

# Community Connections

## Special Celebrations

This past year's holiday celebrations looked a little bit different for all of us. Our gatherings may have been smaller or may have been virtual this year, but nonetheless they were special occasions. A few of our residents were able to still get together to celebrate Thanksgiving, Chanukah, and Christmas together.



Melissa, Tammy, and Kendy working on a Thanksgiving craft.



David, Marianne, Kieran, Jay, Tammy, Melissa and Jaime celebrating Chanukah.



Kendy, Ava (Life Skills Instructor), Nicole (Life Skills Supervisor), Marianne, and Jaime spending time together for Christmas.

## Ten Thousand Villages - Thank you!

Thank you to those who supported us through our fundraiser at Ten Thousand Villages. We are very grateful for the community support which helped us raise funds to further our mission.

## End of Year donation receipts

If you would like a report of your 2020-2021 annual giving, please contact Sarah Winiarski at [swiniarski@jcl-ct.org](mailto:swiniarski@jcl-ct.org) or 860-5225-5225 ext. 2239

## A new program for Ashley

One of our newest residents, Ashley, is also a member of JCL's day programming. Ashley works with Teresa Channer. Teresa and Ashley haven't worked together for a long time but, they are a great fit and have lots of fun together. Ashley's mother has worked diligently to make sure her daughter has meaningful work to do during the week.

Each week day, with Teresa's help, Ashley delivers meals for Juniper Homecare and takes care of two Shih-Tzus. Ashley and Teresa will soon be helping one of our group homes with their grocery pick ups. In addition to all of this work she still finds time to take water aerobics class and enjoys listening to Michael Jackson with Teresa!

## Brookmor's new kitchen

Recently our ladies at Brookmor had the opportunity to spend some time away from home while their home got a makeover! The kitchen was totally replaced while other parts of the home received cosmetic upgrades like a fresh coat of paint, a boiler, flooring, and a new driveway.



Beena and Mira baking in their old kitchen.



The kitchen mid remodel with new cabinets and floors to come.



Fully remodeled kitchen.

## Judaic Program Update

Our Judaic Programs are still going strong. We recently held a virtual program celebrating Shabbat. The recording of the event can be viewed on our website, [www.jcl-ct.org](http://www.jcl-ct.org). The program featured storyteller Sara deBeer, educator Nancy Rosen, and our dear friend Ruth Anne Faust.

"Thank you very much for the Shabbat program today. Please pass my thanks on to the others, including Nancy Rosen, Sara deBeer, and Ruth Anne Faust. It was a lovely talk, and I learned a lot about Shabbat." - Larry Little

