HILLSGROVE HAPPENINGS



November Events

November 5th, Wellness
November 11, **CLOSED**
November 14th, Farmers Market
November 19th, Harvest Dinner
November 26th, Thanksgiving

Table of Contents

Director's Corner: Page 2
Employment Unit: Page 3
Business Unit - Page 4
Cafe Unit: Page 5
Kitchen Unit : Page 6
Social Events : Page 7
Announcements: Page 8
Harvest Dinner: Page 9



SAFE ZONE TRAINED

hillsgrove
CLUBHOUSE
A Program of Thrive Behavioral Health

DIRECTORS CORNER

THE NEXT COUPLE OF MONTHS ARE AN INCREDIBLE TIME AT THE CLUBHOUSE. I FEEL VERY FORTUNATE TO GET TO SPEND SO MUCH OF THE HOLIDAY SEASON WITH THE WONDERFUL MEMBERS AND STAFF OF HILLSGROVE CLUBHOUSE. THERE IS A LOT TO ACCOMPLISH OVER THE COMING WEEKS, BUT THE ENERGY OF OUR TEAM SEEMS AMPLIFIED AS PREPARATIONS BEGIN. I GIVE A LOT OF CREDIT TO OUR UNOFFICIAL MOTIVATIONAL SPEAKER, LINDA W. FOR HELPING TO KEEP EVERYONE TUNED IN AND ON TASK.

THINGS KICK OFF EARLY WITH OUR NOD TO ALL THINGS HALLOWEEN. WE QUICKLY MOVE FOCUS ONTO OUR HARVEST DINNER, WITH A COUPLE OF SOLID WEEKS OF PREPARATION. THIS YEAR IT IS THURSDAY NOVEMBER 19TH A TRUE HIGHLIGHT OF OUR CLUBHOUSE YEAR. THE SIGN UP IS AT OUR FRONT DESK THANKS AGAIN TO OUR FRIENDS AT CHILD AND FAMILY FOR LOANING US 70 CHAIRS THIS YEAR. WE HAVE THANKSGIVING THE FOLLOWING WEEK, NOVEMBER 26TH AND THE SIGN UP SHEET WILL BE POSTED THE FIRST WEEK OF NOVEMBER. DECEMBER BRINGS MANY ANNUAL TRADITIONS, AS WE HEAD TO THE LIGHT DISPLAY AT ROGER WILLIAMS ZOO, A TRIP TO GILLETTE CASTLE, OUR WINTER SOLSTICE PARTY DECEMBER 21ST AND OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS DAY SOCIAL. WEWILL SPEND TIME BAKING COOKIES AND DECORATING THE CLUBHOUSE AND ENJOYING EACH OTHER'S COMPANY. THE SEASON WRAPS UP ON NEW YEARS DAY, ONE OF MY FAVORITE EVENTS OF THE YEAR, A CHANCE TO START ANEW.

WE HOPE TO SEE YOU AT ALL OR SOME OF THE EVENTS ALL THE WAY THROUGH TO 2027. EVEN JUST DROP BY TO GET A FULL SHARE OF THE SEASONAL SPIRIT.

SEE YOU SOON!

MARK

EMPLOYMENT UNIT

Next Dinner: NO DINNER IN NOVEMBER. The next dinner is **Wednesday December 2nd from 4-6:30.** We will have a benefits specialist from the Sherlock Center coming to present on SSI/SSDI and working while receiving benefits. Dinner will be from 4-5 and the presentation will start at 5pm. Case Managers are invited to join us for the presentation portion. Please contact Pauline at the clubhouse to RSVP.

TEP: Avetis started in our janitorial position at the Warwick Mall Old Navy at the end of September. He has been doing a great job. We are so excited to be back at this store after a temporary break.
P.A.I.D.: We have of the PAID program. This been is a guideline on developing new partnerships and ultimately some new Transitional positions. Stay tuned and hope you can help us brainstorm.

Employment: We make RI continues to have monthly job fairs, the next one is November 12th from 10:30-1pm (https://wemakeri.com/job-fair/). Please contact the employment unit if you want more information or are interesting in exploring the positions/employers that will be at the fair.

Education: Many of our college student members completed mid-terms this past month. We want to remind folks about the Study Buddy Program. If you are able to help a member with learning materials, please sign up. If you are looking for some learning help, please sign up. The goal is to match members with members.

Special Highlights from October:

- Huge shout out to Nanci C. earlier this month she passed the English portion of her GED.
- October was Disability Employment Month- We nominate the Boot Barn as an employer of Excellence from ORS and they were selected as a recipient. We are thrilled across the board: this employer has been terrific, Kevin has really thrived as an employee there, and its so wonderful that our nomination was selected.
- Ethan hit a 4 year anniversary on DuoLingo
- Viden received a certificate of achievement for math from his GED program.

Business Unit

ADMIN. TEAM: The team has been doing a marvelous job of initiating the new afternoon drop-in meetings during the hours of 2-4pm. Benefits Drop-In on Tuesdays has seen a consistent member participation during it's first four weeks. The initial meeting at the beginning of October was used to orient members to the DHS website for Medicaid Recertification STAYCOVERED.RI.GOV This is an essential website considering that the changes to Medicaid include moving from Annual Medicaid Recertification to Bi-Annual Recertification, and has doubled the amount of recipients' documentation provided yearly. No small task for members that can easily feel overwhelmed and anxious about the recertification process. Staff and members have already seen an increase in the number of members seeking support at the Benefits Drop-In meeting. The recertification forms can be daunting while confusing and contradictory at best. The form is over thirty pages long and requires copies of numerous documents covering the past year. Employed members are still required to provide wage reports even though they have been reporting their wages directly to the Social Security Administration. Members are taking advantage of the Benefits Drop-In and using the time to get supports with a variety of benefit questions. The next step with the Benefit Drop-In will be to train members to provide support to other members. Staff and members want to send "get well wishes" to a number of our front-of-house(FOH) teammates. Get well and speedy recover wishes are extended to Darlene, Kim, Liz, and Pam. You are missed much at HC but know you are all close in our thoughts and hearts.

