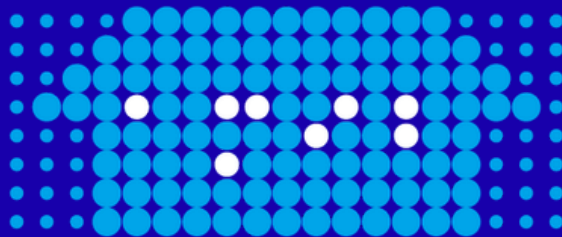


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Light from Within

Honoring Dedication: Kaylia Mighty Earns the Sister Mary Byrnes Award

AMIB is proud to recognize Kaylia Mighty as the recipient of this year's *Sister Mary Byrnes Caregiver Award*, honoring her compassion, dedication, and commitment to excellence in caregiving.

Kaylia joined **AMIB** five years ago after being referred by a friend who had worked at **AMIB**. After interviewing at the main office, she was hired, marking the beginning of a career rooted in service, growth, and heart. Kaylia shared that receiving this award made her feel truly recognized and appreciated, a meaningful acknowledgment of the care she brings to her work every day.

Over the years, Kaylia has worked in several **AMIB** homes and values the opportunity to support a wide range of residents while collaborating with many different team members. She is motivated by her strong interest in the mental health field and consistently finds small ways to incorporate that passion into her daily work. One of her most meaningful memories comes from her time at the Tinton Falls home, where she connected with a resident over a shared love of cooking, an experience that reminded her how small connections can have a powerful impact.

Kaylia is known for her individualized approach to care. She believes in practicing patience with residents, coworkers, and herself, especially during challenging moments. By blending education, training, and intuition, she strives to provide person-centered support that respects each individual's needs and communication style.

Her creativity is another sign of her caregiving. From hosting group home painting parties to taking housemates to the local community GoodWill to donate

items, Kaylia goes beyond routine responsibilities to create meaningful experiences for **AMIB** residents.

Kaylia holds her undergraduate degree from Georgian Court University and is currently working toward earning her master's degree in Behavioral Analysis, reflecting her commitment to continued learning and professional growth in hopes of deepening her impact in the field.

Recently promoted to Relief Manager, Kaylia views her new role as a reflection of her personal and professional growth. She also appreciates **AMIB's** flexibility, which allows her to continue her education while balancing the needs and schedules of the residents she supports.

Congratulations to Kaylia Mighty, and thank you for the heart, creativity, and dedication you bring to the **AMIB** community each and every day.



Kaylia and her award



Kaylia, Karen (PC), and Francheska (PM) with award



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From the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES/PRESIDENT**

Dear Friends & Supporters of **AMIB**,

As we begin 2026, winter has certainly made its presence known, from cold temperatures and icy days to moments that reminded us how important warmth, connection, and community truly are. Thanks to donors like yourself throughout the years **AMIB** has been able to fund and install whole house generators in all of the group homes to 'weather' storms and blackouts maintaining uninterrupted services to our residents who rely on consistent routine and structure. Even on the coldest days, the work happening inside our homes is full of warmth, supporting independence, dignity, and daily moments of pride and accomplishment.



I was fortunate to witness firsthand the gentle touch staff provided to my brother when he lived in the Stonehurst Group Home and I feel fortunate now to continue to experience the staff approach when visiting other **AMIB** homes and participating in the most recent Holiday Party event. A big thanks goes out to the dedication of our staff, the leadership of our Administrative Team, and the generosity of our donors and partners.

The start of a new year is always a time for reflection and renewed commitment. In 2026, our focus remains steadfast in our mission - creating safe, supportive, and welcoming homes where individuals can thrive, build routines, and feel truly at home. We are deeply thankful for each of you who make this possible through your time, advocacy, and generosity.

Thank you for being part of the **AMIB** community. We look forward to another year of connection, progress, and shared purpose.

With gratitude,

Gerry Malcolm

From the **AMIB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Greetings and I hope this finds you well.

As we begin a new year, we are reminded that **AMIB** is much more than the homes we operate. It is the people who fill them with care, purpose, and connection. Our residents continue to inspire us every day with their resilience, individuality, and growth, and we are honored to support them as they build routines, relationships, and meaningful lives within our communities.



As we move forward in 2026, we remain focused on strengthening existing homes and expanding residential opportunities to others through the renovations to our 19th and 20th group homes. We are under contract for the accessible renovation with Steve Gottlieb of Quantum Construction out of Shrewsbury and by the time this letter reaches you we anticipate permits to be approved and groundbreaking to have begun.

Equally important are our dedicated employees, whose compassion, patience, and professionalism make our mission possible. Through their daily support and genuine relationships with residents, they transform houses into homes and provide the foundation for stability, growth, and belonging.

