



## GET READY FOR HOODSTOCK XV

**Saturday, October 13, 2018**

American Visionary Art Museum

Doors open at 5:45 p.m.

Music begins at 6 p.m.

Event headliner, Roses n Rust hits the stage at 8 p.m.

It is hard to believe that Hoodstock is celebrating its 15th year. A grass roots music festival based on the rock/folk music scene of the late '60s and early '70s mixed with contemporary music, Hoodstock began as a neighborhood event before its popularity made all the Baltimore region its "hood." Hoodstock has become a major fundraiser to benefit Unified Community Connections and all we do to advance the independence of children and adults with disabilities.

Hoodstock is a casual, laidback, family-friendly event where guests "Just Say No to Black-Tie and Yes to Tie-Dye." Attendees enjoy live music along with good food, beer and wine, raffles and a silent auction, all for a modest ticket price. Many of the bands that perform include band members who have a direct connection to Unified's mission. A highlight of the evening is always the presentation of the Samuel A. Tucker Memorial Can Do Award to an individual we support in order to recognize their ability, rather than their disability. Approximately 400 guests attended last year raising more than \$82,000.

Once again this year Hoodstock will be at the American Visionary Art Museum at 800 Key Highway, and the museum will be open throughout the event. Dress casual or in your best hippie outfit—tie-dye, bell bottoms and a peace necklace.

### **Early Bird General Admission: \$40**

Available until midnight September 4

### **Advance General Admission: \$45**

### **Door Admission: \$55**

Children age 6+ \$10, and children under 5 are free.

**For tickets go to [www.unified.org](http://www.unified.org).**

**Reserved Table of 8: \$450** Limited availability

### **Sponsorships from \$300 to \$10,000 available.**

Please visit [www.unified.org](http://www.unified.org) to download a sponsorship form. When completed, email to [lbussard@unified.org](mailto:lbussard@unified.org) or fax to 410-771-3235.

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## WORKPLACE GIVING . . .

Did you know that if your workplace participates in the United Way Campaign, another federated appeal or has an in house program, you can designate your support for Unified Community Connections through payroll deduction?

Agency numbers for Unified Community Connections are:

- United Way of Central Maryland #24
- Combined Federal Campaign #70735
- Maryland Charities Campaign #52-0696384
- Combined Charities Campaign #8024
- Frederick County/City #0522
- Frederick Private, Cecil County, Allegany County and other areas in Maryland #53

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Connecting people  
with disabilities  
to life's possibilities

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## RECORD BREAKING \$110,000 RAISED FROM

## 13<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC

Unified Community Connections' 13th Annual Golf Classic, presented by Dimensional Health Care Associates, was held on Friday, April 20, at the Elkridge Club in Baltimore. This was the seventh year the tournament was held at the Elkridge Club. The event raised a record-breaking \$110,000 for Unified's programs and services that support children and adults with disabilities. Since its inception 13 years ago, the Golf Classic has raised more than \$500,000. Chaired by Jeff & Julie Bainbridge, whose son Charlie attends Delrey, and Jonathan Clark, the event sold out, with 104 golfers, months before the tournament date, the earliest sell-out in the tournament's history. A special thank you to our committee chairs, volunteers, golfers and all our 41 generous sponsors listed to the right — we appreciate your support!

Stay tuned for news about next year's tournament scheduled for April 2019.



Jeff Bainbridge with his wife, Julie, and sons, Mason and Charlie.

Event Co-chairs present check to Unified Community Connections: (l to r) Penny Lynch, Unified Community Connections Board Chair; Diane Coughlin, President & CEO of Unified Community Connections; Lauren Bussard, Unified Community Connections Director of Development; Jonathan Clark, Harris Media Group, Inc.; Julie Bainbridge, American College of Cardiology; Mason Bainbridge; and Jeff Bainbridge, Royal Farms.



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## OUR MISSION:

TO SUPPORT INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES IN ACHIEVING INDEPENDENCE, PRODUCTIVITY, AND THE QUALITY OF LIFE THEY SEEK.

# FREDERICK DAY CENTER

## CONSTRUCTION NEARING COMPLETION

Construction is well underway for the expansion of our Frederick Day Center, which will be ready to enjoy by the end of summer. Storage space is being converted into space to be used by the individuals we serve, allowing us to provide greater accessibility and services. Handicapped restrooms have been added along with a Snoezelen multi-sensory room – a soothing environment that combines a range of controlled stimuli to help individuals relax and reduce agitation and anxiety. We will also be able to accommodate more people, especially from the Montgomery County area.

We thank those who helped make this expansion possible including Delegate Dan Morhaim, M.D., who assisted us in securing \$127,000 in State of Maryland capital bond money to offset the capital costs associated with this project. We also thank Melanie Dorsey and her husband Daniel Standish for their contribution of \$30,000 to this project as well as all our other generous donors. Additionally, we appreciate the hard work of our contractor AV Rauth and Sons Inc. for moving this project along so quickly. An open house is planned for the fall.

