

Providing Compassionate Care

Since 1941

*A message from Mary Sontheimer,
Executive Director...*

The more things change, the more they stay the same.....

Cardinal Hayes Home and Cardinal Hayes School for Special Children (Hayes Day School) have faced many challenges during my two-and-a-half-year tenure as Executive Director. Who would have imagined a worldwide pandemic would be my introduction to life at Hayes. We have successfully navigated through staffing shortages, record high inflation, leadership transitions and governmental changes. It is during these types of challenges, that the spirit and mission of our agency shines its brightest.

Transitions and change are an inevitable part of life and work; Cardinal Hayes Home and Hayes Day School are not immune to either of these. Director of Education, Dara Simmons, retired in June after a long-standing career with our organization. She takes with her our admiration and appreciation and a recognition for her commitment to our students and our agency. We are pleased to share that we have hired a new Director of Education, MaryAnn Schipani, who will work to continue Dara's legacy of caring, compassion and respect. Another exciting change is the promotion of The Director of

Residential Services, Dan Davis, to a new position of Assistant Executive Director. Dan has been with Cardinal Hayes Home since 2005, when he started as a Direct Support Professional. In addition, Dan has worked in our payroll department, as an assistant supervisor, supervisor, and Assistant Director of Residential Services. While any change may present challenges, I am confident that we will have a smooth and positive transition with a continued seamless delivery of services to our residents and students.

Cardinal Hayes Home and Hayes Day School are strong. We are positioned for success and growth in the future. Our team continues to focus on what is important- the highest quality of care for those we are so privileged to serve.

We hope you enjoy our Newsletter, especially the accolades to our staff from our families. Although we remain restricted in many of our usual activities due to the pandemic, we have discovered innovative ways to safely celebrate. Our staff and our individuals are continuously being recognized and appreciated for the blessings they are in our lives, holding our mission focused activities and small gatherings. The intimate celebrations and activities certainly provide us an opportunity to reflect on all that is good. We are blessed to have you, our generous donors as part of the Hayes family and thank you for your many gifts and prayers. All your gifts directly benefit the children and young adults in our care.

We Celebrated...

BIRTHDAYS ▶



MORE ▶ BIRTHDAYS



AND MORE BIRTHDAYS ▼



Our Families Appreciate Our Staff

I have always felt 100% secure that Cardinal Hayes gives the best and most thorough care to its residents. That is an amazing feeling when we can no longer care for them ourselves.

Cardinal Hayes has enhanced our child's life as well as others. For the past 19 years, our child has had a wonderful life with the Cardinal Hayes Staff and friends at her house. The WATCH Program she attends employs staff that engages her in a multitude of activities and outings she enjoys. At her home, and at WATCH, the staff ensures that every holiday and birthday is celebration! A big THANK YOU to her case worker, treatment team, staff at WATCH and direct support staff treating her and her family like your family!

Cardinal Hayes Home has had a great influence on my daughter. She has really come into her own. Staff have had a very positive effect on her, very caring and kind. Nothing but good at Cardinal Hayes Home. Very happy with the care.

Cardinal Hayes Home is a wonderful place for residents – every staff member provides high quality care, respect, sympathy, and love to every resident as if they were a part of their own family. I am beyond blessed and grateful for this amazing place and everyone who works here.

Cardinal Hayes Home is THE PLACE for children who are seeking or in need of special care. My child has been cared for at Hayes since he was 2 years old, and he is now 27 years old. I am glad that God directed me to this organization. The staff, to us, is just like a second family. I have no reservation to recommend Cardinal Hayes Home to any family who is looking for a special place their loved one in need of special care.

I always love to receive pictures of my daughter. Other parents I know receive pictures of their little ones during the school year. The staff always call me with any concerns and although I live miles away, I always feel very involved in her care. Our caseworker and supervisor have been angels. Everyone works very hard, and I appreciate everyone.

Dear All: You are amazing!! Thank you for taking such good care of my son. Love you all, God Bless

There are not enough superlatives to describe how essential, professional, thorough, and personal the Cardinal Hayes staff have been in the life of our daughter and in the lives of her family as well. Our daughter has been hospitalized a number of times, and the Cardinal Hayes staff sent to stay with her during these times have been vital to her recovery. Their kindness to her and their enthusiasm about becoming proficient in sign language have proven to be nothing less than heroic. We are so grateful for them and for the support we receive from everyone associated with Cardinal Hayes!

My sister has been a resident at Cardinal Hayes Home for many years. The staff have been wonderful. Caseworkers have always kept my family up to date on my sister's welfare and progress. I honestly do not know what we would do without this extraordinary caring and compassionate staff. A big thank you to everyone!

There is not enough space to write all the positive and wonderful things about Cardinal Hayes Home! My son has thrived since arriving at Cardinal Hayes many years ago. Staff are loving, very caring and patient. He has grown in many ways to become more independent and is truly happy! The team meetings are very helpful, and we hear from every part of the team and our questions are answered clearly. Our family always feels welcome when we visit, and it is a pleasure to see the house and how well everyone is cared for. My family is grateful every passing year knowing our son is in such a safe and nurturing place. Thank you! Keep up the good work!

