We Are Andrus

Spring 2024

OUR MISSION Andrus is dedicated to transforming lives through innovative, coordinated social and emotional support for all.

OUR VISION Our vision for the community we serve is for children and families to discover a place of safety and healing.

Revitalizing Hope

A Message From Our Interim President & CEO, Corine E. Lurry-Mabin

Corine E. Lurry-Mabin, Interim President & CEO

Dear Andrus Community, Stakeholders, Staff and Friends of Andrus,

I am deeply honored to serve as the Interim President and Chief Executive Officer of Andrus.

My journey with this remarkable organization spans 27 years, during which I have held roles across our campus operations, community programs and mental health initiatives.

It is with immense pride that I take on this responsibility, driven by a lifelong commitment to Andrus's mission of transforming lives through innovative, coordinated social and emotional support.

Throughout my tenure, from conducting home visits in Westchester to leading initiatives in our youth-focused programs, I have witnessed firsthand the profound impact of Andrus's unwavering dedication. We provide crucial resources to individuals navigating trauma, empowering them toward independence and renewed well-being.

As the first woman of color to hold this highly significant position, I am committed to honoring our legacy while driving Andrus forward into a future of expanded influence and impact. By prioritizing the well-being of our team and upholding our Sanctuary commitments, we ensure that Andrus remains a beacon of hope and healing in our communities.

Andrus has a storied history of compassionate care and community impact. Today, we stand poised to reignite our legacy and strengthen our influence across the communities we serve. Together, we will forge a future where every child and family finds a sanctuary of safety and healing.

I am privileged to lead Andrus toward this vision, humbled by the steadfast support of our dedicated team and stakeholders like you. Your partnership is instrumental as we chart this course toward a future filled with hope and opportunity.

With gratitude and determination,
Corine

Happening at Andrus

June 12	**Staff Party - Roundup Rodeo**
June 21	**Graduation**
June 24–July 5	**Camp Week - Session 1**
July 7	**Summer School begins**
August 18	**Camp Week - Session 2**

Dedication that drives our organization forward

Celebrating the many years of service milestones

In March, we celebrated our annual **Years of Service Reception**, a testament to the unwavering dedication of our staff towards our mission at Andrus. These exceptional individuals embody our core values each day, profoundly impacting the lives of our children, families, and communities.

This year we proudly recognized 40 staff members who achieved significant milestones last year. Their steadfast commitment propels our organization forward, even during challenging times, through their exceptional and inspiring contributions.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude and congratulations to our colleagues for their tireless efforts in instilling hope in children and families.

Aralis Watts, Executive Assistant to Corine E. Lurry-Mabin, was honored for her 15th year, and Vivian Cuevas, Healthy Families Westchester County Program Supervisor, was honored for her 20th year with Andrus.

The Sanctuary Institute

Network Days 2024: Repairing Culture. Reimagining Trauma Informed Care.

April's **Sanctuary Institute Network Days 2024** proved to be a truly inspirational event, leaving a lasting impact on all attendees.

Themed '*Repairing Culture*,' this year's conference attracted over 150 participants from Sanctuary Institute's network member organizations across the US, UK, and Australia, all gathering for 'Reimagining Trauma Informed Care.' Held at the prestigious **IBM Learning Center in Armonk, NY**, this venue offered our team a fresh and immersive experience. The retreat center fostered an environment of social learning, networking, and enjoyment throughout the conference.

Andrus Healthy Families of New York (HFNY) team members Liana Gray and Cara Stanley enjoying the Sanctuary Network Days Conference with Sanctuary emcee Lindsay Jackson.

Highlights included a keynote address by retired Judge Lynn Tepper on the development of trauma-informed courts, engaging workshops showcasing the Sanctuary Model's application through research and practice, and enriching activities such as sunrise yoga, mindfulness walks, and a vibrant vendor fair with over 25 participants offering products and chair massages. Evenings were filled with camaraderie, including game nights at the lodge.

Each day commenced with a lively community meeting led by our emcee and Sanctuary Institute Faculty, Lindsay Jackson, whose infectious energy set the tone for the day. We proudly celebrated two distinguished awards this year: Little Flower Children's Services of New York received the Innovative Organization award, and Shelby Quintal, a lead clinician at Vanderheyden, a certified network member, was honored with the Sanctuary Star award. Kenia Nunez's closing keynote speech deeply inspired attendees with her personal journey of resilience and post-traumatic healing.

Mark your calendars for our next conference, scheduled for **April 16–18, 2025**. We invite you to join us for another enriching experience.

