WE ARE ANDRUS

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In a number...

Did you know that 6 of our animals at ANDRUS' Hope Space Farm need to be sheared every year?

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SERVICE!

ANDRUS would like to thank two retiring Board Members for their long standing dedication to our organization.

All the best to Deborah A. Clark, Secretary of the Board of Directors, and Conrad Harris, board member. Thank you for leaving a lasting impact here at ANDRUS, and we are thrilled to welcome you back as Board Members Emeritus!

Dear ANDRUS Community,

Finally, summer is here at ANDRUS! I am pleased to introduce this first quarterly issue of our newly formatted agency newsletter. I hope you will find the content in these pages to be both informative and inspiring, as we celebrate the work we do to nurture hope for the children and families we have the privilege to serve.

ANDRUS celebrates Red Nose Day 2016 in support of all children in need!

Earlier this year, I shared my hope for our new theme of *Striving For Excellence*, which honors the ANDRUS legacy of compassion while placing us on the path towards reaching even higher standards in professionalism and service. While each member of our staff across the agency has been working hard to bring this to fruition, likewise, ANDRUS' Board of Directors has been immersed in developing a Strategic Plan for the next five years that will provide a roadmap to assisting the agency in moving forward.

We all know the work that we do at ANDRUS is challenging while also being transformative. Each and every member of the ANDRUS team contributes to our success, including our generous supporters; thank you for choosing to devote yourself to this important mission - remember we change lives.

Respectfully,

Bryan R. Murphy

VISION & MISSION

ANDRUS nurtures hope in children by providing care that empowers them to succeed and by promoting innovation and standards of excellence in the care of children in our community and beyond.

ANDRUS nurtures social and emotional well-being in children and their families by delivering a broad range of vital services and by providing research, training and innovative program models that promote standards of excellence for professional performance in and beyond our service community.

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ANDRUS makes the impact, YOU make the difference

Golf Fore Kids was a tremendous success! We returned to a newly redesigned course at Siwanoy Country Club, had a record number of golfers, and raised over $165,000!

To kick off the live auction, we were able to welcome an ANDRUS student, Isaiah, to highlight our Minibike Program and show our guests just what ANDRUS is all about.

Thanks to all of you who were able to attend for being so generous and committed to the children and families ANDRUS serves. We look forward to an even bigger and better Golf Fore Kids 2017!

ANDRUS STONE BARN UNDERGOES RENOVATION!

Stone Barn before renovation (L), state of the art ANDRUS Sensory Barn (R)

For as long as most can remember, the stone barn behind The Orchard School served as extra storage for miscellaneous items around the ANDRUS campus. But with an ever growing population of children and staff here at ANDRUS, the need to transform this space became apparent. As our Sensory and Body Regulation Therapies have become tremendously successful on campus, we thought that having a building specializing in these therapies right next to The Orchard School would be a wonderful asset for our children. Thanks to a generous donation from Mary Graf, a true friend among our community of ANDRUS supporters, this dream was able to become a reality.

The new sensory barn facility, which will open on September 26 with a ribbon-cutting ceremony, will host therapeutic sensory activities for children enrolled at the Orchard School and to those in residential care on the ANDRUS campus.

Dr. Andrea DeSantis, PT, MSOT, SEP, PhD, who oversees ANDRUS' Sensory Programs, says "It's remarkable to watch the transformation. Children can actually change their body states from a fight or flight level of agitation to one that is calm simply by engaging in sensory, breathing and movement activities."

A Discussion With Susan Dreyfus

ANDRUS welcomed Susan N. Dreyfus, President and CEO of Alliance for Strong Families and Communities, to our campus on June 23 for a discussion about our evolving field as a social service organization, and what we can do to exceed the ever-changing demands of care for the children and families we serve. We look forward to inviting many new faces to ANDRUS who can help us to promote discussion and achieve our mission.

ANDRUS is proud to recognize our 8th graders with diplomas this year. "You'll be on your way up! You'll be seeing great sights!" quoted Bryan Murphy, ANDRUS President and CEO and Dr. Seuss fan, as he addressed the 35 8th graders who received their diplomas from ANDRUS' Orchard School on Friday, June 24.

ANDRUS Dedicates Dog Run

Cricket Kahle of the Kahle clan stands proudly over the brand new dedication brick! The dog park will serve the animals in ANDRUS' Pets At Work for Sanctuary (PAWS) program.

PARENT UNIVERSITY COMES TO ANDRUS

Building upon our commitment to bring mental health services directly into vulnerable communities through initiatives like Healthy Families New York, we were thrilled to receive funding for Parent University, a unique integration of ANDRUS' clinical services, trauma-focused care, and home visiting program that aims to fortify parent-child interactions, strengthen parent competency, and create a continuum of care. This exciting new program will focus on engaging the family unit, and we look forward to seeing its positive impact in our community.

SAVE THE DATE!

November 4, 2016

ANDRUS Gala
The Ritz-Carlton, White Plains

MICROSOFT AWARDS ANDRUS MAJOR GRANT

We are proud to announce that ANDRUS' grant application to Microsoft for a donation of software has been approved and awarded! Microsoft will be donating $243,508 worth of software focusing on desktop virtualization and deployment.

Microsoft had made a previous donation that enabled us to improve our IT infrastructure and technologically to keep up with the needs of our rapidly growing programs. To continue to attend effectively and efficiently to the needs of the children and adults in our care, we have been awarded this software donation that will allow us to undertake the next phase in our technology growth.

ANDRUS' plan is to standardize the deployment and management of our workstations provided to our staff. This will also allow us to use Virtualization for a greater percentage of our services, allowing more capability from remote locations. In addition, we will be able to bring our current server infrastructure up to Microsoft's current server operating system, giving us greater security and extending the services we can provide.

This grant will optimize the use of resources, save money, and reduce down time and repair time. Future costs for the acquisition of hardware will be significantly lower. The software we request aids us in our goal to establish a complete virtual platform, improve project management, and undertake a wider scope of projects that are unique and integrated, thus allowing us to anticipate further growth and expansion. With this grant, ANDRUS can improve current day to day operations, as well as lay a solid technological foundation for the future.

THANK YOU TO OUR BOARD OF DIRECTORS!

From L-R: Bryan Murphy, Nancy Ment, and Gary Carman amass 41 years of CEO history at ANDRUS!

We would like to thank our Board of Directors for their tireless dedication and commitment to ANDRUS. With their help this year we were able to approve a new strategic plan, create next year's operating budget, and set ambitious goals for ANDRUS. These changes will make a lasting impact on our children, so thank you on behalf of all of us at ANDRUS.