

2014 ANNUAL HIGHLIGHTS



Linwood Center, Inc.

Jan.-Dec. 2014

Youth Volunteers Support Linwood Center

Howard High School LEO (Leading Each Other) Club students volunteered at the Linwood Center Boutique and at the residences of people served by Linwood Center. Students organized merchandise for sale and dressed the store windows at the Linwood Center Boutique, located in historic Ellicott City. In addition to selling new and gently used clothing, furniture, and other treasures, the boutique provides employment and training opportunities for adults in Linwood's supported employment program. Special education students in Howard County Public Schools participate in work study opportunities at the Linwood Center Boutique. The LEO students also planted flowers in the garden at one of the adult community-based residential homes.

The LEO Club focuses on building student leadership and enhancing the school climate. The club advisor is counselor Shannon Grieve. *Spring 2014*



Dressing the windows at the Linwood Center Boutique were (from l.) Taylor Scaife and Chioma Elemuo. Helping with the merchandise were (from l.) Jayda Gilmore and Nyara Myers.



Northrop Grumman Employee Christmas Project brightens holidays for children with autism.

Technology Tops Linwood School Christmas List

Linwood School students and residents benefit from the generous contributions of the Northrop Grumman Employee Christmas Project. The Christmas Project contributed in excess of \$8,500 to the Linwood Center School program. Technology was at the top of the Christmas list for Linwood School students when the Northrop Grumman Employee Christmas Project arrived at Linwood just before Christmas. Apple iPads with protective cases were among the numerous contributions from NG Christmas Project. Santa's gift list included communication assistance software and sensory integration tools which enhance sensory integration and the development of motor skills. Technology integration has been shown to improve communication, assist in the development of social skills, and enhance the ability to learn for individuals with autism. Each of the 36 children enrolled at Linwood School at that time received a stocking full of goodies and a backpack from the NG employees. *Winter 2014*

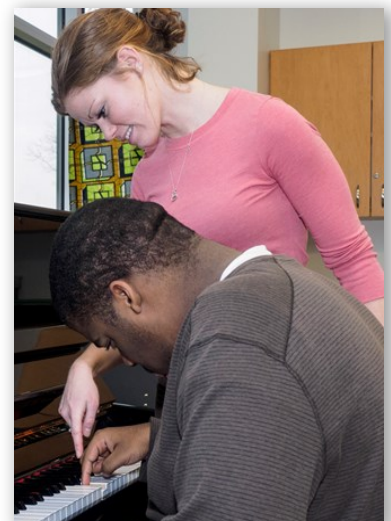
Donations from employees at Northrop Grumman Corporation's Linthicum-based Electronic Systems sector helped make the holidays brighter for hundreds of area residents in need through several volunteer efforts.

Music Enrichment Program Funded by The Cherelles

The Cherelles contributed \$825 to Linwood Center to support the music enrichment program of Linwood Center School. Recent studies indicate that daily sensory enrichment experiences -- including music enrichment -- may improve cognitive and behavioral symptoms associated with autism.

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The group sings for the benefit of the [Linwood Center](http://www.linwoodcenter.org), donating their earnings to the school's music enrichment program. For more about this dynamic singing group, visit <http://www.cherelles.com/>



Kayla Kennedy, Related Arts Teacher, and a student enjoy the piano contributed by generous donor to Linwood Center.

Safeway Foundation Provides Technology Grant

The Safeway Foundation, Eastern Division, contributed \$2,500 to Linwood Center, Inc., to support the Technology Center in the school library. Technology integration has been shown to improve communication, assist in the development of social skills, and enhance the ability for individuals with autism to learn. Safeway's 11,000 employees in the Eastern Division fund the Safeway Foundation through payroll deductions, making this grant possible. Linwood Center students and staff thank Safeway employees for their support. *Fall 2014*



Action at Cattail Creek...

33rd Annual Golf Tournament a Success!

