THE 21ST ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF TOURNAMENT TO BENEFIT THE ADULT DAY CENTER OF WESTERLY

Nearly 100 golfers geared up to play in the 21st Annual Charity Golf Tournament to benefit PACE’s Adult Day Center of Westerly (ADCW) on September 12th. The weather decided to challenge our players, yet all remained incredibly dedicated to the game – and to supporting ADCW’s mission.

500 FACEBOOK FOLLOWERS AND GROWING

In an attempt to grow our online presence, PACE has been working hard on social media; sharing as many stories, articles, photos, and videos as we can. All the hard work is paying off as we hit our goal reaching 500 followers three months early!

To help commemorate this exciting milestone, our participants worked together to create a banner as a thank-you video that we shared on our Facebook page.

Find us on Facebook

As we approach the new year, please consider helping us reach our new goal of 750 followers by sharing our page with friends and family!

PACE PARTICIPANT CELEBRATES 100TH BIRTHDAY

One of our Providence participants, Janie L, turned 100 years old this summer, and a PACE-style celebration was thrown in honor of the milestone.

Janie’s 100 years have been well-lived, and she continues to make memories at PACE. Before moving in with her son, Leotis, almost seven years ago, Janie lived by herself for over 90 years.

As selfless as she is wise, she has spent much of her time giving back to her community. Staying a vibrant part of her community has always been important to her. Simultaneously, Leotis felt a growing need for support keeping his mother happy and healthy in their home. Therefore shortly after relocating to the north end of Providence with her son, Janie enrolled in PACE. She continues to live safely in the community that she worked so hard to serve, while also receiving the care that she needs.

“My mother is both a strong and hardworking woman. She loves the independence that PACE provides,” said Leotis. “I am grateful that PACE gives my mother the ability to stay active in her later years.” When asked about her secret to lifelong livelihood, Janie says, “Hard work will not kill you, but not working will.”

On the big day, PACE staff, participants, and her son joined in to celebrate at the day center. She received citations from Providence Mayor Jorge Elorza and Congressman David Cicilline recognizing this special event.

“We honored a member of our family today,” said PACE Life Enrichment Coordinator Leslie Jackson about the celebration. “Milestones like this remind us of why we do our work, which is to enrich the lives of our participants, so they can remain in the community, connected to their family and friends.”

Thanks to the generous contributions from our sponsors and our golfers, PACE and the Adult Day Center of Westerly met our fundraising goal. The proceeds from the 50/50 Raffle, the Betting Hole, the Silent Auction, and general donations, go directly to supporting the Adult Day Center of Westerly and it’s participants.
The National PACE Association proclaimed September as National PACE Month, an opportunity to celebrate the lives improved by PACE programs across the country.

This year’s theme was “Caring for Caregivers, Caring for You” highlighting the important role that caregivers play in the lives of our participants, and the support PACE Organization of Rhode Island offers them.

Over the course of the month our PACE teams focused on ensuring that our participants, and their caregivers, were supported and recognized for all that they do.

Westerly

Westerly participants made an effort to get to know their neighbors, and give back to the community that so often gives to them. The participants went to the Westerly Fire Station to deliver the homemade oatmeal cookies as a way to say “Thank you for all that you do!”

While there, they met Fireman Paul who gave them a tour of the station and the fire engines. He also told them a riveting story about a fire in 1927 that destroyed the old fire station. One of the fire engines fell through the wooden floor and is still buried under the current station. Needless to say, the town of Westerly has a rich history that means a lot to our participants!

Providence

Our friends at What Cheer Flower Farm stopped by our Providence location to deliver fresh-cut flowers and help our participants express their creativity!

Participants took heart to the project, and many found the experience of selecting a button very nostalgic, hearkening back to times of digging through a beloved mother’s sewing box, or finding buttons that conveyed a bit about themselves and their lives. PACE Woonsocket is excited to watch this tree, and our program, continue to grow!

Woonsocket

In Woonsocket, participants and staff collaborated on a fun art project that illustrates how everyone at PACE grows together.

Day Center Director Rosemarie Bolger came up with the concept of a “Growing Tree.” PACE’s art teacher painted a large tree on a canvas that serves as the base. Then, each participant and staff member selected a button and it was added onto the canvas, as leaves to the tree. The goal, stated Rose, “Is to add a new button each time we enroll a new participant, or are joined by a new staff member. We never lose one another, we just build and expand into this beautiful life, as one family.”
PACE’s New Commercial

As part of our strategic plan goals, PACE is hitting both the silver screen and the airwaves!

Our new television commercial, premiering in December, highlights the services that PACE provides our participants, and the peace of mind we offer our caregivers.

Thank you to our Woonsocket staff and participants for sharing their space and assisting in the creation of this exciting new initiative.

Keep an eye, and ear, out for our new commercial and all of our other adjoining advertisements!

For more information:
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