News from the Campus

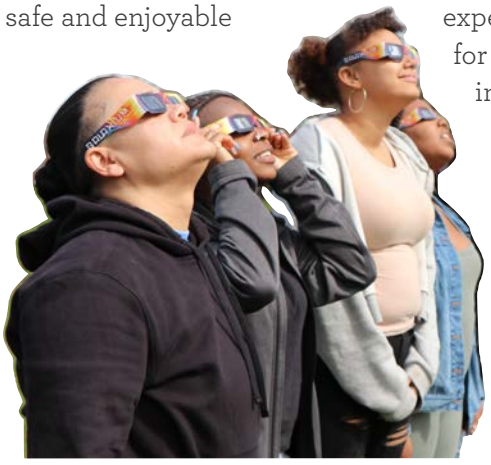
Dr Seuss Week

In honor of **Dr. Seuss Week** and **Read Across America**, Orchard School students went above and beyond in a Dr. Seuss themed Door Decorating Contest.

Solar Eclipse

The recreation team orchestrated a spectacular solar eclipse viewing party that left a lasting impression on our youth and staff alike.

Against the backdrop of Westchester County's serene landscape, faces aglow with awe and joy bore witness to this celestial marvel. The event was a resounding success, providing a safe and enjoyable experience for everyone in

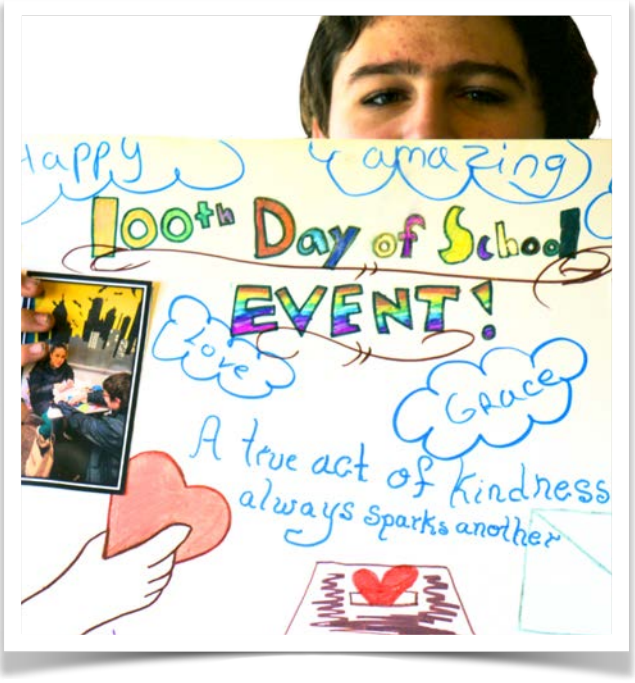


The 100th Day of School

The Orchard School celebrated a milestone as it marked its 100th day of school on Monday, February 12th, 2024.

Leading up to this special occasion, students enthusiastically engaged in community service projects, embodying our commitment to reflection, impact, and giving back.

This initiative empowered our students to take ownership of projects close to their hearts, demonstrating their capacity to effect positive change within our community.



Christopher, one of our residents, and our elementary school class celebrating the 100+ Valentine cards their classes made for senior citizens at Adia Nursing Home in Yonkers.

Addressing substance use and co-occurring mental health concerns

Andrus Partners with Encompass

In our relentless pursuit of advancing behavioral health care, Andrus proudly announces its partnership with **Encompass**; a transformative 17-week treatment program tailored for individuals aged 12 and above, addressing co-occurring disorders encompassing mental health and substance use challenges. This innovative program integrates motivational interviewing, contingency management, Cognitive Behavioral Therapy, and medication-assisted treatment.

Under the expert guidance of developer Dr. Paula Riggs and in collaboration with the University of Colorado School of Medicine Department of Psychiatry, we provide clinical consultation in carefully selected community and school environments. This groundbreaking initiative has been made possible through the generous support of a Promising Practices grant awarded by **WMC Health to Family Services of Westchester**, in conjunction with the Harris Project. We are also grateful for additional backing from the **Westchester County Department of Community Mental Health**.

Our Encompass Program is hosted at Peekskill and White Plains High Schools, where we are dedicated to making a lasting impact on the lives of our youth.

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Andrus and Sprinkles of Love

A new and important collaboration

During our Orchard School's 100th day of school celebration, our students undertook a remarkable initiative by organizing a book drive for **Sprinkles of Love**, a non-profit organization founded by Principal Lewis's daughter, Janine M. Lewis, Esq.

Their dedication and compassion resulted in the collection of over 300 books, which were sent to children in Grenada, profoundly impacting their lives.

The students in Grenada reciprocated with a heartfelt video message, expressing immense gratitude and the joy of discovering new books.

This inspiring act exemplifies the transformative power of community and generosity. We extend our heartfelt thanks to the Orchard School for exemplifying our commitment to making a meaningful difference.

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