On Sept. 8, 2014 the Alex Berzins Charity Golf Committee hosted the 33rd Annual Golf Tournament to benefit Linwood Center at Cattail Creek Country Club. The event attracted a field of veteran and new golfers who have raised funds for over three decades to support the Linwood Center. The tournament began with breakfast at 7 a.m. and a shotgun start at 9 a.m. Following the tournament, golfers gathered at Stella Notte, an Italian restaurant in Ellicott City. Awards and prizes were distributed during dinner. Linwood owes a debt of gratitude to this year's golf committee, particularly Debbie Lane Committee Chair. Committee members included Doris Slack, Belinda Berzins, Anne McArthur, Leah Kable, Kathie Panasuk, Jack Boender, and Bill Moss. This year's tournament proceeds exceeded all other years of single tournament proceeds, totaling over \$21,000. Proceeds have been used to enhance Linwood's programs and services. *Summer 2014*

[CLICK HERE](#) for information about the upcoming 34th Annual Charity Golf Tournament being held Monday, August 31, 2015, at Cattail Creek Country Club in Glenwood, Maryland.

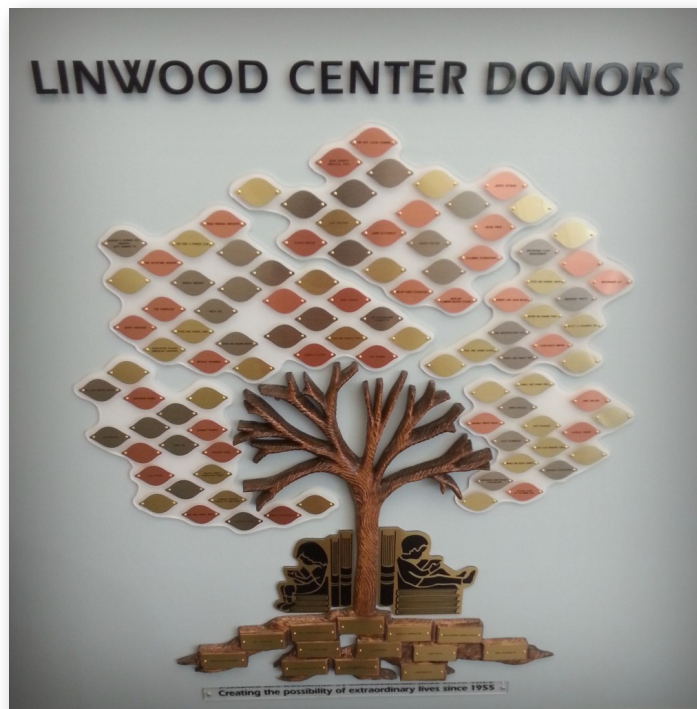
Linwood's Donors Recognized

As the Linwood School entered its second year of operation in the new building, we took pause to recognize those who made our success a reality. Permanent signage has been erected both inside and outside of our new school building, recognizing our generous donors whose contributions made our new building a reality: the Giving Tree in the lobby, donor recognition signage proudly affixed to our special rooms, and our newly installed courtyard benches.

Linwood proudly partners with the Howard County Public School System and surrounding school systems as we meet the needs of the autism community.

Linwood school is approved by the Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE) to provide a Special Education and related services program for students with autism in a Nongraded (Ages 5 through 21) education program with additional residential components. School enrollment has tripled since the school opened in fall 2013.

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*“ I have to say that since Gregory has been at Linwood Center (about 5 years) he has made a 180 degree turn around because of the staff at Linwood! Please keep up the great work! It’s more appreciated than you realize!!! From a proud parent
**THANK YOU
LINWOOD STAFF.”**
—James Kraft*

Bill Moss Appointed to County Board

Linwood Executive Director Bill Moss appointed to the Adult Public Guardianship Review Board by County Executive Ken Ulman. The function of the Board is to review situations of disabled persons under public agency guardianship. The Board advises and makes recommendations to the court to continue, modify, or terminate guardianship. *Spring 2014*



ShowTime Singers Hold Benefit Performances for Linwood



Since 2003, The ShowTime Singers has supported Linwood through grant shows and donations derived from the proceeds they receive throughout the year. In 2014, the chorus donated \$1,300 to Linwood.

Margaret “Peg” Whyte Day in Howard County

Linwood Executive Director Bill Moss presented Margaret “Peg” Whyte, Linwood Board member, an Executive Proclamation from the County Executive Ken Ulman upon the occasion of her 80th birthday on January 5. Peg was cited for supporting, advocating for and inspiring the mental health and disabilities communities of Howard County and contributing to her community through various boards and projects.”



