



Brookville Center  
for Children's Services



# *Thank You*

To the exceptional DSPs that support the men and women in  
our Children's Residential Program





This book is filled with words of thanks and gratitude from the people who want to celebrate you during this special week.

Your unwavering commitment to providing compassionate care to people with disabilities is truly remarkable. You are an inspiration to us all.

**Thank you** to all our hard-working Direct support Professionals.

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**Ken and Lori Lenczewski**  
Parent of a person supported



On August 1st, we celebrated our son Miles's one-year anniversary at House 26 in Brookville Center's CRP. As DSP recognition week approaches, **I wanted to take this opportunity to express our heartfelt appreciation for the incredible work of our amazing house staff.**

The decision to place our 13-year-old in the care of others was not easy. We started investigating this plan many years before Miles moved into the CRP. We knew the behaviors Miles exhibited would require more care than we could continue to provide for the rest of our lives, and we knew the need for companionship and a life amongst peers was in Miles's best interest and necessary for his continued development and growth. Still, when we were told a spot was available for Miles in the CRP, no amount of research or investigation could prepare us for our son, the baby of our family, and the light of our lives to move out of our home.

Fortunately, Miles found a loving and nurturing home in House 26, where the staff is filled with warmth, patience, and dedication. Although Miles can be challenging at times, he possesses a truly unique personality, an amazing sense of humor, and a heart of gold. It's truly remarkable to witness a group of individuals who not only embrace and celebrate his best qualities but also help him navigate and grow through the more difficult aspects of his personality.

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In House 26, **Miles has found his people, a supportive community that encourages him to be his best self, providing him with love, guidance, and unwavering support.** Thanks to the efforts of his dedicated staff, we are still able to have Miles home with us every weekend and for special occasions. We maintain constant communication, discussing every aspect of Miles's care. Now 14 years old, Miles is still a work in progress, like any teenager with much to learn and many skills to further develop. I am eternally grateful to have expanded my family to include the incredible people at the CRP who work tirelessly alongside Miles and us to help him reach his full potential.

Creating a cohesive and nurturing environment for a group of boys to call home is undeniably challenging, yet the staff at House 26 consistently rises to the occasion. The work they do is immensely important, and the support they provide to our son is truly invaluable. **We cannot thank our staff enough for everything they do.**



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**Robyn Semilof**

Parent of a person supported



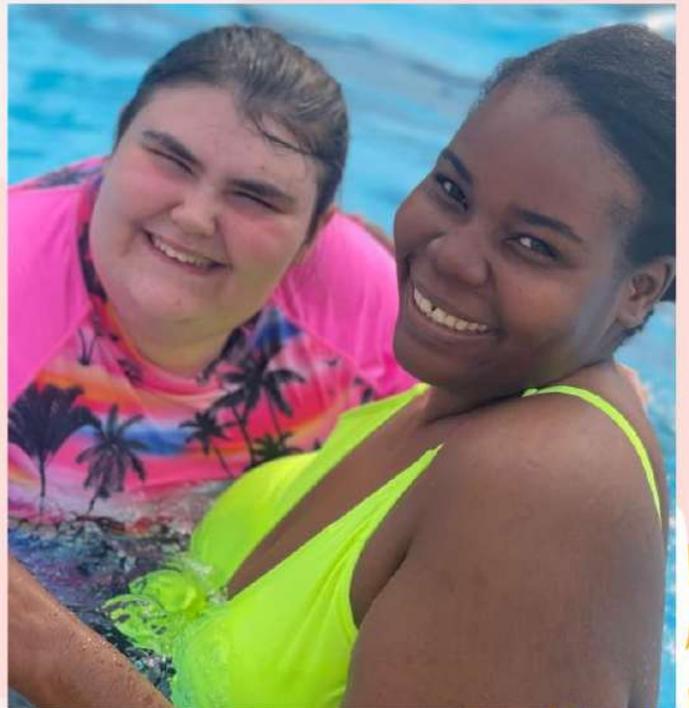


The people who care for the children in the CRP are exceptionally talented and dedicated individuals. They create a warm family environment for the children that allows them to learn and grow every day. **Thank you for your professionalism and commitment to the agency and children.**

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**Christopher O'Connor**  
Agency Leader





In 1994 our first son Michael was born, we were so thrilled our daughter Ali, now had a brother! Fast forward 15 months, we began to see some delays in his development. A few months later he was diagnosed with Autism. Not wanting Ali to be alone to care for her disabled brother, we decided to have another child. After some miscarriages and a little over 5 years later Anthony was born. We were all elated. While I was pregnant with our 4th child Luke, Anthony was also diagnosed with a milder form of Autism. 10 months after Luke arrived, we began to get very familiar with the signs and symptoms associated with DD, so we had our 3rd son evaluated. He too was diagnosed.

Our relationship with AHRC began when Mike was 5 he began receiving at-home services from the agency. When he was 8 he started school in Brookville. Our other 2 sons joined him at BCCS in 2008. We made the very hard decision in 2013, to have the boys enter the Children's Residential Program in Lido Beach.

As we approach year number 11, **we simply cannot name every one of the DSPs our boys have had the benefit of being cared for by.** Sure we have some loving souls who will remain in our hearts forever and some have stayed in their lives to this day. But between school, the residence, and day programs, we can honestly say that the **DSPs have changed ALL OF OUR LIVES, FOR THE BETTER!**

With much love and undying gratitude, The Carbone Family thanks our DSPs, past and present for everything they do for this population!! You all do God's work, and it is so appreciated by families like ours!! Please remember that **you are ALL angels on this earth!**

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**Kim & Augie Carbone**

Parents of people supported

