



THE HAWTHORNE HERALD

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Participating in Special Olympics- NY

On behalf of the Agency, we were all excited for our students and adult program participants to participate in the Special Olympics-NY. The Special Olympics is the world’s largest sports organization for children and adults with intellectual disabilities and physical disabilities. The organization provides year-round training and activities to over 5 million participants worldwide.

Hawthorne Foundation Inc. was happy to offer our students and adult participants the opportunity to participate in this event and be a part of our team in the Special Olympics Virtual event-MayONEMile,; which occurred virtually at 1pm on Saturday, May 1, 2021. Participating in this virtual mile was free to all of our students and adult program participants throughout the Agency.

#MayOneMile #WalkAsOne #SpecialOlympicsNY



Upcoming HFDC Virtual Fundraiser



Hawthorne Foundation Development Corp.’s 1st VIRTUAL Annual Fundraiser

“Meet the many Faces of Hawthorne Foundation Inc”

Friday May 21, 2021 @6:00 pm

To be a part of our fundraiser and contribute, click the link below:

<https://app.mobilecause.com/form/Y3c0NQ?vid=ihn6m>

Manhattan Flute Program

Submitted by, Carrie Edel Isaacman

The Flute Theatre visited Hawthorne Country Day School for two interactive shows with students for games and scenes with students in Shakespeare's *A Midsummer Night's Dream*.

Flute Theatre works and plays adapted Shakespeare all over the world and performs in-person and virtual performances. We at Hawthorne want to show gratitude for Flute Theatre taking time for conducting shows to our students. Thank you to teachers, teacher assistants and to one-to-one assistants who were part of assisting.

Please visit the Flute Theatre website to see samples of Midsummer Nights Dream and Pericles that Flute Theatre gives with students. <https://flutetheatre.co.uk>

Zumba at DH

Every day from 12-1pm our adult day program integrates our remote sessions with our in-person programming to run our Zumba class. When you walk down our hallways you hear the music and feel the vibrations of the music filling the air. As you enter the back area of the day program, you see our WOW and Within Wall participants engage in dancing with enormous smiles on their faces (that we know are there under their masks!). We have people sitting in chairs moving to the rhythm, while others are doing their best keeping up with the leader for the day. The staff do a wonderful job with having different participants lead Zumba class each day by having them pick out the music and lead with staff assistance. This also includes the participants on remote.



When observing them you can see how much each person (both staff and participant) enjoy this part of programming. This is a great way to wrap up the day and many people who come here are eager for this hour to begin.

Staff Spotlight

Submitted by, Tanya Wilson

Maurice Ali has been the BDH assistant manager for about 3 years. Maurice has been working for Hawthorne Foundation Inc. since July of 2018. Maurice graduated from Mercy College, where he received his Associate's Degree. Maurice is a New York State TCI trainer and has been working with the special education community for 8 years. Maurice is charming and has a great attitude. He goes above and beyond to assure his individuals are well taken care of.

Maurice is always willing to assist with emergencies, cover shifts, and uses constructive criticisms to learn and grow. The families of BDH have a great relationship with Maurice, and they trust him for the care of their loved ones. Maurice is an asset to the agency.

The residential IRA continues to follow OPWDD, DOH, and Agency policies on COVID to ensure that individuals and staff are healthy and safe.