The team would like to acknowledge two members for their contributions to HC. Kevin has been working at the Boot Barn for 18 months. During his tenure he has established himself as a dependable, punctual and productive employee. He has set himself apart a a quality salesperson who relates well with both teammates and customers. We nominated the Boot Barn as an Employer of Excellence with the Office of Rehabilitation Services (ORS), and our nomination was selected. It was truly an honor to have the Boot Barn awarded as a 2026 Employer of Excellence. Additional appreciation goes out to Brent who continues to contribute to the HC work-ordered day in whatever way he can. "I love it here and want to spend more time here. You people are so nice." Thank you Brent for increasing your weekly hours 4 hours.

CAFE UNIT



As always, thank you SO much to our regular cafe members for their assistance with all of the necessary daily tasks!

This month the cafe was busy making brownies and cheesecakes for our members and staff! Thanks to Azalea, Keith, and Barbara for their creations! Stop by the cafe to try some of our fresh coffee and treats!

Kitchen Unit



THE KITCHEN CREW WAS EXCITED TO BE ABLE TO HAVE A DISHWASHER BACK IN THE UNIT. OUR NEW DISHWASHER IS ABLE TO HOLD POTS & PANS & IS MUCH MORE USER FRIENDLY FOR MEMBERS TO LEARN HOW TO USE.. RE-ORGANINZING OUR FOOD PREP AREA FOR LUNCH SERVICE HAS RESULTED IN OUR KITCHEN UNIT LOOKING MORE SPACIOUS & READY FOR MEMBERS TO WORK IN..THE KITCHEN AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES HAS CONSISTED OF LEARNING HOW TO MAKE "THE MOTHER SAUCES" TO INCORRPORATE IN OUR LUNCH MENU. THANK YOU TO PHIL M., VINNY C, LIANAH I. AZALEA Z. & JUANA R. FOR KICKSTARTING OUR AFTERNOON ACTIVITIES. OUR NEW SALAD DRESSING FOR THE MONTH ARE WALNUT CRANBERRY VINAIGARETTE, CATALINA, & LIANAHS SOUTHWEST DRESSING. WE HOPE THAT MORE MEMBERS WILL COME & JOIN US IN THE AFTERNOONS.. THE KITCHEN CREW HAS ALSO DECIDED TO MAKE HOMEMADE ICE CREAM IN THE AFTERNOONS. THIS MONTH WE MADE PUMPKIN ICE CREAM! WE PLAN ON MAKING ALL DIFFERENT ICE CREAM FLAVORS. SO COME & JOIN US!

ONCE AGAIN, THE KITCHEN UNIT COORDINATOR PRESENTED A CACFP TRAINING, A REVIEW FOR ALL MEMBERS & STAFF. ALSO FOR NEW MEMBERS TO LEARN ABOUT CACFP MEAL PATTERNS THAT ARE INCORPORATED IN OUR DAILY LUNCHES. .

AS ALWAYS, THE KITCHEN CELEBRATED OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS WITH A DELICIOUS BLACK FOREST CAKE.. NEXT MONTH THE KITCHEN CREW IS EXCITED TO PREPARE FOR OUR ANNUAL HARVEST DINNER. LOOKING FORWARD TO CELEBRATING WITH OUR FRIENDS & FAMILY DURING OUR TRADITIONAL TURKEY DINNER!

NOVEMBER EVENTS

November 5th, Thursday, 4-6:30 Wellness Social

November 11th, Wednesday, Veteran's Day
WE ARE CLOSED

November 14th, Saturday, 10-2 Indoor Farmers Market

November 19th, Thursday, 4:30-7:00
Harvest Dinner

November 26th, Thursday, 10-2
Thanksgiving Day



Announcements

Wednesday,November 11th, Veteran's Day, we will be closed for the day.

Join us Thursday, November 19th from 4:30-7:00 for our annual Harvest Dinner. Sign up sheet is at the front desk.

We are open Thanksgiving Day, Thursday, November 26th from 10-2. Please join us as we celebrate all we have to be thankful for.

Looking ahead,

Wednesday,December 2nd, We will have a presentation on SSI/SSDI Working while receiving benefits at the Employment and Education Dinner. Open to case managers, presentation starts at 5pm

We will be open on Christmas Day 10-2

Hillsgrove Clubhouse

Invites you To our Annual

HARVEST DINNER

You and a guest are welcome to join us and celebrate all we have to be thankful for.

Thursday

November 19, 2026

4:30pm -7:00pm

Please RSVP by Monday, November 16th

hillsgrove CLUBHOUSE

70 Minnesota Avenue
Warwick, RI 02886
401-732-0970
Hillsgroveclubhouse@gmail.com

We hope our readers have enjoyed reading our November, 2026 edition of our newsletter!



If you're interested in learning more about Hillsgrove Clubhouse or would like to get in touch with us to schedule a tour, please contact us at one of the links below:

401-732-0970

hillsgroveclubhouse@gmail.com

www.hillsgroveclubhouseri.org

www.facebook.com/hillsgroveclubhouse