

## **MAKE A DIFFERENCE**

"They make me laugh. I leave here everyday with a smile on my face."

– Mike Collins, Volunteer

Cardinal Cushing Centers serves individuals with intellectual disabilities, from school age through adult and elder years, with the goal of improving the quality of life for each individual and helping them to become independent, productive members of society. For more than 60 years, the Cardinal Cushing Centers have provided a safe, supportive, and vibrant community for those with intellectual challenges of all ages, abilities, and religious backgrounds. It was Richard Cardinal Cushing's dream to create a place where children he called "exceptional" could learn, grow, thrive, and achieve their individual success. In 1947, we welcomed our first 35 students. Since then, we've helped more than 3,500 children and adults to discover their talents, nurture their passions, and lead remarkable lives.

We cannot do the good work we do without the help of dedicated, engaged **volunteers** – caring individuals who welcome the opportunity to p ositively impact our students' and adults' lives.

Our volunteers may:

 $^{ ilde{\mathbb{W}}}$  Assist adults in our day habilitation program with art and music lessons

\*\*Others choose to share a special skill. Thursday morning woodworking class is made possible by a community volunteer. This same gentleman, now retired, volunteered his time at Cardinal Cushing Centers back when he was a high school student.

