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SPIN Residential Services Newsletter

Second Annual SPIN Fall Festival

On Saturday, October 3, 2026, SPIN hosted our 2nd Annual Family Fall Festival at the SPIN Community and Fitness Center. We were fortunate to host many external vendors who support SPIN's mission! We also featured many of our existing SPIN Families to be Champions of SPIN and share their experiences with others! Over 500 people attended while providing outstanding resources to the entire community. What a wonderful way to spend a Saturday!

Thank you to all who participated and volunteered!











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BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS



Peggy celebrated her 60th Birthday surrounded by family and friends



Patty celebrated her 76th with friends



Tom celebrated at Red Robin—fries before cake!



Lorraine's birthday celebration!



Jackie turned 33!



Lisa's 66th birthday



Art had a 'cool' 66th celebration

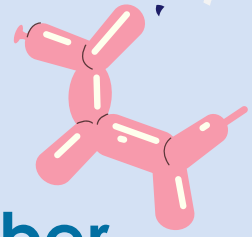
HAPPY BIRTHDAY



Eric celebrated his birthday

BIRTHDAYS!





September

6th - John J, Mark M
7th - Lori C
9th - John W
10th - Carole R
13th - Harriet L
14th - Michael C
16th - Jessica E
17th - Mark C
19th - Frank K
24th - Diana M

October

4th - Salvatore R
13th - Michael O
15th - Paul T
19th - Sharon L
22nd - James C, Josh P
24th - Debra L, Peter M
25th - Renzo V
29th - Joseph R
30th - Ricky H



November

2nd - Michael S
3rd - Lauren N
5th - Lindsay M
12th - Ronald Y
13th - Eric B, Thomas F
17th - Eileen R
18th - Dianne G
20th - Steven A, Heather L
21st - David T
24th - Michael M, Paul P
25th - Kimberly C





Summer VACATION





Rose and DSP Kaydesha enjoying their trip to Atlantic City, NJ







Lauren enjoyed a few relaxing days in Wildwood with DSP Alisa, and her boyfriend, Talib, came to visit her for the day!



Diane, Crystal and DSP Kierra enjoyed a day trip to Atlantic City



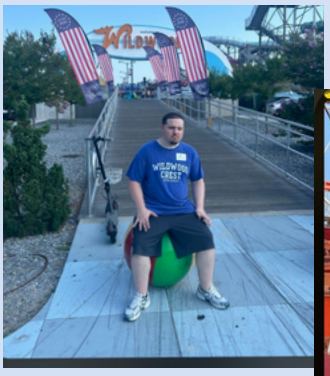








Kim enjoyed a trip to Lancaster



Anthony enjoyed his trip to Wildwood



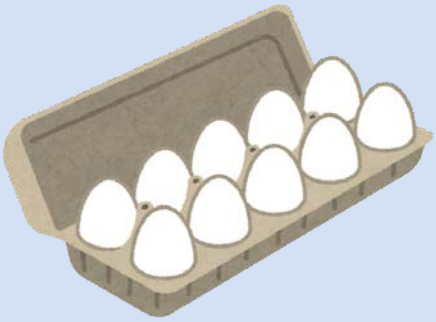


Here is a list of healthy quick on-the-go snacks to help keep up with your healthy lifestyle!



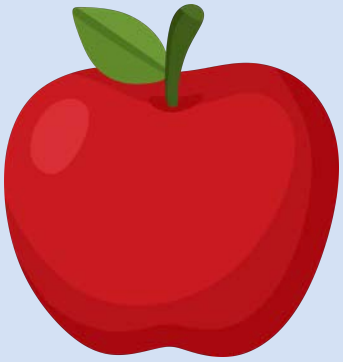








Snack suggestions: apples, bananas, peaches, dried fruit, Greek yogurt, berries, gapes, pears, baby carrots, edamame, whole wheat crackers, peanut butter, string cheese, hard boiled eggs, chopped/mixed nuts, low-fat cottage cheese, Pre-made Protein Shakes *read the label first*, humus, tuna packets, or add protein powder to your drinks or smoothies!







What are some of your favorite snacks?



DREAM

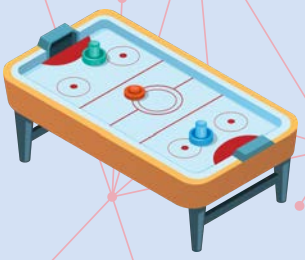
SPIN'S DREAM TEAM

Drink water • Relax and be mindful • Eat healthy food
Awareness of health risks • Move your body



Tech Corner

GAME CHANGING INNOVATION!



At SPIN, creativity and inclusion go hand in hand! When DSP Joanne recognized that some individuals with limited mobility faced challenges participating in air hockey, she set out to change that. With the help of her husband Larry, she designed and built an adaptive device that makes it possible for more people to enjoy the fast-paced fun of the game.