My experience with Cardinal Hayes Home for Children has been one of a fulfillment of my greatest desires, finding a safe and caring place for my grandson. Knowing that time will remove me from this life and that his future will be one of being in a loving, caring, and supportive environment for his life where daily living is more than the feeding and housing that we all seek. But being able to grow each day with a team of people (caregivers) who truly perform more than a job. I have been truly blessed to see the lives of the residents (our children) growing and experiencing by the interaction between those who share the facilities together and those who provide care and support within the rooms and walls where they reside. For all those reasons, I have nothing but gratitude and a full heart of thankfulness to the mission of Cardinal Hayes Home to care for all God's children.

We Also Celebrated...

SUNNY DAYS ▶



FRIENDSHIP ▼



ACCOMPLISHMENTS ▼

COMPOSING & SINGING ▼



BOWLING CHAMP! ▼



PLAY BALL!!!! ▼



THOUGHTS FROM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR EMERITAS, FRED APERS

I wish to express my appreciation for your ongoing support of our specialized services at Hayes. Thank you for your kindness, encouragement, and good faith in our daily efforts in serving the needs of individuals with developmental disabilities. May every new day be a better day for all of us in these challenging times. Grace to you and our sincere thanks for your help in our mission.

OUR MISSION

In the tradition of the Franciscan Missionaries of Mary, serving those most in need, we share in a ministry of service to developmentally disabled children and young adults. With profound belief in the sacredness and value of each life, our spirit of caring reflects compassion and reverence.

OUR VALUES

Respect for Life/Dignity of the Person
Competent, Compassionate Care of Those We Serve
Partnership/Cooperation in the Workplace
Responsible Management of Resources

THE GIVING GARDEN

Cardinal Hayes Home and Stonewood Farm have continued to partner in an adventure in gardening at our Millbrook campus. Stonewood Farm is a certified purveyor of organic produce located on nearby Bangall Road in Millbrook. The Stonewood Community Project Inc, their not-for-profit organization dedicated to charitable and educational missions.

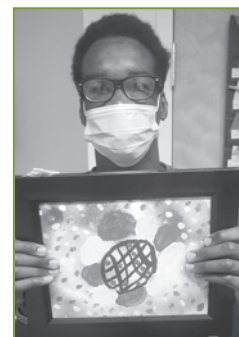
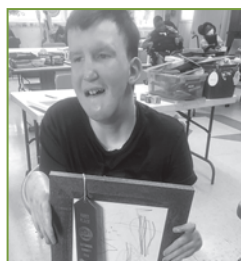
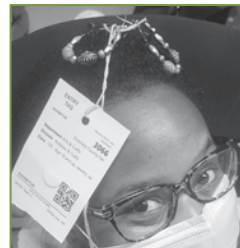
So, when it was growing season again, the WOW Program participants and staff met with the growers and owners of Stonewood Farm to plan and design this year's "The Giving Garden", so aptly named.

Throughout, the summer the garden was maintained, weeded and watered by the WOW participants and staff from Stonewood Farm.



CARDINAL HAYES HOME WINS AT THE DUTCHESS COUNTY FAIR

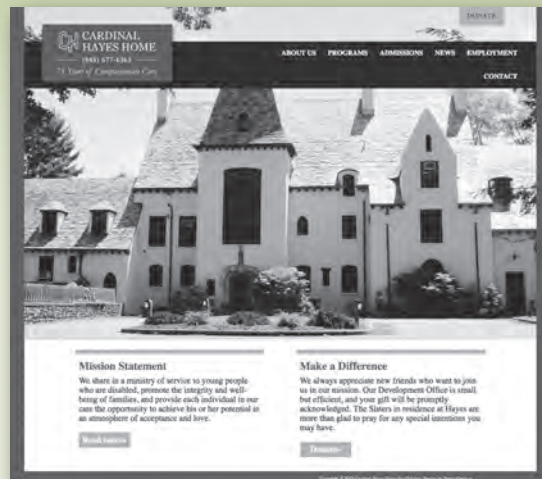
We are very proud of our artists who entered their creations at the Dutchess County Fair. They won prizes for their work and did a wonderful job!!



IN STEP WITH THE TIMES

Cardinal Hayes Home and Hayes Day School have Facebook and Instagram pages. Now more than ever, people are turning to their electronic devices to keep in touch with family and friends. Being part of social media has truly helped us stay connected when visiting is limited.

We also have a website www.cardinalhayeshome.org which shares the history of the Home, the sponsors, our programs and our administration. Through our website, you are also able to make online donations via safe and secure means.



IT'S IMPORTANT!

*If you don't have a **will**, your state has one for you!*

We all know it's important to have a valid will in place, but many of us delay beginning the process. However, once this is done, you will feel greatly relieved. Remember, you have the right to decide how your estate will be distributed in the event of your death.

If you currently have no will or need to update an existing will, we can help you. Our free leaflet, "Will your Will make a difference?" explains in easy terms what steps you need to take – tips on retaining an attorney, deciding where you want your estate to go, and how to remember a charity in your will.

If you would like a copy of this pamphlet, just fill in the request form and mail it back to us, or send an e-mail to mbroe@cardinalhayeshome.org or call us at 845-677-6363, ext. 1110. There will be no follow-up phone calls to your home.

If you want to designate Cardinal Hayes Home as a beneficiary, our legal name is Cardinal Hayes Home for Children at Millbrook, New York. Please let us know if you ever decide to do this so we can say, "thank you." Unless otherwise requested, bequests are placed in our Endowment Fund, thus helping to support programs for young people with disabilities, both now and in the future.

PLEASE SEND ME THE FREE PAMPHLET, "*Will your Will make a difference?*"

Name _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Embracing the Inner Strength of People with Disabilities

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