



**A Message from
Vice President of Development:
*Jansi Chandler***

Dear all,

I am pleased to share this edition of Cushing Community News with all of you. As usual, there are many wonderful stories to share that I know will remind you of all of the incredible work happening at Cushing, even through the hot summer months. I invite you to read our e-newsletter stories to celebrate the achievements of our Cushing Community and to be as inspired as I am when I come to

work every day.

Additionally, do not miss the slideshow of photos highlighting one of the most heart warming events you can attend at Cushing- Graduation. From the achievements of each graduate shared by a member of the Cushing Community, to the words of encouragement shared by our student speaker, it is impossible not to be moved by what you hear and see at our commencement ceremony.

I hope you enjoy the rest of your summer, and I look forward to sharing more stories of possibility, opportunity, and hope with you in the future.

Sincerely,

Jansi D. Chandler

Spinning for a Cause

We're so appreciative of Hallie Singer, a CT middle school student, who recently hosted a very successful spin class fundraiser in honor of her cousin Dylan, a student at Cardinal Cushing Centers.

The idea came about from a school assignment: combine a passion with doing something good. As a result of Hallie's hard work, the sold-out spin class fundraiser at JoyRide Cycling Studio brought in over \$1500! Thank you, Hallie, your family and friends for working out for our cause and supporting our programs!

Are you interested in giving back in a similar way? We have a program that makes it easy for you, the Cush Fit Crew! The Cush Fit Crew is made up of athletes from all different backgrounds who are interested in the opportunity to train for a cause and help raise funds for students and adults with intellectual disabilities supported by CCC. Anyone can join, whether they walk, run, bike, swim, lift, spin, dance, etc..

Anyone who joins the Cush Fit Crew will have access to Crowdrise, a secure on-line giving platform that makes soliciting donations easy and straightforward, as well as fitness and wellness counseling from Cushing's Director of Development, Laurie Maranian. Laurie is a certified running coach and a nationally qualified powerlifter. Raise more than \$300 and you will get an exclusive Cush Fit Crew wicking t-shirt.

For more information, contact Laurie at Imaranian@cushingcenters.org. Happy Training!



Hallie Singer with the spin class from JoyRide Cycling Studio

Carnival Day at Thayer Academy

On May 24th students from the St. Coletta Day School attended the Annual Thayer Academy Carnival Day. Our relationship with Thayer Academy started decades ago and has since blossomed into a partnership in which students from both schools collaborate on a regular basis through the Perfect Pals program, joining forces for various social, athletic and creative activities, including dances, basketball and kickball, to name a few.

The Carnival Day is hosted at Thayer Academy every spring. Everyone at St. Coletta looks forward to attending this creative event each year! Approximately 50-60 Thayer students participate, and the entire eighth grade hosts the carnival. Fun is to be had throughout the day with classic carnival type games and arts and crafts.

We are thankful for our partnership with Thayer Academy. Peer interaction and collaboration are invaluable to our students.



Students from Braintree St. Coletta Day School enjoying Carnival Day

Shared Living Spotlight

Our Shared Living Program would like to spotlight one of our members, Christopher Westfield, and his care provider, Barbara Compton of Pembroke. Prior to his transition to shared living, Chris resided at Cardinal Cushing's Stetson house in Whitman for over 8 years. He moved into his new home with Barbara in April.

Chris and Barbara had a couple of months to spend time together and get to know one another before Chris moved in. Chris attends South Shore Industries in Hanover and works at Stop & Shop in Whitman. He keeps in touch with his friends and family who only live a town or two over from Pembroke. Chris and Barbara's friends and family have joined a local bowling league. Chris enjoys being outdoors, helping out around the yard. He and Barbara just completed their new fire pit in the backyard.

When speaking with Chris regarding his experience thus far, he stated that he is enjoying his new home in Pembroke with Barbara and is looking forward to getting started on new projects in and around the house!



Chris and his brother Daniel who was visiting after his college graduation.



Chris and his friend John helping to remove the old tree stump in the front yard of he and Barbara's Pembroke home.



Chris on his new John Deere lawnmower.