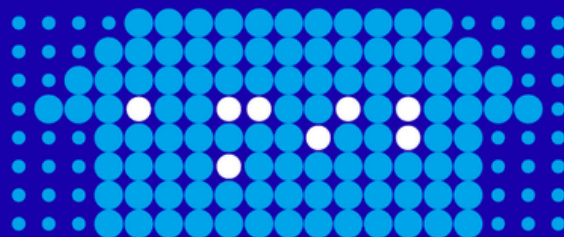


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Light from Within

AMIB Annual Picnic Brings Friends, Fun, and Lasting Memories

One of the highlights of the year for the residents, staff, families, and friends of AMIB is our Annual Picnic. This year's event was held at the RWJBarnabas Health Field of Dreams in Toms River, a one-of-a-kind recreational complex designed to be fully accessible and inclusive for individuals with disabilities.

Residents from all of AMIB's homes came together for a day filled with laughter, friendship, and community spirit. Each home proudly wore matching themed T-shirts that reflected the personality and creativity of their home, adding a fun sense of pride and team spirit to the celebration.

The picnic featured a delicious lunch, music, karaoke, cornhole, kickball, baseball, and a variety of other games and activities that kept everyone smiling throughout the day. Residents also enjoyed exploring the many accessible features of the Field of Dreams while reconnecting with friends from other AMIB homes and making new memories together.

Events like our Annual Picnic remind us that AMIB is more than an organization, it's a family where friendships grow, community strengthens, and lasting memories are made.



Thomas, Relief Manager, Jenny, Angelo and Kat, Program Manager, Brick Home residents are rocking their Rolling Stones T-shirts



The AMIB team gathered for a group photo



AMIB resident Tommy enjoys face painting with Jackie, Quality Assurance Director



Moriah, Residential Specialist, Robert B., Theresa, Program Manager, Detrece, Relief Manager, Troy, Robert & Anthony from our Wall Home, show off their Hawaiian T-shirts



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From the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES/PRESIDENT**

Dear Friends and Supporters of **AMIB**,

This past year has been an exciting one for **AMIB**. We continue to grow while staying committed to providing exceptional care for the individuals we serve. We all eagerly anticipate the opening of our two newest group homes. Once the renovations are complete, we will be welcoming 8 additional residents and their relatives into the '**AMIB** family'.

Life at **AMIB** is about much more than providing housing. Our residents enjoy a wide variety of activities throughout the year that encourage independence, friendships, and community involvement. From outings to parks, restaurants, and local attractions to community inclusion events, celebrations, and wellness activities, every home creates opportunities for meaningful experiences. **AMIB** is committed to providing a safe space for our residents where they feel respected and supported.

I relay sincere appreciation for Trustee Rita Corcoran stepping into the Board Secretary role. We are actively looking for additional volunteers to help the Board in our mission and developing new business and vendor relationships. If interested, I encourage you to reach out to the **AMIB** administration to express how you believe you can assist and contribute.

Thank you to everyone for all the support you have provided to make **AMIB** a premier organization for the people we are honored to serve.

Gerry Malcolm



From the **AMIB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Greetings and I hope this finds you well. I am pleased to welcome three newer staff - Toni D'Ambrisi, Director of Program Services, Jackie Cabell, Quality Assurance Director, and Nicole Grifo, Field Trainer, whose leadership has already, and we anticipate will continue, help strengthen the quality-of-care **AMIB** provides.

As we enter the last quarter of 2026, we are approaching the renovation completion of our 19th group home, located in Freehold. The 20th home located in Ocean Township is still moving through the permitting/variance process, but once the municipality formalities and due diligence is complete, we are ready to start that renovation project.

While we have made progress through grant funding and the generosity of our supporters like yourselves, we still need your help to complete these home renovations and start up equipment. Your donation will help fund the final accessibility improvements, furnishings, vehicles and other specialized features that will allow our newest residents to move into a place they can truly call home.

As always, it is our dedicated staff who transform our houses into homes through their compassion, care, and support. Thank you to our donors, volunteers, community partners, and friends for making **AMIB** a place where everyone belongs. We appreciate your continued support and encourage you to follow **AMIB** on social media for our latest news and updates.

Aaron Goto



The *Legacy Society* of the **AMIB Endowment Fund**

We wish to acknowledge and thank the following who have become members of The Legacy Society through a bequest or planned gift:

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Rock 2 Adopt: Music, Community & Making a Difference

AMIB was happy to participate in Rock 2 Adopt, a family-friendly charity music festival held at Veterans Park in Bayville. This annual event brings together the community for a weekend of live music, food vendors, shopping, family activities, and opportunities to meet adoptable pets, all while raising funds to support local animal shelters and rescue organizations. Rock 2 Adopt's mission is to "rock pets into homes" by making pet adoption a fun and engaging community experience.

Residents from **AMIB** homes enjoyed an afternoon of live music, balloon art, and exploring the many foods, vendors and activities throughout the festival. It was a wonderful opportunity for our residents to spend time in the community, socialize, and enjoy a gorgeous September day outside with entertainment all around.

We are excited to announce that **AMIB** will once again be participating in Rock 2 Adopt on September 26 & 27, 2026 at Veterans Park in Bayville. Stop by the **AMIB** table to learn more about our organization, meet our team, and pick up information about our programs and services. For a complete schedule of events and wristband information, visit the Rock 2 Adopt website at www.rock2adopt.org. We hope to see you there!



