Another year has passed and change has come our way, there are those that say it’s “inevitable”. Some very good people have had some very trying times and some very good people have been blessed with new beginnings and joy. The national narrative is one of doom and gloom. The language leaders use is something historically attributed to sailor’s on shore leave. In reality, that would be an insult to the sailors that served our country.

I love to keep learning while I get to lead a beautiful organization that helps so many. I love to meet the families of the little one’s who touch our lives through our children’s program. There is joy in the child our therapists have helped get to the age appropriate developmental stages after being born to an opiate addicted mother. We are thankful for foster parents and adoptions as well. The innocent child being born into the challenges of addiction is all too much of a reality today. Fortunately, New Perceptions’ board, leadership, and more importantly, the therapists of New Perceptions are there to provide that safety net as the baby and toddler navigates the high wire of life.

I am grateful to see our largest program, Supported Employment and the individuals who continue to succeed in our inclusive NKY community. This year we had one of our participants who works for the Kroger company wake up one morning with a cancerous brain tumor. He awakened to not know his parents. This is the same disease that captured the life of John McCain. Ron has had the operation and we will continue to support him in his battle with such a dreaded disease. He is back to work, enjoying the customers and comradery that his job provides. He desired the normalcy of returning to work. He called me recently asking for Opening Day tickets. HE’S BACK! Similarly we have Mir and Paz at the Union Kroger’s who are rocking the world with their customer service efforts. Their smiles and attitudes are what I wished the world looked like all the time. If you have shopped at the Union Kroger you know whom I’m speaking of, these are all great ambassadors for Kroger and New Perceptions.

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Each year, NKAR chooses a different non-profit to raise money for throughout the year. In 2018, New Perceptions was selected as the recipient for their fundraising efforts. And we couldn’t be happier that they selected us. It’s been a great year of relationship building, attending events, and witnessing NKAR’s charitable giving. At the end of December, Shawn Carroll and New Perceptions ambassadors, Kevin and Bridget, attended their Appreciation breakfast and we were able to officially thank them for their generosity.
Bridging the Gap 2018

Bridging the Gap is a summer program run by our Children’s Services Department. It is a program for children ages 3-5 who may have received early intervention services and are no longer eligible due to aging out, or for children who received therapy services in public preschool setting and are out for the summer. Since most of these children are not offered therapy during the summer, this program is designed to facilitate each child’s maximal potential through enrichment of play in an therapeutic environment. We provide services of Occupational and Speech Therapies in a group setting to collaboratively work on sensory motor, fine motor, language and social communication, and self-help/daily routine skills. The participants are children from the community, First Steps, and children returning from summers past. We have many sources of outreach from service coordinators, to local school districts and parents by word of mouth contacting us about the program. This past summer our participants showed gains in the areas of fine motor and problem solving, which were new areas for growth. Our staff looks forward to this program and seeing the progress with the participants each summer. Please save the dates for Bridging The Gap 2019—June 5 to July 31, taking July 3rd off for the Holiday.

PARTICIPANT—EMPLOYEES OF THE MONTH

The David G. Benzinger Employee of the Month award recognizes participants who learn new skills, achieve production goals, or greatly improve attendance or work performance and attributes. The award was established to honor the memory of David Benzinger, a New Perceptions participant, to encourage others to adopt David’s positive work attitude and his spirit of self-motivation, persistence, and joy of living. And, at the end of every month, there is anticipation and a sense of excitement “who’s going to win this month?” Congratulations to our Employees of the Month!

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The Review: No Deficiencies

The Holiday season brought a lot of great things to New Perceptions, the State’s annual Medicaid review being one of them. The state of Kentucky came in to audit us in mid November and we’re glad to report that it was a great success! New Perceptions received a 2 year Medicaid accreditation through the State with “no deficiencies, no need for a corrective action plan.”

These results are a reflection of the abilities, cooperation, and teamwork of our staff at New Perceptions. The team’s hard work and true dedication to our participants was apparent to the reviewers during their time here. The administrative duties that come along with our staffs’ jobs and interdepartmental communication were key as well.

The cooperation showed how efficiently we completed the State mandated TB and drug tests and were noted by the reviewers. Tom Lanois, Director of Adult Services, thanks our team for all of the hard work our staff puts in on a daily basis. “I want to ensure our staff receives the credit they truly deserve for their part in the great year we had as an organization in 2018. I am very fortunate to have such a caring and passionate team and look forward to another great year!”

Thank you, Our Volunteers

The Definition of “Volunteer” is, “A person who does something for others, willingly, without thought to themselves.” New Perceptions has been fortunate during 2018 to have several groups and individuals volunteer their time to help make our facility a better place to be, and make it more inviting for our participants. For that, we can’t Thank You enough.
SAVE THESE DATES...Looking Ahead

Ladies Night Out  Thursday, April, 25, 2019
This is the 10th Annual Ladies Night Out and a must-do for area ladies annually, to enjoy an evening with close friends. Enjoy Pampering, boutique style services, great food and drinks, and a huge silent auction. All proceeds will benefit programs at New Perceptions.

