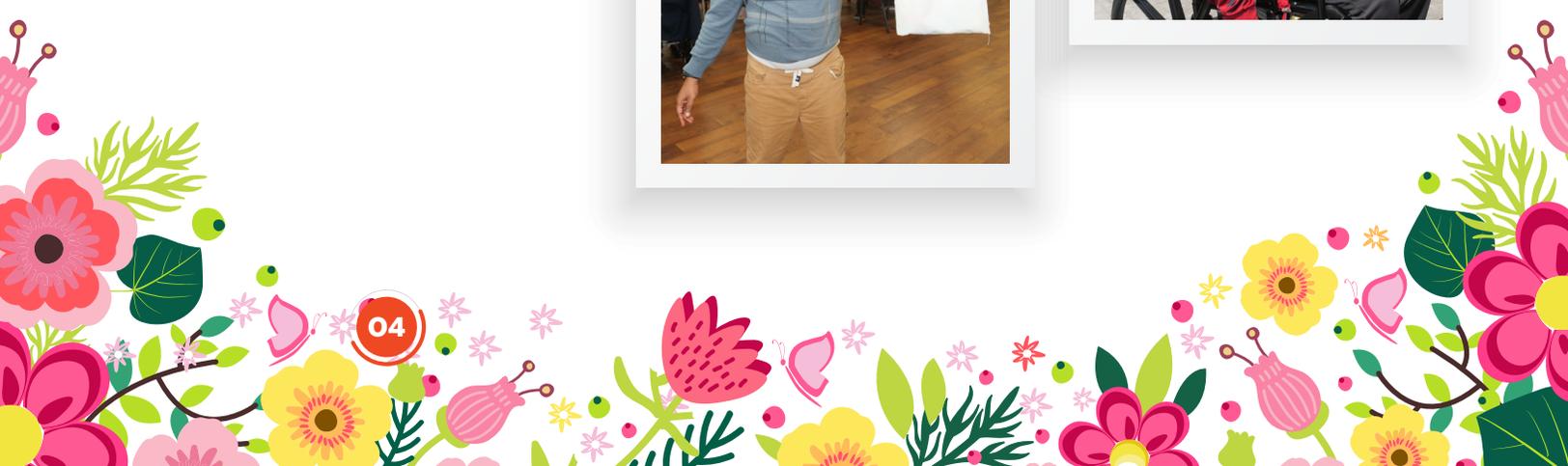
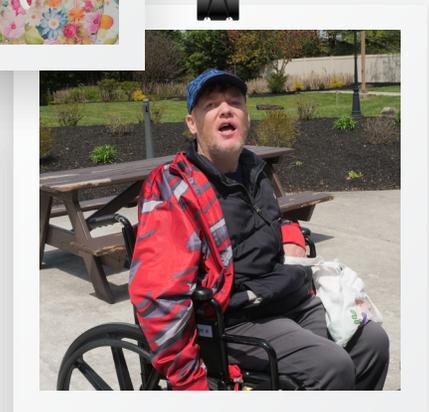
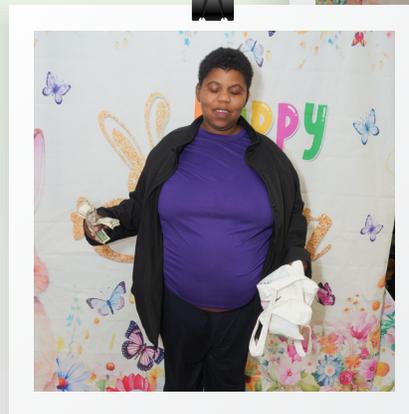
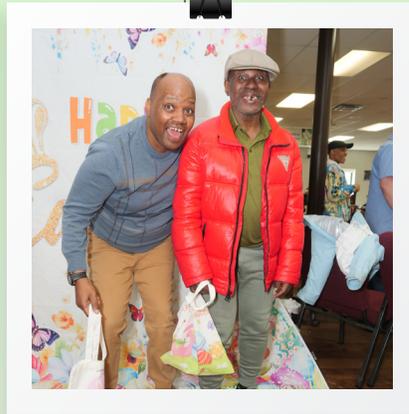
Our Vision

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.



