

NEWSLETTER



SEPT & OCTOBER

2026



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GARDNER ACADEMY AWARDS 2026

Lights, camera, action!



The Gardner Day Program held its first-ever Academy Awards Ceremony. Most of the individuals dressed up, and we handed out superlatives for every individual and staff member.

The look on their faces when their name was called up to the 'stage' was priceless. We hope to do it again next summer.



MVP AWARD



Congratulations to Kelly Roseberry and the Paxton Street team, along with Greg Golden and the Route 31 team, on receiving the DDS MVP Award!

This award recognizes residential leaders and their teams who truly embody the spirit of "One Team. One Mission."

We're proud to see our Venture teams recognized for their dedication, teamwork, and commitment to the individuals we support. Congratulations, Team Venture!



Individuals & Staff at the "Academy Awards"

SENSORY FRIENDLY HALLOWEEN

What a fun and festive night at Venture! On Tuesday, October 27, we welcomed families to our annual Sensory-Friendly Trick-or-Treat Night, held for the first time at our new Dudley Day Program building.

We had a wonderful turnout, with 36 children and 38 parents, guardians, and other adults joining us for an evening filled with Halloween fun!

A huge thank-you to our Venture staff who helped plan, decorate, volunteer, and make this event possible. Your creativity and dedication helped make the evening special for everyone who attended.



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COMMUNITY SUPPORT

CREATING A MORE INCLUSIVE PLACE TO PLAY!

October is Augmentative and Alternative Communication (AAC) Awareness Month, a time to recognize the importance of ensuring everyone has a way to communicate.

What better way to celebrate AAC Awareness Month than by promoting inclusive communication and play! Venture was excited to deliver a brand-new Communication Board to Cubs' Corner Preschool in Spencer. We are proud to partner with Cubs' Corner to sponsor this important addition to their new playground.

Every child deserves the opportunity to play, communicate, and feel included. Communication boards help break down barriers, allowing children of all abilities to express themselves, connect with friends and teachers, and thrive! Because every child deserves a voice and a place to belong!



What an incredible night! Our 20th Annual Sip & Support brought together employees, friends, families, sponsors, and community members for an evening dedicated to supporting Venture and the people we serve.

We are incredibly grateful to everyone who joined us and to those who continue to show up for Venture year after year. Your generosity and commitment make it possible for us to provide meaningful opportunities, experiences, and supports that help the people we serve live full and fulfilling lives in their communities.

A RECORD BREAKING SIP & SUPPORT EVENT



At a time when services and supports for people with disabilities continue to face uncertainty, having a community that believes in our mission and stands alongside us means more than ever.

We are especially thankful to our Platinum Sponsors: Ted's of Charlton/Webster, Team Hoyt, MDG, and Country Bank. Your generous support helped make this year's event such a success.

And we have even more to celebrate! Early totals show that this year's Sip & Support was our most successful event to date! These funds will directly support programs, activities, community experiences, and other needs throughout the year, helping us continue to create opportunities for the people we serve to connect, participate, and thrive.



COMMUNITY EVENTS



FALL-THEMED ADAPTIVE YOGA CLASS AT OUR DUDLEY DAY PROGRAM



[Click here to read more!](#)

Venture welcomed participants to our Fall-Themed Adaptive Yoga Class at our new Dudley Day Program on September 30th—and it was a wonderful evening of movement, mindfulness, and connection!



Matthew Eppy (Program Director), David and Dianna participated in the Unified 5k on June 27!

The Unified 5k and AdaptXpo is an inclusive road race and adaptive sports expo designed so that everyone can participate, whether they run, walk, row, or roll.



Event Schedule

Adaptive Yoga Class

NOVEMBER 9 AT 4:30PM

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A Thanksgiving-themed event celebrating gratitude, community, and togetherness.



Team Venture is standing alongside roughly 250 fellow human service professionals at the 2026 Western MA Caring Force Rally at Westfield State University on Friday, September 18th, 2026.

Pictured: Bella & Courtney from our Greenfield Day Program

[Learn more about Caring Force](#)

MILESTONE BRUNCH & Venture Awards

We had a great morning celebrating our employees at our 2nd Annual Milestone Awards Event!

Congratulations to all recognized for reaching **5, 10, 15, 20, 25, and 30** years with Venture! It's pretty impressive to see so many employees who have been part of Venture for so many years. We appreciate the dedication and all that has been contributed along the way.

We also brought back our Armand Carpentier Award this year that is named in honor of our longtime board member. Congratulations to **Laryssa Truesdale** and **Jason Mador**, who were recognized for their leadership, commitment to the people we support, and the positive impact they make at Venture.



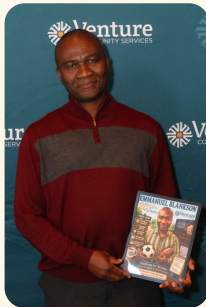
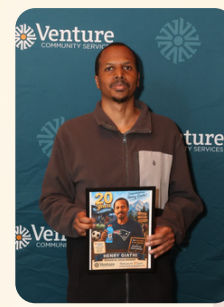
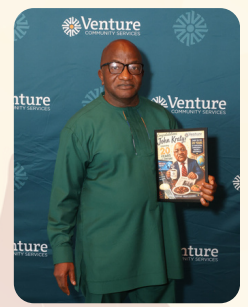
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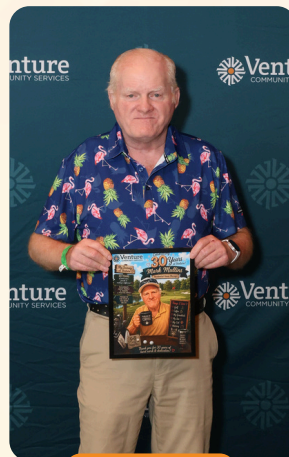
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ARMAND CARPENTIER AWARDS



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