

The holidays are here and there is so much happening at CO-OP: CARF gives accreditation, CO-OP community gives back, gathers with friends, and digitally connects.



Supporting People with Disabilities Since 1972



Message from the President & CEO

Welcome to our first e-newsletter, which is one of the many new ways we hope to keep you abreast of what's going-on at CO-OP. You can now also keep in touch with us via social media (Facebook, Twitter, and LinkedIn) and the launch of our new website is scheduled for January.

I am glad to report that CO-OP is winding down another successful year – due in large part to the generous support to our many friends and partners. As always, we are grateful for the countless number of people who invest in our work each and every year.

Best wishes for a joyous holiday season.
Bill Corbett

Thank you OSIA!

For the 10th straight year, the Peter B. GayLodge #540 The Order Sons of Italy in America® (OSIA) hosted an outstanding holiday event for close to 100 CO-OP consumers, staff, Board members and good friends. This year, we were pleased to see so many local officials including MA representatives Patricia Haddad and Shaunna O'Connell (who read 'Twas the Night Before Christmas), District Representative Leslie Duclos from Congressman Joe Kennedy's office



and Taunton Mayor Thomas Hoye. This wonderful holiday tradition is truly appreciated by all of us at CO-OP. We especially enjoyed the Taunton High School Chorus!

We Believe in Giving Back

CO-OP teamed up with the National Guard and held a food drive to support local military families. Our delivery volunteers were met by Service Members of the 200th Quartermaster Company and the 772nd Military Police Company and the Family Program Staff.



If you know a military family in need, contact Taunton FAC at 508-822-6024.

CO-OP found another way to help our local service men and women. When we learned of staff member Anne Costa's son and daughter-in-law, members of the 1060 Transportation Company, being deployed, we all got to work on holiday greetings. Holiday cards have been posted and will soon arrive overseas for each member of the 1060. We hope the holidays are bright for all those serving our country.



Our CO-OP family is feeling the holiday spirit and good will. When we heard about one family who recently fell on hard times, we decided to pitch in and help. Together, we donated a wide assortment of clothing, school supplies, and toys, to go to children ranging in age from 4 to 18. We also created a lollipop tree to raise much-needed funds for the family. We found joy in sharing during this merry season.



No holiday season is complete without music and our own holiday carolers are adding joy by performing at various CO-OP locations and throughout the community. Joy to the World!



CARF Accreditation



The Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF) gave CO-OP high praise and accreditation through 2018 for the Agency's Day Habilitation Services. After an in-depth survey including interviews with leadership, day program managers and staff, CARF came back to us with rave reviews. We should all be proud when we hear, "CO-OP is complimented on its commitment to providing quality services..." and recognizing the Agency "...employs many warm, competent and respectful staff members..." We couldn't agree more!

CO-OP Goes Digital

We're having fun connecting on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and hope you will join us as we share what's happening at CO-OP.

Please forward this to your friends so they can [sign up for CO-OP news](#).

Watch for our new website launching in 2016!



Season's Greetings From All of Us to All of You!

Everyone at CO-OP wishes you a safe, happy and healthful holiday season!



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