EASTER EGG HUNT FOR ADULTS

Center for Social Change hosted a delightful Easter Egg hunt on April 18th, bringing together Person served and staff for a day filled with joy and excitement. The backyard at Center for Social Change provided a perfect setting for the Easter festivities. The mini golf area, usually a place for fun and relaxation, added an extra layer of excitement to the day with sensory toy filled eggs hidden throughout. The addition of the greenhouse and the stunning waterfall created a serene and captivating atmosphere, making it an ideal backdrop for the event. After the successful egg hunt, Person served were treated to a delightful choice of meals based on their food preferences.

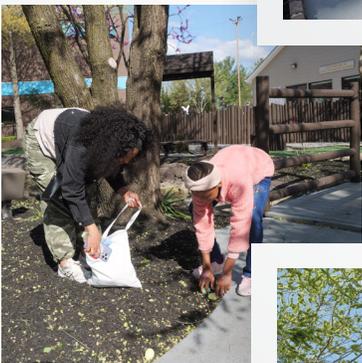


EASTER EGG HUNT FOR CHILDREN

On April 16, Center for Social Change turned a regular spring day into vibrant Easter wonderland. As the children arrived, their giggles echoed through the air, mingling with cheerful music. The mini golf course was the perfect place to hide the eggs. The backyard was blooming with bright plants and CSC's iconic waterfall which looked like something straight out of a fairytale.

The Easter egg hunt kicked off with fun and games. Excitement soared when the Jelly Bean Easter Bunny made a special appearance, bringing joy and plenty of photo ops. A talented face painter added even more sparkle to the day, with colorful designs and happy faces all around.

Soon after the aroma of Chick-fil-A nuggets, creamy mac and cheese, fresh fruit, and sweet cupcakes soon invited hungry little adventurers to feast and recharge. The highlight of the day was the moment each child received an Easter bag tote with a bunny plush toy, bubble wands, rubber ducks, bunny ear hand bands and candies.



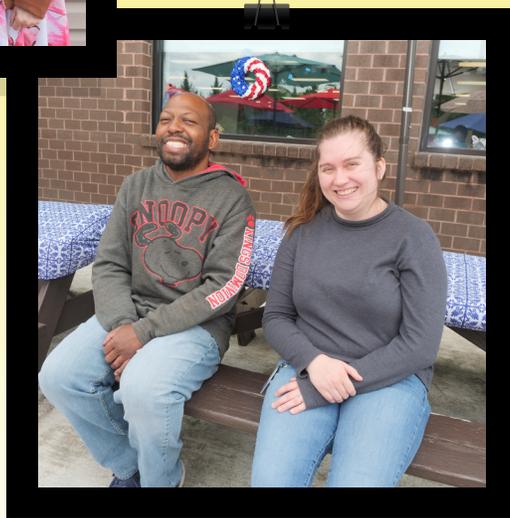
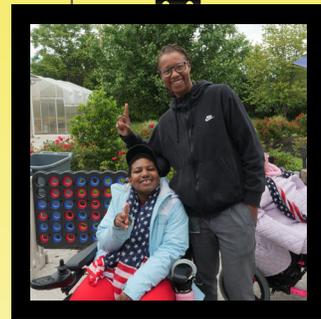


ANNUAL SPRING FASHION SHOW

On April 25th, Center for Social Change burst into color and creativity with its much anticipated Annual Fashion Show. This year's theme celebrated spring in full bloom with vibrant floral prints, fresh pastels, and outfits that radiated seasonal joy. Our very own CSC models lit up the runway, walking with confidence and charisma, while a lively DJ kept spirits high. The crowd was electric, cheering on every bold look. Our talented photographer captured every candid smile preserving memories. After the final walk, the celebration continued over pizza, wings, and great conversations. Compliments flew, friendships deepened, and the room buzzed with pride and joy. It was a night of expression, community, and celebration.



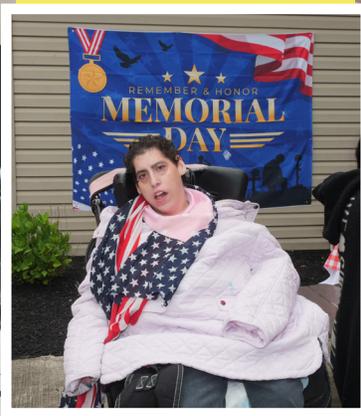




MEMORIAL DAY COOK-OUT

Memorial Day is a time to honor those who have made the ultimate sacrifice while serving our country and a day to celebrate the freedoms we enjoy today. CSC Memorial Day Cook-Out on May 23 managed to hit both marks. The event was adorned with patriotic decorations that set the tone for the day with Red, white, and blue decorations.

