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Mary Delurski Receives Cochran Award for Individual Achievement

AMIB presented the 2009 Cochran Award for individual achievement this year to resident Mary Delurski of the Howell group home in recognition of her remarkable accomplishments.

Mary came to AMIB in April 2008 from the New Lisbon Development Center, where she had lived for over 30 years. At the New Lisbon institution, Mary lived with 30 housemates. She did not have her own bedroom or access to kitchen areas or sinks to wash her own utensils.

When she came to AMIB, Mary did not speak or, if she did speak, her voice was inaudible. Initially she found it challenging adapting to her new environment—living in a community-based home with her own bedroom and with three housemates instead of 30. But in the past two

years, Mary has made amazing progress.

First, she is now able to speak and express herself to the point where she can name parts of her body including her nose, ears, eyes, lips, feet and toes. She is able to say when she is hungry, tired, or not feeling well.

Second, with the help of staff members, she has been able to focus on self hygiene, and can now wash her hands and brush her hair with minimal assistance.

Third, when she is finished with her meal, she will take her plate and cup to the sink and dishwasher.

At times, she even cleans up after her housemates — sometimes even before they have finished!

Staff members are extremely proud of Mary and her accomplishments.



Ebony Powell, Residential Specialist at the Howell group home (right), congratulates Mary Delurski on receiving the Cochran Award for individual achievement.



Bayville Home Gets Major Makeover



After



Before

Above: AMIB's group home on Muller Avenue in Bayville before renovations.

Left: Renovations include outside egress ramps to the front and rear entrances.

Back in 1983 AMIB purchased its second group home in the shore town of Bayville. It was the year after President Reagan signed the Medicaid Waiver Act making individuals with disabilities eligible to receive services in the community rather than in institutional settings.

Originally this sprawling ranch-style home had multi levels and four bedrooms for eight residents.

Throughout the years, two bedrooms were added, also new siding, an accessible bathroom and renovations to the garage, recreation room and bathrooms.

However as the residents grew older, a barrier-free environment

became more and more essential.

The home recently underwent a complete makeover. The house is now all on one level with wide hallways to accommodate wheelchairs, front and rear egress ramps, a fully accessible kitchen and a recreation room. It also includes eight bedrooms, plus two handicapped-accessible bathrooms with roll-in showers and two half baths.

AMIB extends a big thank you to the township of Berkeley and Mayor Jason Verano for paving the dirt street outside the home (see photo below), which will enable residents to walk more easily through the neighborhood without fear of tripping.

Below: Joe Scelfo of Scelfo Contracting, Point Pleasant, hangs new kitchen cabinets in the Bayville home's new accessible kitchen.



From the President



Dear Friend:
I am particularly proud of the progress that AMIB has made since our last newsletter. The Pine Beach homes will offer the opportunity for a new life for eight more individuals as they transition

from state-run institutions. And our Bayville residents are looking forward to returning to a safe, secure environment in their newly renovated home shortly.

Unfortunately my sister Mary, who lived much of her adult life at Bayville, will not be among them. She passed away last December after being diagnosed with a terminal illness.

However, I am deeply grateful that Mary was able to spend her last days surrounded by her AMIB and Carson family members and friends at one of our new Pine Beach group homes.

December was, indeed, a sad month with the death three days later of Albert Coath. Albert was 69 and had been a resident of AMIB for the past 29 years.

We remember these two in our thoughts and prayers. May they rest in peace.

Once again, I want to thank you, our friends and contributors, for your thoughtfulness and generosity. The renovations to our homes are made possible because of your generosity.

Kenneth J. Carson, Jr.

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The site offers a wealth of items—from fresh flowers to fruit baskets to engraved items and electronics. And better yet, after you have selected your gift, you can select the **Associated for the Multiple Impaired Blind** as the charity of your choice, and Giftback will donate 10 percent of the purchase price to us.

From the Director



Greetings, I hope this finds you doing well. This past year has been a busy one for AMIB.