Linwood Center Research Partnership with The Johns Hopkins University, School of Medicine, Department of Neurology

During 2014 Linwood Center adult program volunteers participated in research projects conducted by the Division of Cognitive Neurology/Neuropsychology, Department of Neurology of the School of Medicine of Johns Hopkins University.

Research projects were undertaken to understand and potentially improve learning, language, speech, and other cognitive disorders that affect some individuals on the autism spectrum. This research is being conducted to develop better ways to assess speech so that participant's abilities can be more precisely evaluated and to better understand how language is used. Linwood volunteers from the adult program are

justifiably proud of their involvement in this research project. They are paid for their time as research participants. It is expected that the research results will help to advance care for adults living with autism and allow Linwood Center to provide even better services to our adult program participants.

Linwood Center is now a Johns Hopkins-approved research site. Adult program participants have volunteered to continue to participate in ongoing research with Johns Hopkins Department of Neurology. Field research will begin this spring on site at Linwood Center's vocational training program and at the Linwood Center Boutique. *Fall 2014*

Linwood Appreciation Social at Pleasant Prospect Farm



More than 50 friends of Linwood Center turned out for a derby-themed party in spring 2014. The annual Linwood Appreciation Social recognizes members of the Jeanne M. Simons Society, other Linwood donors, and supporters. Ms. Simons, the late educator, social worker, and autism specialist, was the founder of Linwood.

The event hosted by Don Reuwer at Pleasant Prospect Farm included southern specialties prepared by Iron

Bridge Wine Co. owner Steve Wecker. Linwood supporters, Reuwer and Wecker, donated the beautiful location and the food and service, respectively. *Spring 2014*

Ripken Celebrates with Miller Brothers and Helps Linwood

In celebration of the re-opening of its new showroom, Miller Brothers, hosted a fundraising event to benefit Linwood Center. John Miller, President and CEO of Miller Brothers, is a member of the Linwood Board of Directors. The Celebration included a visit by Baseball Hall of Famer Cal Ripken, Jr., who signed copies of his book, "Squeeze Play," and was photographed with fans. The books were sold at a premium to celebration attendees and proceeds of the book sales were donated to Linwood Center. *Summer 2014*



Linwood Hosts Leadership Howard County



Kim Manning, Deputy Executive Director of Linwood Center, hosted Leadership Howard County education group for an information session on the services and programs provided by Linwood Center, Inc. Leadership Howard County 2015 participants toured the school. *Fall 2014*



Check presentation to Linwood employees and Denitra Conway, store manager (far right) by Julia Thometz (2nd from left), Ali Rodriguez (3rd from right).

Howard County Leadership U Students Raise Funds and Awareness for Linwood Center Boutique

Linwood Center Boutique receives \$700+ from Howard County Leadership U student group *Banding Together*. Alexander Baloga, Dan Callahan, Haley Crane, Ali Rodriguez, Michael Smith, Julia Thometz, and Chloe Zulick are *Banding Together*; this group of highly-motivated Howard County resident high school students participated in the 2014-2015 class of Leadership U. Under the direction of Diane Freedman, Director of Youth Programs, Leadership U is a program of Leadership Howard County. Scott Templin, Community Planner with the Columbia Association, mentored *Banding Together* on the group's self-selected project of raising awareness and funds for individuals with developmental disabilities. Selling silicone wristbands branded with the words "Banding Together" the group raised awareness of all developmental disabilities.

Banding Together group worked in the Linwood Boutique along with the adult program participants, sorting merchandise, making sales displays, and cleaning the retail space. Funds raised were used to purchase merchandise to enhance the sales floor appearance through staging and to host an employee appreciation luncheon for the adult program participants. *Fall 2014*



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8307 Main Street (Lower level – rear)
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(Just behind La Palapa facing the large parking lot)

OPEN 7 DAYS PER WEEK

MON – TUE: 10 A.M. – 5 P.M.

WED – SAT: 10 A.M. – 6 P.M.

SUN: 11 A.M. – 5 P.M.

Donations welcome

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