

Bethel Ridge

"Building Stepping Stones to Lifelong Success"

Dear Friend:

Everyone has been affected in some way or another in this tough economic climate. The general economic downturn has caused all of us to step back and think about how we use our hard earned income. Throughout the Bethel Ridge community, individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities and their families have been affected as well.

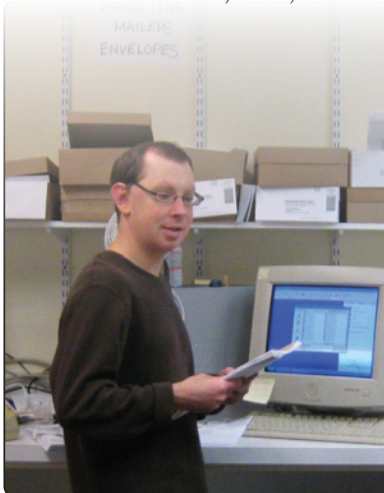
Bethel Ridge is proud to say we are here to help now and in the future. Just like you and I, individuals with disabilities who live and work in our local community are competing for hard to find jobs. The staff of Bethel Ridge's Supported Employment and Education Departments work individually with each person to seek employment, build new skills, and give ongoing support to retain employment. Being a contributing valued member of a workplace is a role that most people take for granted. Did you know that less than 30% of persons with disabilities have jobs and get to feel that sense of satisfaction that goes with meaningful work? Bethel Ridge believes that they can dramatically alter these statistics by providing life-long learning opportunities.

Bethel Ridge's Supported Employment Department helps people with developmental disabilities find new jobs and maintain their skills. We help others maintain their current positions and even assisted one individual in opening his own small business. Our programs emphasize skill development, which enhances the probability of successfully integrating individuals into the marketplace where they gain the respect and self-worth associated with being gainfully employed.

Our success and ability to expand programs and to serve more individuals at Bethel Ridge depends upon your generosity.

Please join us in providing high quality educational, recreational, residential, and employment services that enable people with developmental disabilities to reach their highest level of achievement and independence.

Karen L. Ennis, M.A., *Executive Director*



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For your convenience we have enclosed a self-addressed envelope. Please see our website www.bethelridgenj.org, for an option to donate via PayPal. Keep checking the Bethel Ridge website for the date and place of the 2011 Emerald Event!
Looking forward to seeing you there!