Samira, Residential Specialist and Delma are proud of their final balloon creation



Residents Juan, Mary Blair, Kathleen & Robert enjoyed listening to the live music at Rock 2 Adopt



Rita, Jeff, Residential Specialist, Darla, and Jerome head over to check out the AMIB table



Jenn, Development Associate manning the AMIB Table



Jennifer, Kaylia, Relief Manager, Suzanne, Essaun, Residential Specialist, Catherine, Francheska, Program Manager from our Brick Home stopped by to check out the AMIB Table & Merchandise

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A Night to Shine: Virginia and Michael Take the Stage

Residents Virginia and Michael from AMIB's Shrewsbury home recently took center stage at the Safe Haven Dance Studio Showcase, celebrating months of hard work and dedication through the "Friends in Motion" dance program.

Each Friday evening, they attend classes at Safe Haven Dance Studio, where owner and instructor Molly creates an inclusive and encouraging environment that allows every participant to enjoy the art of dance. Through movement, music, and teamwork, Virginia and Michael have developed new skills while building confidence and lasting friendships.

The Showcase gave them the opportunity to perform in front of family, friends, and members of the community. Their enthusiasm, confidence, and smiles lit up the stage as they proudly demonstrated everything they had learned throughout the season.

Programs like "Friends in Motion" provide more than just dance lessons, they promote self-expression, social connections, physical activity, and a sense of accomplishment. Community partnerships like this help create meaningful opportunities for individuals of all abilities to participate, grow, and shine.

Congratulations to Virginia and Michael for representing AMIB with pride and reminding us that when everyone is given the opportunity to participate, amazing things happen.



(Left and Second to Left) Virginia and Michael performing at their show



(Left) The group working on what they practiced (Right) Virginia, Michael, and Molly (dance instructor) pose with their flowers



Thank You to The Amboy Foundation

AMIB extends our sincere thanks to The Amboy Foundation of Amboy Bank, for their generous grant in support of our ongoing renovation efforts for Homes 19 and 20.

This funding helps strengthen safety, accessibility, and overall functionality within these homes, ensuring individuals who are blind or visually impaired and living with multiple disabilities have a safe and supportive place to call home. For many residents, accessible housing is essential to maintaining independence, safety, and quality of life.

AMIB is grateful to the Amboy Foundation for their continued generosity in helping enhance our homes and services. Picture left to right receiving the grant check are Janet (Amboy Branch Manager), Jennifer (Amboy VP Retail Sales), Jenn (AMIB Development Associate), Anthony (AMIB Wall Group Home Resident) and Theresa (AMIB Wall Group Home Program Manager).



AMIB has a **Grand Slam Day** at the **Ballpark**

On a beautiful mid-May spring afternoon, **AMIB** residents and staff enjoyed an unforgettable day at the ballpark as the Jersey Shore BlueClaws took on the Greensboro Grasshoppers. From the moment everyone arrived, there was excitement in the air as residents found their seats, enjoyed classic ballpark food, and cheered on the home team.

The outing provided much more than a baseball game. It was an opportunity for residents to spend quality time with friends, staff, and one another while experiencing the excitement of a live sporting event. Throughout the afternoon, smiles, laughter, and team spirit filled the stadium as everyone enjoyed the sunshine and entertainment.

Community outings like this play an important role in **AMIB's** mission by promoting inclusion, independence, and meaningful social experiences for adults who are blind or visually impaired and have additional disabilities. These shared experiences help build friendships, boost confidence, and create lasting memories that extend far beyond the final inning.

A special thank you to the Jersey Shore BlueClaws for their hospitality and to the many **AMIB** staff members who helped make the day such a success. We are grateful to everyone who made this memorable outing possible and look forward to creating many more special moments for our residents in the future.



Residents Darla and Rita along with Joe, Residential Specialist, from the Lacey Home enjoying the game



Quiet moments like these make AMIB residents Jerome and Robert feel truly special



Gail, Deputy Director, Tommy, Resident, and Abby, Associate Director, pause for a quick photo outside the ballpark



Brick Home Residents Catherine, Lisa and Suzanne enjoying the weather and the baseball game

AMIB Strengthens **Family Partnerships**

The **AMIB** Executive Team recently met with residents' families for an open discussion about our mission, services, and ongoing commitment to quality care. The conversation highlighted our shared goal of supporting each resident with dignity and compassion.

Families expressed gratitude for **AMIB's** transparency, collaboration, and dedication, reinforcing our core belief: "We Never Stop Caring." We look forward to continuing these meaningful conversations as we work together to support the individuals we serve.



AMIB Executive Team met with residents' families



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There is Never a Dull Moment at AMIB!

Residents from all our homes enjoy a variety of exciting outings and fun activities that encourage community involvement, friendship, and independence.

From enjoying the sights in Atlantic City and having a delicious meal at No Limits Café in Red Bank to visiting Asbury Park, our **AMIB** residents have had many opportunities to get out and explore. Residents have also enjoyed spending time outdoors at places like Double Trouble State Park, taking a swim in the pool, and nature walks with friends and staff.

Back at our homes, the fun continues with spa days, tea parties, cookouts, themed celebrations, arts and crafts, and plenty of other activities that bring everyone together.

A special thank you to our dedicated **AMIB** staff who make these experiences possible. Their creativity, compassion, and commitment help ensure that our residents have opportunities to try new things and visit new places.



(Upper Left) Linda, Residential Specialist with Dennis in AC (Upper Right) Joe, Residential Specialist with Artie and Andrea at the No Limits Cafe in Red Bank (Left) Paul & Greg soaking up some rays in the AMIB pool



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