



Austin's Place News

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AUSTIN'S PLACE ▪ 447 DINNERBELL ROAD ▪ BUTLER, PA

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Mission Statement: *To provide specialized, intensive transitionally-focused training for young adults graduating from traditional school systems who are diagnosed with autism spectrum, developmental and intellectual disabilities and who are moderately to significantly impaired.*

VIP Spotlight

Marshall Stresky



This month's VIP at Austin's Place is Marshall Stresky! A man of many talents, Marshall has been an important asset to the Austin's Place family since the very beginning. He sits on our Board of Directors, keeps all of our IT systems in check, and is always the first one to offer a helping hand when there is work that needs to be done. Marshall is a seasoned IT professional with a specialty in the steel manufacturing corporation. He is involved with the design, development and deployment of leading-edge technology to provide viable, cost-effective computing

solutions to ATI's user community. Previously, Marshall worked in the key role of the primary system architect in the company's construction and commissioning of their \$1.2 billion state-of-the-art hot rolling mill in Brackenridge, Pennsylvania. He is now currently the IT Manager of the Manufacturing and Supply Chain.

In his free time, Marshall enjoys and is passionate about building and fixing computers. However, he is also very close with his family and friends. He loves spending time with his wife, Lisa, their three kids; Sadie, Jessie, and Eric, their rescue dog, Roscoe, and their cat, Baylee. He enjoys hunting, fishing, and golfing with his friends and family. As an avid bowler, he has been a member of the Bears Inn bowling team for almost 30 years! Marshall is also known for his music collection and takes pride in being the DJ at his neighborhood's annual block party.

Marshall and his family are very dear friends of the Wilczynski's and you can often hear them referring to him as "The Wizard". We are very grateful for all of his past, present, and future help. Thank you Marshall for all that you do!



Taking turns playing corn hole with our friends!



Our VIP going to new heights to help out at Austin's Place!

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Pittsburgh Sports Olympics!

What's Happening? - Summer State of Mind

Summer is upon us which means the days are longer and the sun shines brighter! With our "Summer State of Mind," you will find us making new memories as we make the much anticipated move to Saxonburg. With the breeze blowing and birds singing, we couldn't think of a better way to make memories than with cookouts and ice cream and swimming and sunshine! Don't worry though, our days here at Austin's Place won't be just lazy days. You can also find us having a scavenger hunts, talking walks through the woods, experimenting with science, and creating art with squirt guns and tie dye. At the end of the month, we will gather around the campfire and enjoy s'mores with our friends. So put on your sandals and sunglasses and make memories with us during our Summer State of Mind!

Austin's Place has officially moved!!!

Earlier this month we welcomed all of our staff and clients to our new location in Saxonburg. We couldn't be happier and look forward to all the excitement and possibilities that is ahead of us! Thank you to everyone who helped make this possible!!



A note from the President...

This issue comes to you a little late because we have been busier than usual prepping for the new location, which we are now officially in! We are excited for everyone to see the new facility over the coming months and learn more about it in our newsletter issues, our website, and Facebook page (like us!).

Speaking of the new facility, there will be a lot of great information, and new things coming now that we have more room to grow and expand the program, but I'd like to use this issue to mention just one of the new features coming soon that I'm really excited about: A therapeutic outdoor center!

We have ordered the equipment and will be breaking ground for the therapeutic outdoor center later this month. Aside from several varieties of swings, the center will also have a fully accessible structure with multiple sensory panels, and a sound garden complete with a touch & play piano and drum set. Next to the therapeutic outdoor center will be a picnic pavilion and walking trail.

I'd like to end with a special THANK YOU to all the staff, family, and volunteers who made this move possible. I'm excited for the future of Austin's Place and appreciate your support!

Sincerely,
Bonnie Wilczynski

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