Now, we're excited to share this innovative creation with our community! Stop by the arcade at SPIN Community & Fitness to give it a try and experience firsthand how a simple idea can open the door to greater participation, connection, and fun for everyone.

Assistive Technology

Meet Joanne and Larry Gillen, the dynamic duo who crafted the Adaptive Air Hockey Mallet, turning air hockey into an inclusive sport for wheelchair users. Not stopping there, they also unleashed the Bingo Chip Ramp for those with limited hand mobility, making bingo a breeze! Their clever creations are all about leveling up independence and making games more fun for everyone!







HIGHLIGHTS



Donna, Chris and Judy enjoying a rainbow



Art and Kendall enjoyed a day at the park



Peter, Renzo and Richie hanging out at a Labor Day picnic



Lisa enjoying an art class at Lehigh Valley Active Life



Kristen, Stephanie, Lindsay, Heather and Jackie enjoyed the day at the Cape May Zoo with their DSPs Jennifer and Younnie



Sarah and Priscilla enoyed the day at Hershey Park with their DSPs Mitsuka and Nadia



Jason enjoyed a boat ride in Cape May



Will and Semi out for a walk





Brian, Richard, Joe and their DSPs Taylor and Esmerelda enjoying bingo night at Chick Fil-A



Tommy and Ryan at the Elmwood Park Zoo with their DSP Gbemiro

HIGHLIGHTS



Kareen and DSP Shanta at the Franklin Institute



Fred and Michael are all smiles on their train ride



Kathy and Susan enjoy a nice meal at Chilis



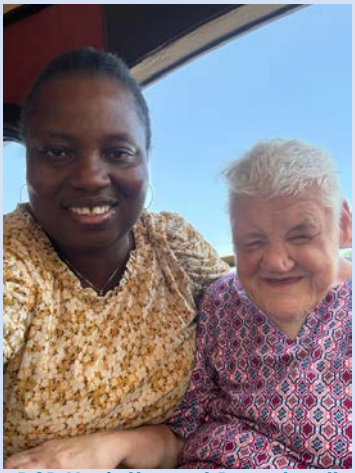
Cynthia enjoying a day at Tookany Creek Park



Ken enjoying time at the library



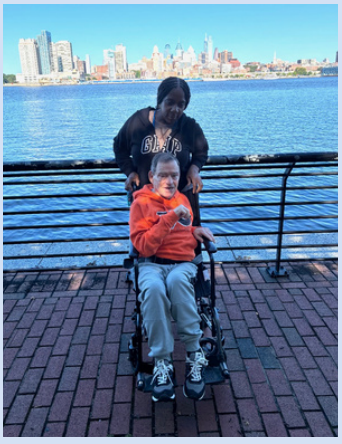
John, Frank and Josh had a relaxing day at the park



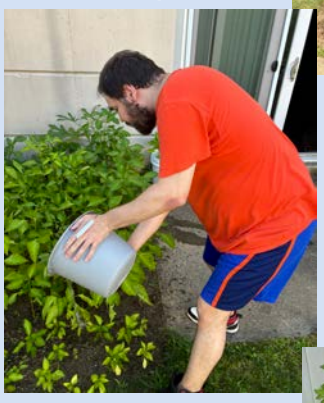
DSP Hariette and Pamela all smiles in Lancaster



Karen had good time attending at nutrition class and learning new ways to stay healthy

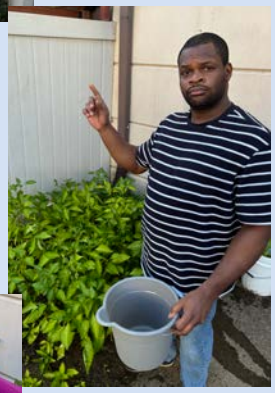


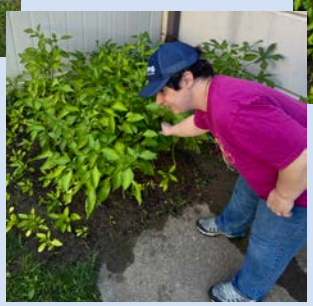
Paul and Ianette at Adventure Aquarium





Josh (left), Lenny (below) and Sean (right) cultivated an amazing vegetable garden with the support of their DSP Franklyn







Nikki adding a little silliness to his day





GETTING TO KNOW YOU!
MEET GRAYNLE!





Graynle began his journey with SPIN in June 2025 when he moved into a SPIN Residential CLA after spending 63 years living at home with his family. Although he was new to the SPIN community, Graynle has already made many meaningful connections and continues to build new relationships each day. His sweet personality, warm spirit, and unmistakable voice have quickly made him a special part of the SPIN community.

