

NEWS from Susan Coyle, CEO

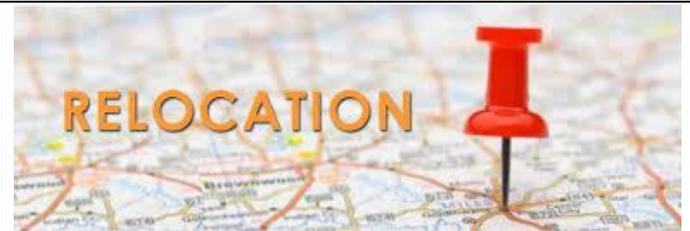
As promised in our recent letter, we want to keep the individuals, families and friends of the Chartiers Center VTC updated on our relocation progress. As you know, we have been forced to close the VTC program on a temporary basis due to an unforeseen zoning issue that arose at our new space. Although the new space is a former school, and we currently occupy a school, we still needed to get the Zoning Commission approval from the township to change the use for our program. This was successfully accomplished at a Zoning Commission Hearing on June 17th. However, this success was the first of several steps that we must navigate as we now have to allow for public comment, which will be time consuming. While this may take months to complete, we are very optimistic and will remain in contact with all of our families to provide you the necessary information for you and your family member.

At this time, many of the individuals we serve at the Pathfinder Program are planning to transition their services either to the Chartiers Center Dormont location or to other programs of their choosing. As we work through what we need to do to make our final move, it is our plan to send you a newsletter on a monthly basis. We have appreciated the tremendous support of all concerned during this tumultuous time. Please watch for more updates!



As staff work through the transition process we want to send you updates on our progress with the new space. Therefore, you will receive this newsletter 1/month. If you prefer to receive it as an email, send an email to Mary Kay Bonn

at mbonn@chartierscenter.org and include the word "family" in the subject line.



On July 1, 2015 the Vocational Training Program will join with the Employment Training Center and the Senior Program at our Dormont site. This move is temporary while the work is done to secure the new program space and complete the building modifications. Every effort was made to retain as many staff as possible and create an inviting program space. During the transition process, you are encouraged to call Minnie Rauterkus, Supervisor, (412) 344-7025 or Mike Turk, Assistant COO of IDD Services (412) 221-3302 with your questions.



On Wednesday, July 1, 2015, Chartiers is hosting an indoor picnic at the Mt. Lebanon United Methodist Church, 3319 West Liberty Ave. With the picnic off-site, work will be done at the Dormont program to complete the move.

All families are invited to join us. Lunch will be served at 11:30AM. If you plan to attend, call Mary Kay Bonn (412) 221-3302, ext.118 or email mbonn@chartierscenter.org so we can have an accurate food count. We look forward to seeing you there!