As we look ahead, we do so with gratitude, for our residents and families, our hardworking staff, our Board of Trustees, and our generous supporters. Together, we continue to build a community where individuals are supported, valued, and empowered to thrive.

Thank you for being part of the **AMIB** family in 2026. Best in health. *Aaron Geto*



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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Smiles & Stories: Life at the Brick Home

I had the pleasure of meeting with Program Manager, Deb Le Ny at our Brick Home, where she shared her extensive experience working with adults with disabilities, including autism and mental health challenges. Deb has been with **AMIB** for over six years, and it was a joy to spend time with her. She has a great sense of humor, and we had fun swapping stories. She also shared a bit about her personal life, noting that she has two daughters, one with autism and one with mental illness, which gives her a unique perspective and deep empathy in her work.

Deb gave me a warm introduction to the residents of the Brick Home: Patrick, David, Angie, Irene, and Jorge. When I arrived, she was preparing lunch for David, who was happy to enjoy an egg salad sandwich. David tends to keep to himself in his room, but after lunch, he joined us in the living room, content and relaxed in his favorite chair.

Patrick and Jorge were at their day programs, but Deb showed me photos of Jorge. She described how much he enjoys being photographed and how his tall stature makes him hard to miss. She shared a funny memory of a time when she and Jorge were leaving a store and encountered a dog and its owner. Despite her efforts to steer him away, Jorge made a beeline to greet them, and the dog quickly took to him. Deb laughed, "noting that when Jorge wants to do something, there's no stopping him!"

Deb also updated me on Angie who has benefited from the individual supports programming structure and individualized attention she benefits from rather than attending traditional day programming services. Direct Care staff like Sherry (pictured to the right) helps keeping Angie engaged on tasks and recreational activities, both in and out of the home, accommodating support to her attention span and needs.

Finally, I met Irene, who was relaxing in a recliner in the living room. She made sure we knew she wanted more tea by vocalizing her needs, reminding us of her vibrant personality.

It was a lively and heartwarming visit, giving me a glimpse into both Deb's dedication and the unique personalities of the Brick Home residents.

(Experience shared by our Development Associate, Jenn C. Wood)



Residents enjoying the beautiful spring sunshine together.



Angie creating some artwork with Sherry (staff)

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Jenn C. Wood, Development Associate, accepts donations on behalf of AMIB from Tom Leonard, Grand Knight of Council 8415 (left), and Jim McNamara, Vice President of Community Relations and Sales / Executive Director of BlueClaws Charities (right). We thank you both for your generous support!



BlueClaws Charities Grant

AMIB/Cochran Family Holiday Party



Theresa, Program Manager, Robert B., Robert F. and Troy from our Wall Home posing for some Christmas shots.



Barbara from our Bayville Home loving her Christmas presents from AMIB.



Arty and Joe (staff) sharing a Holiday Lunch.



Andrea telling Santa what she wants for Christmas.



Timothy (father) and Patrick (son) from our Brick Home sharing a meaningful holiday moment.



Arty, Barbara, Andrea, Tammy, Program Manager, Amy, Heather (staff) and Jenessa (staff) from our Bayville Home showing their Christmas Spirit.

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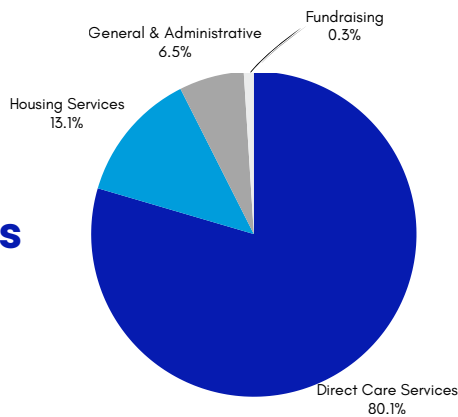
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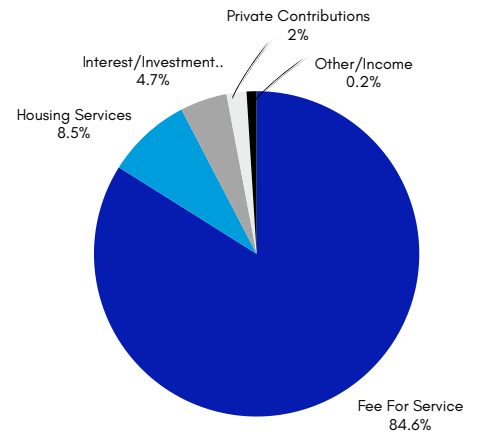
AMIB Financials 2025

Expenses Year Ending 2025



Direct Care Services.....	80.1%
Housing Services.....	13.1%
General & Administrative.....	6.5%
Fundraising.....	0.3%

Revenue Year Ending 2025



Fee For Service.....	84.6%
Housing Services.....	8.5%
Interest/Investment.....	4.7%
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Celebrating 2025 Cochran Award Winner Steven Bertolini



This year, **AMIB** is honored to present the 2025 Cochran Award to Steven Bertolini, a remarkable individual whose strength and determination embody the spirit of resilience.