Annual Dinner  Tuesday, August 27, 2019
Participants and staff are recognized for their years of service to New Perceptions. Volunteers and local companies are also honored for their outstanding support. The evening will leave you feeling uplifted.

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When you shop at Amazon, “Amazon Smile” donates 0.5% of the purchase price to New Perceptions. All you have to do is bookmark this link to support us every time you shop!

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And lastly, shopping at Kroger will also help New Perceptions as well. First, if you don’t have an account, Create an account. Then, find, “I’m a Customer” to enroll in Community Rewards. It’s that easy!

https://www.kroger.com/account/enrollCommunityRewardsNow

Join us online!  Catch us on Facebook for updates, happenings, and events throughout the year!  We love sharing pictures!
Participants
Number of Unduplicated Participants

737

419 318

Supported Employment

367

236

Children Services

Income

Program 74%

Contracts/Rental 9%

Other/Investments 1%

United Way 7%

Fundraising 9%

$3,027,369

Expenses

Net Gain

$272,387

$2,754,982

$3,027,369

$2,754,982

$272,387

Income

74%

Expenses

5%

Projects

LED Lighting

Patio Renovation

Complete Kitchen Transformation

Bathroom Remodel

Finance

Demographics

Net Gain

30% 3% 65% 2%

Child Teen Adult Senior

Supported Employment

367

236

Children Services

115

The Work Center

56

The Learning Center

Incomes

Program 85%

Management/General 10%

Fundraising 5%
The Learning Center, Work Center and then some

Let the Art Abilities program be evidence that a person can enjoy themselves, engage in learning and socialization opportunities and hone self help skills while generating amazing works of art.

During 2018, the art program participants were successful in creating 56 gallery quality pieces accepted by various curator juries in local gallery settings. We also participated in several one day art festivals or activities where our work was well received by patrons and local artists alike. We were blessed with successes in sales throughout the year which brings motivation to get better at what we do!

Program participants display an impressive level of creativity and independence as they work on activities of their choosing, receiving prompts and lessons on new techniques, methods, and styles associated with drawing and painting.

Each week the Learning Center participants also enjoy sixty minute classes in American Sign Language, U.S. History, dance and more. They are engaging and interactive throughout each activity and they consistently provide positive feedback. A handful of participants are learning skills in piano and guitar play and their development is evident in their positive practice skills.

Adult day is a high and low energy part of The Learning Center (TLC) program. Depending on which day you visit, you may encounter a competitive game of bingo or someone making a craft.

Adult Day provides a variety of activities catered specifically for the individual participant. You may find them relaxing, watching a favorite television program, listening to their favorite music, or they may be working on bettering a life-learning skill. Each activity suits their own level of participation. In tandem with the two other TLC programs, Art Abilities and TLC Classroom, Adult Day can join in on sign language, history, dance classes, and more.

TLC also has a great relationship with the public library and other community partners. We invite presenters speak and share their knowledge with topics geared for our population.

It was an exciting and eventful year for Adult Services at New Perceptions. Throughout the year we celebrated our continued partnership with Meridian Bioscience who continues to provide steady work for our individuals in The Work Center. We were fortunate to have the efforts of volunteers from various organizations and families to help us with certain maintenance projects. With the help of these volunteers, we had more participant-driven days such as pizza parties, running activities, and crafting.

Holiday parties were thoroughly enjoyed by all with musical assistance from the Benzinger family and a very generous spread from Skyline. Our Work Center participants also were able to reach community based goals thanks to regularly scheduled outings. Playhouse in the Park and Cyclones game’s were often highlighted as some of the more memorable experiences from our participants.

As a department, Support Employment placed 37 individuals in new jobs in the community during the calendar year of 2018. 98% of these individuals maintained employment. Our job coaches worked tirelessly to help find a good fit for these individuals while maintaining long term support of over 300 clients.

We have begun placing individuals at Amazon during the year with assistance from Viaquest through the workplace simulation, on-site at New Perceptions. New Perceptions’ Pre-ETS (Pre-Employment Transition Services) program is in full swing as well. We now serve High School aged participants in job exploration, work experiences, and job shadowing, in a one-on-one or group setting, both on-site at NP as well as with various community employers.

It has been an exciting year for our participants in The Work Center as well as in the community. We look forward to the continued opportunities and all the fun that comes with it in 2019!
Throughout the course of the day in The Learning Center classroom, you will see participants improving on their reading, writing, math, and life skills. Participants enter The Learning Center with one objective: to gain independence in various areas of their lives.

Some have a goal of living on their own, or following a recipe, while others have a goal of finding employment in the community. And in the 4 years the TLC program has been running, we have had many participants reach these goals.

Each day in The Learning Center is different. While we’re working on our lessons, you may hear us laughing about something that has been said. And of course, it’s always exciting to discuss an upcoming afternoon out of the building where we are able to practice the skills we’ve learned in the classroom. (Grabbing a cup of coffee at Biggby is always fun) Our days are all about learning and sharing with each other.

In the classroom, we take each day, one by one, and make the best of each moment to love and learn from each other.