Graynle participates in Community Participation Supports (CPS), where he has the opportunity to meet new people, explore his community, and build meaningful connections. In just a little over a year, Graynle has touched the lives of so many people he has encountered. He continues to demonstrate a willingness to participate, engage with others, and experience new things.

Graynle has a great love for trains, planes, and the mighty Temple Owls. He especially enjoys spending time with his father, going out to restaurants, and visiting the Fern Rock train station. Graynle also enjoys attending parties, trying new foods, and visiting with his peers. He continues to participate in CPS and remains an active member of his community.

Without a doubt, anyone who meets Graynle will quickly experience his warm and welcoming personality. His smile, sweet nature, and ability to brighten the day of those around him make him someone everyone wants to meet!

Annual Fall Ball Classic





















Community Participation Supports



Recently, **Carole** enjoyed a visit to the PURR Cat Cafe for CPS. Petting cats and watching them explore is fun and relaxing for her.

Carole was happy to receive a photo collage of her memories to display in her home. She looks forward to visiting the cats again!

Shawn enjoyed activities at the Bensalem Library. Shawn loves bringing his own puzzles to the library with him, where he puts them together fast and without assistance. Shawn always proudly exclaims "I won!".

During his library visit, Shawn also learned how to create his own pins during a free craft event. A library worker demonstrated how to choose and cut out pictures, then used a pin/button making machine to finish the craft. Shawn proudly wore his pins on his shirt afterward.



Spotlight on Staff

We asked Rehana to tell us about something that makes her proud to be a DSP:
"I'm proud when I see how comfortable and happy Katie, Deborah and Kathleen are and know that I have built a trusting relationship with them. Knowing that my presence can make someone's day better, help them feel supported and give them confidence is incredibly rewarding.

For me, being a DSP is about much more than simply doing a job. It's about being there for people, listening to them, making them laugh, supporting their independence and helping them have the best possible day. Knowing that I can make a genuine difference in someone's life is what makes me proud to be a DSP."



Employment Spotlight



We proudly recognize Lauren for her success at Wonder! Since joining, she has excelled in her responsibilities, including bagging food orders and maintaining supplies and restrooms. Lauren's adaptability and eagerness to learn, especially with the technology system, have contributed to her achievements.

She has become more confident in her role, working well with colleagues and helping keep the restaurant organized. Her positive attitude and strong work ethic have made a lasting impression. Congratulations, Lauren, on your hard work and accomplishments! We look forward to your continued growth at Wonder.

National DSP Week



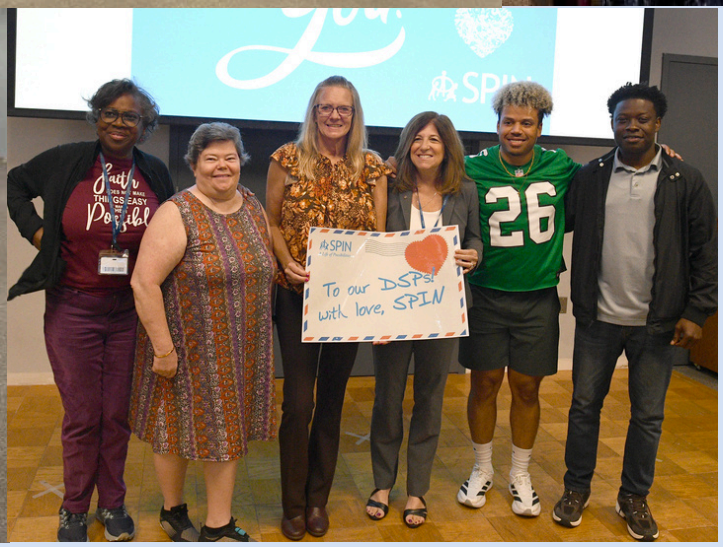
National Direct Support Professional (DSP) Recognition Week in 2026 took place from September 13 through September 19, 2026. During this week, SPIN celebrated the outstanding work of the DSPs through recoginition events, give aways, personalized cards and messages, a special visit from Senator Picozzi and so much more! SPIN is grateful for all that our DSPs do everyday!











Points of Transformation Awards

The Points of Transformation Awards are an annual event hosted by the Philadelphia Department of Behavioral Health and Intellectual disAbility Services (DBHIDS). The Award ceremony honors the life-changing, dedicated work of Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), and practitioners who serve individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and behavioral health needs in Philadelphia.

This year the event was held in September, celebrating honorees across multiple categories. The SPIN Choir opened the event with a wonderful performance, setting a positive tone for the day. Congratulations to Shawn Davis - LifeSharing Award, Tara Sebazco - Treatment Award and Donna Gan, Trianna Griffin and Brandy Sisco as honorable mentions!





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SPIN Events:

2/26/27 - SPIN Live
4/2/27 - SPINGO
4/15/27 - Partners for Possibilities
6/9/27 - SPIN Golf Tournamnet

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