

Supporting People with Disabilities Since 1972

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Too Early to Think Spring?!

While temperatures outside may be mild compared to past winters, we know it is not over yet so we are longing for spring.

A true New Englander knows that spring is coming—we just feel it in the air. Soon we will be enjoying the sun's warmth, working in the garden, hooking the big one, or having some fun with spring bonnets. We're sharing favorite memories from last year. Spring is almost here!



Spring Construction

Spring is also the time to build. We're looking forward to framing a new CO-OP residence in Wareham.

Currently, we have residential homes in Dighton, Raynham, Rehoboth, Taunton, Marion, and Norton. The CO-OP footprint is widening!



Meet Our New Employment Specialist -- but she's not new to us!

Congratulations to our new **Employment Specialist Amanda Clark**. We are so pleased that Amanda has taken on this new role in the Dighton Community Based Day Services, working with Employment Coordinator Ray Bala and Program Manager Natalie Oliviera.

Amanda has already shown us she is one capable lady! She began her career with CO-OP as an intern before joining the staff in our residential program, followed by a move to the Dighton day program as a speech aid. Amanda did all this while studying to earn her Bachelor's Degree from Bridgewater State University. She graduates in May.

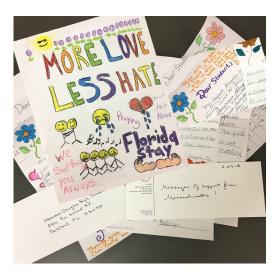
But there is more...Amanda is researching graduate schools as as she plans to earn a Master's in Applied Behavioral Analysis.

Join us in wishing Amanda the best of luck in her new role.



Lending Support

Along with the rest of the country, all of us at CO-OP are feeling deep sadness over the loss of life at Stoneman Douglas High School. While we cannot imagine how the students feel, we can lend support to fellow Americans. We answered one Stoneman Douglas teacher's call for letters to students as they return to their dassrooms. Our resident artist, Chelsea Silmon, used her talent as she drew 17 flowers with a message of More Love Less Hate.



Let's Get Digital

We're having fun connecting on <u>Facebook</u>, <u>Twitter</u> and <u>LinkedIn</u> and hope you will join us as we share what's happening at CO-OP.

For agency information, visit our website at $\underline{www.co-op.cc}$.

Please forward this to your friends so they can $\underline{\text{sign}}$ $\underline{\text{up for CO-OP news}}$.

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