



September/October 2017 Agency Updates **The Times They Are A-Changin'**

With the change in season, there are changes happening here at BCABVI that we want to share with you. We understand change can be hard but with it comes new opportunities to move BCABVI forward as an agency. One thing that will never change is our commitment to helping our clients and community.

Staff Changes

After 32 years with us, Shelley Ketterer will be retiring as of September 1, 2017. Shelley has made her mark on the agency and is leaving a legacy of friendship and laughter. She will be sorely missed. We wish her all the best as she spends more time with her family and grandchildren.

Transportation Services will now be handled by Karen Eleuteri along with her current responsibilities with programs.

Ellen Dzwonar, our upper county social worker, will also be leaving us at the beginning of September to be with her grandson. Her compassion and dedication to the agency will be missed.

Katie Lorenzo will be joining Sheryl in the social work department as an intern to help with the transition until we hire another social worker. **Temporarily, all social work needs and questions should be directed to Sheryl.**

Finally, we are excited to announce that Meghan Sharman, Children's Services Coordinator will be joining our team on a full time basis. In addition to working with Kids Unlimited, Meghan will be assisting me with some marketing and fundraising projects. We are in the process of hiring a part time receptionist for the front desk to allow Meghan to focus on her new responsibilities.

Program Changes

The goal of our programs has always been to meet the needs of our clients and community. The agency's core values of inclusion, innovation and inspiration are central to our decisions about what types of programs to offer. We are in the process of planning some new opportunities that reinforce our values and further our mission.

We will continue to offer support groups, skills training programs and social activities while adding new orientation programs, volunteer opportunities and mindfulness/self-awareness training.

Between now and the end of the year, we will be meeting with each one of you individually to discuss your needs, goals and new opportunities to share your talents with other in the organization. **It is important to note that no changes will take place until January 2018.** We are excited about the direction we are heading and are confident these changes will have a positive impact on everyone involved.

In the meantime, it is business as usual. A couple dates to put on your calendar: (note: not all events are sign ups for clients, but we want you to know what is happening at the agency. Open sign ups are indicated)

Monday September 4, 2017 – Agency closed for Labor Day

Wednesday September 6, 2017 – Volunteer Breakfast

Wednesday September 13, 2017 – Client Event Planning Committee Meeting

Wednesday September 20, 2017 – Client Leaders Group Meeting

Monday September 25, 2017 – Gardening Group working with Bowman Hill Wildflower Preserve Volunteers to plant our pocket meadow

SIGN UP Wednesday October 17, 2017 – Lions Club Walk for Sight at Playwicki Farm

Get outdoors and raise funds to support the BCABVI Lions Club charities!
Cost: Participants must commit to raising at least \$25 and will receive a lunch courtesy of the BCABVI Lions Club.

Thursday October 19, 2017 – Orcam Demonstration Day

For people with serious interest in purchasing the Orcam technology, we will be having a group demonstration and individual training sessions. Must have received a low vision evaluation and have recommendation of the doctor to attend.

SIGN UP Tuesday October 31, 2017 – BCABVI Halloween Party

Join us for some spooky fun as we celebrate Halloween. More details to follow.
Cost: \$10 includes lunch

To sign up for an open event, please contact the front desk at 215-968-9400.

We will share more information as we finalize our plans, but if you have an immediate question, feel free to give me a call. The future here at BCABVI is looking bright and we are glad you are a part of it!

Best Wishes,

Anne Marie Hyer, Executive Director