We renovated two homes in the town of Pine Beach, relocated eight individuals from our Bayville group

home into these two new homes, completely renovated the Bayville group home to meet the needs of our aging and physically disabled individuals, visited all of the state institutions and identified future clientele for whom we can provide community-based services and care.

Now, as you read this, we are putting the final touches to the Bayville group home, and plan on moving people in shortly.

The economic environment is affecting everyone. Unfortunately the State of New Jersey is considering cuts to community-based services for people with disabilities. This means cuts to the services AMIB provides to our most vulnerable individuals, and stopping programs that facilitate the transition of people moving from costly state-run institutions to the community-based group homes that AMIB provides.

Taking people out of institutions and giving them an opportunity to live in a home is not only the right thing to do, it also makes fiscal sense because it is less expensive to serve them in the community than in state-run facilities.

Please help support AMIB in any way you can, and talk to your local legislators. Ask them to support community-based programs that can better accommodate individuals from costly state-run institutions.

We look forward to the opportunities ahead, and will keep you posted on our progress.

Aaron Soto

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We wish to acknowledge and thank the following who have become members of The Legacy Society through a bequest or planned gift:

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Tara Butler Named Caregiver of the Year



Tara Butler received the Sister Mary Byrnes Caregiver of the Year Award in recognition of the dedication and care she gives to the residents of AMIB's North Dover home.

"Tara is one of the most energetic, fun-loving, truly devoted and caring individuals I have ever been honored to work with," says Maria Leschinski, Manager of the North Dover Home. "She has shown relentless concern and respect for the North Dover residents and has developed a special rapport with each of them."

Among her many contributions as Residential Specialist, Tara has assembled a display of residents' artwork, and put together several collages showing the activities at North Dover. She has also helped to decorate the house in accordance with the wishes of the residents and to make it feel like a true home.

Tara will often come in to North Dover, and other AMIB homes, on her days off and stay late to help in anyway she can. She has been an advocate for residents when they need an advocate either among themselves or among members of the community who may not always understand their AMIB neighbors.

Tara treats all the men who live at North Dover like family, offering a hug or a word of encouragement to any of them who may be feeling down. She goes above and beyond the call of duty to make sure they feel at home and are able to enjoy the best quality of life possible.

Left: North Dover Program Manager Maria Leschinski (right) congratulates Tara Butler, Residential Specialist at the North Dover home.

In Loving Memory

In December 2009, AMIB lost two long-time and much-loved members of our family.

Mary Carol Carson passed away on December 20 at the age of 61; Albert Coath died on December 23 at the age of 69.



Mary Carol Carson joined the AMIB family in June 1982 and for 27 years lived at the Bayville home with seven other residents who became her closest friends.

Mary (*seen above left with her mother*) enjoyed time with her peers. She attended dinner dances, holiday parties, listening to the radio, and singing oldies. She knew every word to every song.

From Monday through Friday, Mary would return from her day program and sit at the table with her coffee and sing. On holidays, she also loved going to spend time with her family, and would often recite what the holiday menu was to be. When she returned she would share with her AMIB family how much fun she had.

Mary was diagnosed with a terminal illness shortly after Thanksgiving 2009. With the help and love of our staff, we were able to honor her family's request that she spend the rest of her days at AMIB surrounded by her family and friends.

God bless you, Mary Carol. We love and miss you.

Before he found a permanent home with AMIB in 1981, **Albert Coath** lived in Savannah, Georgia; New York; and the New Lisbon Developmental Center in New Jersey. Although he had many challenges including visual impairment and left-side paralysis, he led an active life and enjoyed being as independent as possible in his home, doing dishes, household chores and his own laundry.



Albert was a religious man who loved attending church services and listening to services on television. Though soft-spoken, he was able to express his feelings and thoughts and advocate for himself and other residents. He was a good friend and confidant to his AMIB friends.

When AMIB opened the long-term-care group home at Emerald Court in 2004, Albert quickly adapted to the new layout and assisted his housemates in adapting to their new environment. Albert was very social — keeping up with family and friends through weekly telephone calls. In 2007 he became ill and spent time between the Emerald Court home in Lanoka Harbor and the hospital, before he passed away on December 23. Rest in peace, Albert.