The DJ was spinning an upbeat mix of music, guests were encouraged to dance and enjoy themselves. We also had fun temporary tattoos and patriotic scarves and beaded necklaces. Of course, the food didn't disappoint at all. For a change we got a food truck that catered burgers, hot dogs, and all the classic sides. We also had a shaved ice truck which was very much enjoyed by all. This event was a huge success and everyone left with smiles on their faces.





GRADUATION 2025

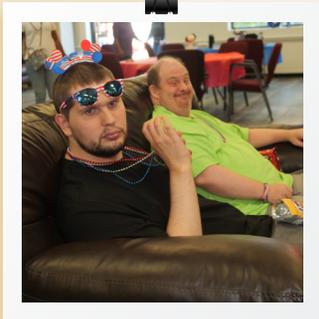
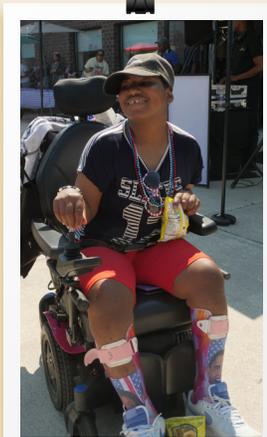
Nine Person served from Center for Social Change graduated from a six-week job development training course, designed to prepare them for real world employment. Each participant participated in Mock interviews that were held by CSC Program Administrators. There were 4 mock companies created based off their job interests and questions and scenarios presented were taken from realistic interview questions for that industry. Each participant also was supported in creating or updating their resume throughout the 6-week training program.

The graduation ceremony took place on Friday, May 9, featuring a photographer and a celebratory spread from Chick-fil-A. Guests and graduates enjoyed big, beautifully decorated cakes and delicious cookies.

Graduates donned classic caps and gowns, walking the stage while being congratulated by executive staff. Each received a special goody bag containing their certificate diploma, a printed photo, a personalized water bottle, and other thoughtful gifts. The photographer captured memorable moments throughout the festivities, including the joyful hat toss at the end.

The event was a huge success and a proud milestone for the graduates. With excitement still in the air, many are already looking forward to the next training course.





SUMMER CARNIVAL

On July 3rd, 2025, CSC transformed into a hub of excitement, hosting a lively carnival to celebrate the July 4th holiday. The day was packed with fun, food, and unforgettable moments. Patriotic red, white, and blue decorations set the festive mood right from the entrance, giving everyone an instant taste of Independence Day spirit.

Guests dove into a variety of activities—cheers echoed around the inflatable basketball hoop, and laughter erupted as several of our fearless staff took their turns in the Royal Flush dunk tank. The creativity didn't stop there: our face painting station was a huge hit. Meanwhile, the caricaturist's playful portraits kept everyone smiling and lining up for more.

A highlight of the event was the live music, with our DJ spinning a crowd-pleasing mix of tunes that got everyone moving. And what's a Fourth of July celebration without mouthwatering BBQ? Platters piled high with smoky, savory favorites from the legendary Smoke Datt BBQ food truck were served up, keeping everyone coming back for seconds. And for those looking to cool off, the Kona Ice food truck brought a burst of tropical flavors with its refreshing shaved ice, offering the perfect sweet treat for a hot summer day.

By the end of the celebration, it was clear—everyone left with big smiles and even bigger memories. This carnival was a fantastic way to kick off the holiday and bring our CSC community together!



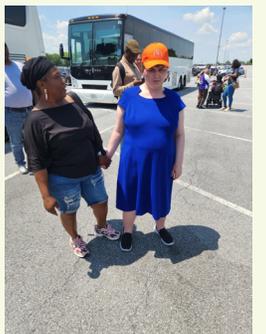
HERSHEY PARK

Center for Social Change organized a much-anticipated trip to Hershey Park in Pennsylvania on a sunny June day. This annual outing is one that many look forward to all year, and this summer did not disappoint.