# DEVELOPMENT NEWS

## \$50,000 STOCK DONATION IN HONOR OF MELANIE DORSEY'S BIRTHDAY

Daniel Standish made a \$50,000 stock donation at the end of January in honor of his wife Melanie Dorsey's birthday. This gift was made in memory of Melanie's sister Mary Elizabeth Beukema and will be used to help us show our appreciation to our direct care support staff, who work so diligently every day to enhance the lives of the individuals we serve. Individuals and staff from our Frederick Day Program thanked Dan and Melanie with a personal video message that included singing Happy Birthday to Melanie.



*Our Frederick Day Program thanks Daniel Standish and Melanie Dorsey.*

## CLIENT FINANCE AND FACILITIES COORDINATOR BILL RENO RETIRES

Bill Reno, client facility and finance coordinator in the Western Region, retired in April after 11 years with Unified. A lovely retirement party was held in his honor: "I want to thank everyone for all of your help and support during these 11 plus years. Being able to serve our individuals has been one of the most fulfilling jobs I have ever had," said Bill. In recognition of his service to Unified and the individuals he has supported, one of our newest resident homes, Ivy Way in Hagerstown, was dedicated to Bill. An inscribed plaque at Ivy Way commemorates Bill's many contributions. He has been instrumental in the success of our Residential Program in terms of finding homes and then planning and overseeing the renovations of these homes.

## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS . . .

**JUDITH FITZGERALD** is an attorney and a faculty member of the School of Public Policy and Administration as well as the Nonprofit Management Program at Walden University. She has defended the rights of special needs individuals and been an advocate for those with disabilities for over a decade. She has been a lecturer and on the faculty at Bowie State University. She has served as an adjunct professor in criminal law at the University of Maryland College Park and in business law at the Baltimore City Community College. Judith has received numerous awards including the Dream Keeper Award for her dedication to education and mentoring and the Walden University SPPA Award for Faculty Excellence for making a difference in the community. Judith has a Bachelor of Science

degree from Lincoln University in Pennsylvania, a Juris Doctor degree from the Boston College of Law and is a Ph.D. candidate at Walden University.

**DANIELLE BLACKMON** has been involved with the Delrey Parent/Student Organization (PSO) since she enrolled her daughter Peyton in 2015. She served as PSO vice president for the 2015-2016 school year and became president in 2017. She has been a leader with Delrey's fundraising, particularly the "Paint Night" events. Danielle has a master's degree in human services from the University of Baltimore and works for the Social Security Administration.

## AROUND THE AGENCY



Individuals from Crossroads volunteer at the Salvation Army.



Unified individual Antwan Smith has a blast at Six Flags.



Unified individual Chris Orange meets Pluto in Walt Disney World.

## NEWS FROM DELREY

The Delrey School is pleased to announce it is now accepting children on the autism spectrum into its program. Delrey is also now licensed to accept students with multiple disabilities from Washington, D.C., in addition to Central Maryland. "We are so pleased to be able to expand our services, allowing even more children to benefit from our expertise working with children with multiple disabilities, combining a rigorous academic curriculum with the latest therapeutic techniques and communication strategies to help students better engage in learning," says Delrey Principal Gary Vosburg.

Once again, we are very grateful to Merritt Properties for awarding Delrey another \$10,000 grant this year to fund a new Pre-Vocational Center at Delrey. Merritt's donation last year enabled all Delrey students to have access to iPads.

The new Pre-Vocational Center will help our students prepare for their future and ultimately obtain meaningful employment or volunteer opportunities by providing a variety of stations with activities that assist in the advancement of skills needed to perform vocational tasks such as organizing and prioritizing. Stations will include a grocery store, restaurant, library and retail store. Student can also practice doing laundry, bed-making, secretarial work and cleaning. Additionally, a station will be dedicated to developing fine motor skills with activities such as assembling, folding, sorting, etc. These activities will also help students build social, communication and independent living skills leading to an increase in confidence and productivity as well as improved happiness and self-worth. The program is being managed by Delrey's occupational therapists, and all students will benefit from at least one of the stations.

## DELREY'S ANNUAL DAY IN THE PARK

Students, parents, volunteers and staff had a great time at the Delrey School's annual Day in the Park event, which took place in May at Patapsco State Park, just a short trip from the school. Students and their families participated in arts and crafts activities, and students from the Day Care Center especially enjoyed soaking everyone with water guns. Each classroom prepared a salad, and side dishes were prepared by staff members. Delrey provided hot dogs and hamburgers with all the fixings. Bridget Flynn deserves special praise as the grill chef for the event, and a big thank you goes out to the committee members who helped plan this special day.

