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Fannie Mae

DAY OF CARING



On Friday May 3, **Fannie Mae's** dozens of employees with **Tamarra Youngblood** and **Bill Loeffert** in the lead, accomplished so much in just one day! Gardens and grounds have been transformed to take on a manicured appearance. The numerous gardens are memorial spaces for children who are no longer with us. These spaces are a special reflection of memories for the families here. The children love these outdoor spaces, so maintenance of them is most valued. We assist the children in learning their colors and the names of plants, native and decorative. The playground is experiencing a transformation with **Gretchen Canova Gabor** spearheading, **Lynn Moorhead**, our new **Volunteer Coordinator**, has been supervising the various volunteer groups, including churches, entire scout troops and local

businesses. The playground will be attached to the new indoor therapy arena, customized for children with sensory challenges, by way of adventure paths and interactive stations and a sensory trail. All of this effort has brought much joy to the families here. Mother Nature put on hold the fence painting with severe storms threatening, but the acres of boards were scraped of old paint. Weed-whacking all the weeds gives such a polished look, along with the mowing by **John Tuel** and his beloved Grasshopper and **DuBois Murphy** bringing buckets of mulch to the gardens by way of that gigantic Kubota tractor. Pleasant temperatures and warming breezes prevailed for an ambitious and successful work day. Smiles all around at TRRC!

EIGHT-STALL BARN TO LEASE



To Established business. 8 14x14 matted stalls w/additional six (6) avail, large pastures w/heated auto waterers, caretaker on-site, security cameras 24/7, heated indoor arena w/sprinkler system & gigantic wall mirrors, lighted, shadow-free outdoor, new state-of-the-art Lightfoot footing, plenty of trailer parking, trails, centrally-located **Glenwood** (western Howard Co.), references required, non-smoker, shown by appointment only. \$3,100 plus utilities. **Dr. Helen Tuel**, TRRC.trrcmd.org Email inquiries: trrc01@aol.com

MORE SNACK DONATIONS!

Cookies from Monet Lewis and family, Regina Jackson and mom Colette, Patrisha Weed and Vivian Trager families, too. As you can imagine, riders arrive from school, not always having time to grab a snack, so to have something on the snack table for them to “grab-and-go” is most appreciated!

THANKS TO NEW VOLUNTEERS WHO WORKED ON THE GROUNDS!

By Lynn Moorhead

Thanks so much to individual volunteers who found us through “Volunteer Howard County” for the amazing job of helping to beautify our fences on Saturday, May 25th. And the sorority **Kappa Kappa Gamma** who have taken on our flag court as their service project. It really looks amazing and your hard work is paying off. Thank you, thank you all!



“Just remember, someone else’s inconsistencies have nothing to do with you, so take you wherever you go and you being the one candle that has the potential to light the whole world.”

Dr. Dolores Hunt, University of Maryland, Baltimore

UPDATE FROM GROW-ON GARDEN GROUP

By Sharron Snapp

The peas are growing in the garden at TRRC! **The Grow- On group** has been tending to the vegetable beds since March. Thanks to the donation from Kent Philips, an improved deer fence surrounds the area. **Mark Kumagai** brought a work force of engineers from his job to install the fencing and reconfigure a wonderful



gate! Garlic that was planted last fall is looking wonderful. Seeds of lettuce, carrots and turnips are beginning to emerge. Kale seedlings will be planted soon. The garden is tended by a faithful group of workers on Tuesday afternoons. Anyone who is interested in participating is welcome. Come every week, or only on occasion. The entrance and the aisles are wheelchair accessible.

A SALUTE TO ALL THE ATHLETES ASSEMBLED FOR THE JUNE 1ST, EQUESTRIAN EVENT

By Dr. Helen Tuel
TRRC Founding Director



Remember, all of you athletes here today, this day is for you to shine brightly! Volunteers, families, thank you for believing in us and loving the athletes in our care, to give them hopeful futures filled with endless possibilities and brimming with success. When TRRC thinks of your collective generosity and how you have helped change the lives of athletes, whom you may never meet or know, this center is so grateful. TRRC will take it from here. We are in good company.

Welcome to the Frist Center for Autism and Innovation

Originally the Initiative for Autism, Innovation, and the Workforce — a Vanderbilt [Trans-Institutional Programs](#) pilot initiative — represents a collaboration of Vanderbilt engineers, scientists, disabilities researchers, and business scholars, together with major employers in Nashville and leading autism-related organizations nationally.

The Center is devoted to:

- developing a strengths-based — as opposed to deficit-based — understanding of neuro-diverse capabilities;
- modeling of novel employment arrangements, management trainings, and workplace practices that fully utilize these capabilities to spur innovation;
- inventing new technologies that enable autistic and other neuro-diverse individuals to succeed in employment and achieve their full potential; and documenting and disseminating an all-hands community-based approach — including educators, researchers, employers, philanthropists, and community organizers — to enhance quality of life for autistic individuals through meaningful employment.

Henry Ward Beecher

said

“It is not hard work that kills men; it is worry! Work is healthy. You can hardly put more on a man than he can bear. Worry is rust upon the blade. It is not the revolution that destroys the machinery, but the friction. Fear secretes acids, but love and trust are sweet juices.”

COMMUNITY WITH A BUZZ!

By Dr. Helen Tuel

I want to talk about a check, a very large check, from the Albright Foundation over a 17 year partnership of raising monies for the therapeutic riding center. The check is not just a symbol of money but a testament to an over 20 year commitment to each other and to all the donors, who continue to sacrifice to assist this charity to carry on its mission to the children in our care and to give them hopeful futures full of possibilities. The nonprofit sector holds



the community’s dreams, but it is strengthened by individuals and businesses to support the dreams. The health of a community begins with its heart. Charitable organizations are an indispensable part of American society. TRRC strives to promote that every citizen is valued, because these citizens will become our next entrepreneurs, our next physicians, our next researchers, our next volunteer core.

TRRC understands the value of technology; there is a time and place for that, but there is no substitute for personal contact, face-to-face relationships, a phone call, a casual meeting—the old-fashioned way will always be the keystone during extremely tough times of growth.

It would have been easy for the Albrights to say, “This event is too difficult to pull off.” There were too many no’s and questions whether anyone cares. But, the Foundation persevered for TRRC and other charities represented here, who are worthy of the community’s support to continue, and we are grateful.

“If we give students a strong sense of self and teach them the importance of grit, all things are possible.”

**Freeman Hrabowski,
III, President University of
Maryland, Baltimore
County**