From the moment we arrived, excitement was in the air. All explored the famous Hershey Chocolate Factory, braved thrilling rides, cooled off at The Boardwalk waterpark with its fun slides and attractions, snapped photos with Hershey's beloved characters, and enjoyed a wide variety of delicious food and drinks. There truly was something for everyone!

After a long, fun-filled day, the bus ride home was the perfect opportunity to relax and recharge—many took well-deserved naps, tired but happy from the adventure. The trip was a sweet success, filled with lasting memories and lots of chocolate!





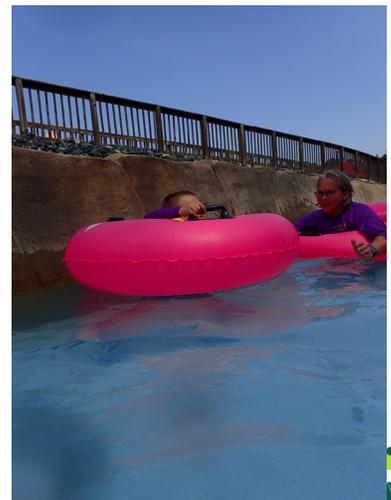
SIX FLAGS WATERPARK KIDS TRIP

On July 23, 2025, children and staff set out for an eagerly awaited adventure at Six Flags Waterpark! Anticipation buzzed as everyone prepared for a full day of laughter and fun in the sun.

We started our morning at the Tidal Wave Lagoon, where children and staff alike dove into the rolling surf and rode the gentle swells together. Another fun place to conquer was the Pirate's Plunge—an exhilarating multi-person raft ride that had everyone squealing with delight as we twisted and turned down the slides.

For those who wanted a more relaxed pace, the Castaway Creek lazy river was the perfect escape. Later, the children explored Splash Island, a vibrant play zone with fountains, sprayers, and mini-slides that kept them entertained for hours.

By the end of the day, everyone was happily worn out and brimming with happy memories. The Six Flags Waterpark trip created a summer day the children will never forget!



DDA CONNECTION

This summer, Marlana R. Hutchinson, Deputy Secretary of Maryland's Developmental Disabilities Administration (DDA), visited us at Center for Social Change in Elkrige. With decades of experience at the Maryland Department of Health, Marlana spent time observing CSC's Day Program, learning about our Residential Program and meeting with Person served and staff to see firsthand the impact of CSC's person-centered approach.

Reflecting on her visit to CSC, Marlana emphasized the essential role organizations like CSC play within Maryland's system of supports. Witnessing people who have disabilities thriving in inclusive environments reaffirmed the importance of strong community partnerships and the continued pursuit of high-quality accessible care. Marlana reiterated the DDA's commitment to working collaboratively with providers like CSC, ensuring that people who have developmental disabilities have every opportunity to succeed and lead fulfilling lives.

I also had the great opportunity to visit the [Center for Social Change](#) (CSC) in Elkrige, which provides residential and meaningful day programs, support services, advocacy, and volunteering opportunities to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The face-to-face opportunities to engage with people living their best lives with the support of providers such as CSC are a strong reminder to me about why we serve.



MONSTER JAM HOT WHEELS

On May 31st, a group of person served and staff eagerly attended the popular Monster Jam Truck Show. The excitement was infectious as the gates swung open, welcoming a surge of eager fans into the Baltimore Arena. As the Monster Jam show roared to life, the sound of powerful engines echoed through the stands, electrifying the audience. The atmosphere was charged, and everyone was perched on the edge of their seats, ready for the thrilling stunts that lay ahead. True to its reputation, Monster Jam delivered an astounding performance filled with jaw-dropping stunts and gravity-defying maneuvers. The added neon glowing lights on the trucks made the entire show even more entertaining. The combination of excitement and delicious food offered at the arena made this show a great hit.



JURASSIC WORLD LIVE TOUR

Jurassic World Live Tour came to life for the person served at CSC in an action-packed, live arena show on March 16 at the CFG Bank Arena in Baltimore. All the dinosaur lovers signed up to experience this unique event. This immersive tour was a dream come true for many. Our group witnessed inspiring spectacles featuring life sized dinosaurs all brought to life with cutting edge technology and stunning realism. The show was more than just entertainment. It was a unique educational opportunity that made prehistoric learning exciting and tangible in a way that books simply can't match.





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