Steven lost his vision in February 2024 as a result of diabetes. Despite undergoing eye surgery, the procedure was not able to restore his sight. At the time, Steven was living alone in his mother's home after her passing, facing profound loss and navigating a world that had suddenly changed. Adjusting to blindness while coping with grief left him feeling overwhelmed, isolated, and uncertain about the future.

In December 2024, Steven moved to **AMIB**, marking a new beginning. With the support of our caring staff, he began the challenging process of adapting to yet another "new normal." Day by day, Steven worked hard to regain a sense of himself and rebuild confidence in his abilities.

Upon joining **AMIB**, Steven participates in a day program for the first time, giving him renewed opportunities for socialization, connection, and purpose. He has begun physical therapy and now uses a walking stick to support greater independence. Although he continues to face challenges, Steven shows steady progress and admirable perseverance.

His journey is a powerful reminder that growth is not always linear, but with support, encouragement, and belief in oneself, transformation is possible.

AMIB is proud to recognize Steven Bertolini as the 2025 Cochran Award Winner. His courage, dedication, and determination inspire us all.



A heartfelt thank you to Manasquan Bank for their generous grant and ongoing commitment to our community and to **AMIB's** mission. Partnerships like this make a meaningful difference in the lives of individuals who are blind or visually impaired with multiple disabilities. Pictured are Jenn Wood, Development Associate at **AMIB**, and Keith White, Vice President/Business Development Officer at Manasquan Bank.

Employee Spotlights:

Samantha, Stacey and Heather

Together, Samantha, Stacey, and Heather truly embody the dedication, compassion, and teamwork that make **AMIB** feel like family. We are proud to recognize them through our **AMIB** Employee Spotlights and are grateful for the incredible work they do every day. Each of them has also been featured on our social media.

Do you know an **AMIB** employee who deserves recognition? We would love to highlight them in a future newsletter or social media post. Please feel free to nominate an employee by emailing Jenn Wood at development@amib.net or call or text (848) 420-2304.



Pictured from left to right: Samantha Feinen, Human Resource Manager, Stacey McCaffrey, Nurse and Wellness Manager, and Heather Roberts, DSP

In Loving Memory

Janet Wilson Alternative

August 11, 1943 - October 17, 2025



We are deeply saddened to share the passing of Janet Wilson Alternative, a cherished member of the **AMIB** family. Janet was the

daughter of one of **AMIB's** founding families, Al and Polly Wilson, and the sister of Mary Blair, a resident of our Lanoka Harbor home. Janet also served as an **AMIB** Board Member and Trustee for more than 30 years, demonstrating a lifelong commitment to the organization and the individuals we serve.

Janet will be remembered for her caring spirit, welcoming personality, and the genuine kindness she extended to everyone around her. She had a special gift for making others feel valued and supported. Her warm smile, grace, and compassion touched the lives of many, and her positive presence will be deeply missed.

As we honor Janet's memory, we celebrate a life filled with generosity, dedication, and love for her family, friends, and the **AMIB** community.

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Celebrating Creativity, Confidence, & Community

At AMIB, we are proud to celebrate the unique talents, personalities, and daily joys of the individuals we support and this spring, two residents remind us exactly why our mission matters.

Andrew, a resident of our Tinton Falls Home, recently stood proudly beside his incredible Picasso-inspired artwork, created alongside his art teacher. His piece is a powerful expression of creativity, confidence, and individuality. Art offers Andrew and so many of our residents, a meaningful way to communicate, connect, and shine. Seeing his talent on display is a beautiful reminder of how creative expression nurtures self-esteem and joy.

At our Forked River Home, Mary Ann brings joy in a different, but equally meaningful way. Mary Ann loves helping Program Manager Jennifer with daily tasks, and her favorite job is shredding paperwork. With a big smile on her face every single day, she takes pride in being helpful

and contributing to her community. These moments of purpose and routine are essential to building confidence and independence.

From bold artistic expression to the simple happiness of being helpful, these stories reflect the heart of AMIB, where every individual is encouraged to grow, contribute, and be celebrated for who they are.



Andrew showing off his artwork



Mary Ann is over the moon shredding papers