A message from Shawn Carroll, continued from Page 1

Finally my lesson of the year was the total commitment of families who we serve who have disabled siblings. Fortunately, like the rest of us, those with disabilities are living longer. We can all recall the dating years, awkward, emotional and the great unknown. Will she say “yes”. My spouse of thirty five years said yes, but my Dad told her the family would still love her if she said no. He thought he was funny. Think of the situation of you having a disabled brother or sister and how that would work after Mom and Dad passed. I learned that so many of our families were a “package deal.” In sports, teams will “package” players so that a team can help some players move on or give a player another chance. In the world of disabilities, the family is a “package deal”. I have met so many remarkable people that are now taking care of their younger or older siblings in their home. One woman told me, “I told my boyfriend if Mom and Dad pass before I do then my sister will live with us as well.” How impressive. It was tough enough to meet the person of your dreams, but then to add the “package deal”. How many of us would be so caring and gracious? How easy it would have been for the boyfriend to say that’s not for me and move on. These acts of unconditional love strike me often at New Perceptions, really daily. The sibling and their new spouse who care for the so called disabled individual tell me universally that they learn the greatest depths of unconditional love from the so called disabled. I agree, they lift me up everyday. I wish those with the bully pulpits leading the nation’s narrative would listen and look to those we serve and their ability to unconditionally love. It’s truly a remarkable quality.
OUR CHILDREN ACHIEVE

Our Children Achieve is a fundraising event that offers our guests a new perception of individuals with intellectual / developmental disabilities. This is a yearly event that we celebrate the lives of two individuals who have shown success in the past year and more importantly, in their life.

The 2019 luncheon will be held on Wednesday, March 13 for this celebration with a plated lunch at Drees Pavilion: 790 Park Lane, Covington, KY 41011. The event will kick off at 12 Noon. Reservations are required.

LADIES NIGHT OUT

Ladies Night Out... An event that women across the region look forward to attending every year. The event marks the beginning of Spring and gives the ladies in attendance that cure for the Wintertime blues. Ladies are pampered, given psychic readings, and are able to shop at a huge silent auction. It goes without saying that there are some friendly challenges on those bid sheets to watch out for. And let's not forget the Grand Raffle. In 2018 it was a trip to Sedona, Arizona, for a November get-away. In 2019, the Grand Raffle is just as grand! You could win a beautiful 14kt white gold pendent with 26 diamonds surrounding 1 fluttering center diamond .25 ct total weight on a 22” sterling silver chain. ($1,021 value) Donated by Motch Jewelers. A second chance win is for a blue sapphire stone surrounded by cz diamonds white gold ring.

In 2019, New Perceptions celebrates the 10th Anniversary of Ladies Night Out. How time flies... So please mark your calendars for Thursday, April 25, 2019. Ladies, be prepared to be dazzled with all of the boutique style services you’ve come to know and love and of course, enjoy the food, fun, and company of good friends while shopping the huge silent auction and dropping your tickets in “pick-a-prize” buckets. Being the 10th Anniversary, the Grand Raffle will surely be a hit!
BEAN BASH

Another successful Bean Bash has made history. The 45th Annual Bean Bash has come to a close with four very happy charities getting the proceeds from the success of the event: Redwood, Special Olympics of Northern Kentucky, BAWAK, and New Perceptions. Each organization had the Silent Auction room stacked to the gills and had many, many happy shoppers bidding on a large variety of items. There were of course, some competitive bidding going on. In the next room, The Live Auction was loudly competitive with 62 items getting bid on. How do the auctioneers do that? With Megan Mitchell of Channel 5 introducing each item, they didn’t stay on the auction block very long with the auctioneers doing their fast-talking.

As in years past, New Perceptions’ very own Shawn Carroll was the master of the Bean soup pot, along with J R Schrand, Steve Brooks, and Dave Schneider. The Bean Soup was of course served with corn bread and the all the fixings. Everyone had a great time and helped each of these four organizations benefit.

ANNUAL DINNER

The Annual Dinner is a celebration of our participants and staff who have reached milestone anniversaries with New Perceptions. But, the Annual Dinner is so much more than collecting awards. It’s about the participants’ glee when they walk to the front of the room while listening to the applause. It’s their anticipation of being handed their award in front of friends and family. The excitement can be very overwhelming. And rightly so.

For the staff of New Perceptions, the Bob Ryan spirit award is given to a staff member who characterizes the spirit of Bob Ryan, a very dedicated, positive, and impactful employee, who worked at New Perceptions for 40 years and retired in 2014. This award was created in his honor and memory and each year, the staff nominates their peers to win this award. The winner of the award is chosen by Bob’s family. Sarah Hallman was the proud recipient of this years Bob Ryan Spirit Award.

The audience can’t help but walk away from this event with a feeling of being uplifted.
Foodies...

There’s hardly an occasion or holiday that passes us by when a large amount of food isn’t served and consumed. New Perceptions can always find a reason to enjoy good food, celebrate happy times, and enjoy the company of our community partners. Whether the food is donated by our wonderful community partners or hand made by our talented staff, there’s always enjoyment to pass around. These pictures say a 1,000 words....