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Our Mission:

Venture Community Services provides support to individuals facing diverse challenges through a compassionate and dedicated workforce using innovative practices that encourage independence, empowerment and opportunity.

SAVE THE DATE

April 28, 2016
ADDP Conference & Expo
DCU Center, Worcester
Venture is the Keynote Sponsor
The speaker is Lee Woodruff

Friday, June 17, 2016
Venture Charity Golf Classic
Our popular tournament is back at
Blissful Meadows in Uxbridge

Thursday, Nov 3, 2016
Venture Wine & Beer
Tasting & Auction
Great event sponsored by Ted's
of Charlton held at OSV.

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SPRING 2016

NEW SERVICES AND THE YEAR AHEAD

It's hard to believe that a quarter of 2016 has already passed but it's true. A soft winter and the beginning of spring have Venture looking ahead and making plans to continue adding services through the rest of what has already been a very busy year. In March, the agency opened a new home in Rutland that now supports 22 year olds who have just entered the world of adult services. Many people worked many long hours to build an exemplary looking home and we are looking forward to hosting an Open House when the transition is complete and the nice weather is here. I offer my sincere thanks to everyone who made it possible for us to open our 44th group home in Massachusetts.

The state has also been involved with Venture in the early part of this year with two separate audits. First, the agency participated in a pilot program for new standards to the DDS Licensure and Certification tool. We were the largest agency in the pilot and we learned a great deal about how the state intends to measure client choice and inclusion moving forward. In addition, our finance department was reviewed by the State Auditor's Office as part of the state's regular audits of non-profits. After 5 weeks, the audit team was highly impressed with Venture's financial controls and systems and the responsible manner in which we conduct our business. All in all, although it was taxing to participate in multiple inspections at the same time, it was reassuring to note that

people outside of the agency endorse our work and our practices.

Venture also took a big step forward in March when we purchased a building in Uxbridge, marking the first time that we will have a presence in the Blackstone Valley. This building, which is now being renovated, will house our third Day Hab program while also offering Autism programs to the local community and hopefully school systems. Our V.P. of Day Services, Kevin Hughes, has been working hard to have the agency approved to provide these services through third party billing to insurance companies. This process will allow Venture to formally open its first Autism Services Program for children and families and it begins an exciting time in the agency's history. I look forward to delivering future updates as we get closer to formally opening the building.

Please know that the agency is truly grateful for the incredible work being done by all of our nearly 700 employees. It is most gratifying to know that we have such a skilled and dedicated workforce and I wish everyone a happy and pleasant springtime.



Mike Hyland
President & CEO

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2016 EVENTS: GOLF AND WINE

Venture will be hosting two fundraising events in 2016—Our Charity Golf Classic and our Wine & Beer Tasting. We hope you can join us or become a sponsor. For over 40 years, Venture has been providing supportive services to people with developmental disabilities throughout Massachusetts. Each year, we must raise funds to meet the expenses that our state contracts do not cover. Your contribution and support ensures that everyone has access to the opportunities they deserve and promotes each individual's highest quality of life.

Sponsorship Opportunities Available from \$100 to \$10,000

Includes benefits for both events!

Registration and Sponsorship info can be found online: www.venturecs.org/get-involved/events/ or by contacting Paige Mador, Director of Development 774-922-1135 | pmador@venturecs.org

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Friday, June 17, 2016

Blissful Meadows Golf Club, 801 Chocolog Rd, Uxbridge, MA

9AM shotgun start

Register online through June 10th at venturecs.org

\$135 per golfer includes: green fees, golf cart, morning coffee, boxed lunch, free drink, buffet dinner in the pavilion, Venture logo camp chair, hole in one and long drive contests

Passport: Buy a passport for \$25 to cover all of your contests, raffles and mulligans for the day. Passport includes: Golf Pong (chance to win a Gift Card), Wheel of Fortune (Full of Prizes & Raffle Tickets), Bean Bag Toss (chance to win a gift card) Putting Contest to win \$10,000, (2) Mulligans and (10) Raffle Tickets. Passport can be purchased in advance or at registration.



Thursday, November 3, 2016

Oliver Wight Tavern @ Old Sturbridge Village

Event Partner: Teds of Charlton

Tickets are \$40 each and are on sale at venturecs.org

Join us & sample a variety of beer, wine, vodka, cider, bourbon and more while enjoying games, raffles, and our extensive silent auction. Fun interactive stations to win prizes: Photo Booth, Venture Pong, Bean Bag Toss, Venture Prize Wheel. Our popular raffle is back to win a giant tower of wine or a barrel full of beer!

VENTURE UPDATES—AUTISM AWARENESS

In Honor of Autism Awareness Day earlier this month Venture employees dressed in blue to show their support. We are excited to be starting an Autism Outreach Center in the Blackstone Valley region soon. More info below.



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Leominster Transportation

Venture Community Services Expands to Blackstone Valley Region *Community Day Program and Autism Outreach to be Offered*



In February, Venture purchased property at 670 Douglas Street, Uxbridge with the intent to offer supports to families and individuals living with autism as well as day habilitation services for adults with developmental disabilities. When open, the center will be a resource for children, families and adults with a wide range of clinical needs.

“We are excited about the opportunity to introduce our services to a new part of the state.” Said Mike Hyland, Venture President & CEO. “The need to provide essential and creative treatment options for a wide range of populations has never been greater than it is now.”

AUTISM OUTREACH CENTER PLANNED TO INCLUDE:

In Home ABA Services | Center Based Social Skill Programs
Family Outreach | Pre-Vocational & Training

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