Donors Making a Difference . . .

In gratitude we recognize 2009 donors to AMIB, Inc., and the AMIB Endowment Fund, Inc. and to those who helped us with our new Pine Beach homes and the renovation of our Bayville home. All of you have helped to make a difference in what we have been able to accomplish in our group homes and in the lives of our residents.

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AMIB HIGHLIGHTS OF 2009

- ❖ AMIB completed renovations of two homes in Pine Beach that will house eight visually impaired/developmentally disabled individuals from state-run institutions.
- ❖ Mary Delurski, a resident of the Howell group home, received the Cochran Award in recognition of her remarkable progress and individual accomplishments.
- ❖ Tara Butler, Residential Specialist at the North Dover home, received the fourth annual Caregiver of the Year Award in recognition of her dedication and devotion to AMIB, its residents and staff.
- ❖ AMIB honored and recognized Linda Hires, Residential Specialist at the Bayville home, for completing 20 years of dedicated service to AMIB.
- ❖ AMIB began renovations to the Bayville home to make it accessible and barrier-free for eight residents as they grow older. The home now awaits the return of its residents who lived in the two new homes in Pine Beach, while renovations were completed. Opened in 1983, this was AMIB's second group home.

**A Bequest to the
AMIB Endowment Fund**

A tax-deductible bequest in your will is an excellent way to become a member of The Legacy Society and make a significant gift that may not be possible during a lifetime. If you have an up-to-date will and want to include a provision to provide permanent assurance of the future of AMIB residents, ask your attorney to add an amendment, known as a codicil. Suggested wording for a will or codicil could be:

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Some other opportunities to make a planned gift to AMIB's Endowment Fund and become a member of The Legacy Society include: creating a charitable remainder trust; giving a paid-up insurance policy; and arranging for a gift of appreciated long-term capital gain securities or real estate.

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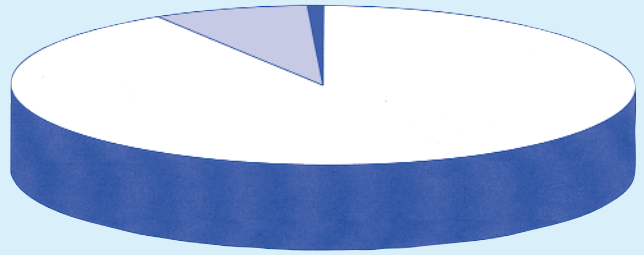
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



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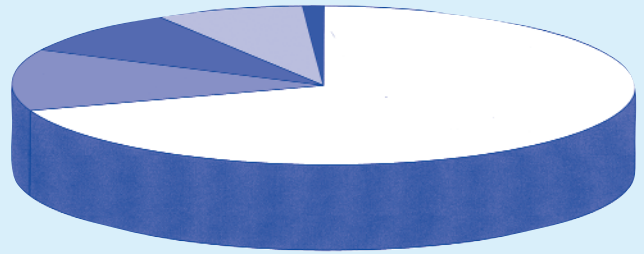
	Dept. of Health & Human Services*	91%
	Public Contributions — Annual Fund & Group Homes	8%
	Miscellaneous	1%



* Division of Developmental Disabilities (DDD)

AMIB, INC.
Expenses for Year Ending June 30, 2009

	Programs and Services	69%
	General & Administrative	13%
	Capital Improvements to Merion Avenue Pine Beach Group Home	9%
	Capital Improvements to Midland Avenue Pine Beach Group Home	8%
	Fundraising	1%



Linda Hires Celebrates Twenty Years with AMIB

AMIB acknowledges with thanks and congratulations the 20 years of service that Linda Hires, Residential Specialist at the Bayville group home, has devoted to our residents. Since November 1989, Linda has been a rock for the Bayville home. Throughout those years, she has seen AMIB grow from two group homes to eight. Also, during that time, AMIB has witnessed Linda's professional growth as caretaker and friend to residents. In addition, she contributes as a photographer, providing many of the photos that appear in this, our semi-annual newsletter. Thank you, Linda, for all you do.