

Fall 2023

Avenues

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NEWSLETTER

Our Programs are always up to something fun!



First Friends Preschool & Daycare

Enjoyed outdoor movie night before students headed back to school.

LESSIE'S *Corner*

Lessie's Garden Greenhouse & Giftshop



Fall Open House Fun



Mark you calendar now!

Click [here](#) for details.

Don't forget our poinsettia sale!

For Business & Industry

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Business Corner

We thank all of the community for supporting Avenues and this month we are focusing on *Hydro Extrusions*.

Not only do they sponsor our Avenues Foundation fundraising events, employees also sit on our boards of directors. Hydro was the top selling business for our Foundation Duck Race tickets, bringing in more than \$1000.00 additional for the Avenues Foundation. Thanks so much!



Hydro



Thank you Hydro for donating your hole sponsorship at the Schuylkill Chamber of Golf Tournament to Avenues again!



Capt. Jason B. Jones
Memorial Day of Caring 2022
Hydro helps Avenues



Day One



Present Day

Luna

One day last fall as we arrived to work, we found this precious girl sitting on the admin. building porch. She now has a good home with our board member Rich Hilliard! She still visits us from time to time, even attending Avenues events!



SUMMER COMMUNITY FUN!



Flo, Tyler and Joey



Congrats, Kim!



Way to go, Tim!

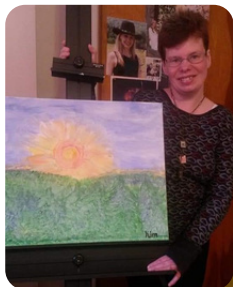
Many programs have activities and stories. Check Avenues Facebook page for more good news.

To submit a story or birthday, email knobel@avenuesofpa.org

Visit us at avenuesofpa.org and Like us on Facebook!

Individual Spotlight

Kim E. Milton PossAbilities



We love Kim E's artwork so we reached out to her mother. Here is what she says:

Where do I begin!

Our journey began from the time Kim was born. She was born with multiple contractures that had to be immediately addressed with castings and surgeries. Since we lived 45 minutes from NYC, we had consultations and surgeries planned in every hospital in the city and in surrounding areas. We took one task at a time according to physical need, and research in genetics at Bellevue to find labels for those unknowns. During that time (1974 -) there were no cell phones, computers, internet information, nothing but past review of previous patients...it was a guessing game. I made a daily diary of everything- when she had bodily functions, ate, drank, etc. She had allergic reactions to most food, had low resistance to everything down the pike, etc. It was trial and error. She had a viral illness, high fever convulsions at 4 months old. I was told she'd never walk or talk, etc. She stood up and walked at 4 yrs. old. She said words along the way. I tagged furniture, "couch" "chair" our own flashcards and had her repeat it over and over. I always treated her as my sidekick- she would go to my food service manager job and sorted silverware, etc. Meanwhile I was a New Jersey Advocate and took her wherever I went- to advocate for barrier-free bathrooms, speeches, rallies, and helped found D.I.A.L. Inc. (disabled-information-awareness & living), I wrote/researched my "Kid's Corner" column (where to get velcro clothes, seeing-eye dogs, camps for special needs).

We were in all the parades to promote D.I.A.L. and services available. Then, as a food service manager, I volunteered making food for (one of the first) group home in N.J. and she greeted and assisted the elderly. We also fed people soup and bread from our beat up old van...our favorite volunteer work to this day is feeding the hungry.

After graduation, both from New Jersey at 18 yrs. old, and Penna. at 21 yrs. old, she worked through Square I, at a hoagie shop as a dishwasher. She soon got bruising all over from strain and she could no longer work even part time.

When she was in the hospital, streams of flowers and gifts came through our door with well wishes. I didn't know where it came from...a knock at the door. An elderly man introduced himself as a customer at the hoagie shop. He said all those flowers and gifts were from customers when they inquired where Kim was. "She is an inspiration to us" and added, my wife is going through chemo, and she said if

Kim can do it, so can I. I never cried so hard in my life! Over the years, Kim was on the Parent Board of the UCP, on the Board of Positive Practices, Harrisburg (to make positive changes for consumers), United Way Ambassador, was on Mark Lawrence's Roundtable, WKOK as advocate, Radio Station at Syracuse, NY as MDA advocate (raised money for them), volunteer peer advocate for Selinsgrove Center, and sold tickets to raise money for Breast Cancer survivors; we help where we can.

At the moment, as a retired nurse, and Kim at the day program, we take one day at a time, will be advocates forever, a gift that was given to us the day she was born.

Keep up the great work, Kim!

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WEEKLY SPECIALS: PEPPERONI, HAMBURGER, MUSHROOM, SAUSAGE, ONION



Avenues Night at the Scranton Wilkes Barre Railriders game

Ducky Do Good threw out the first pitch!



Fall Art Craft



- Arrange leaves on wax paper and put another sheet on top.
- Cover both sides with a towel and iron on top of towel until paper comes together.
- Place in a frame and enjoy your fall art.



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