



## In Loving Memory of Two Long-Time Friends

*AMIB recently lost two of its early members. Founding member Austin Helle and Mary Carson were both active on the AMIB board for many years and parents of residents of the Bayville group home. Both devoted considerable time, energy and financial support to the growth and development of AMIB. We are deeply thankful for their dedication and many contributions to AMIB. We offer sincere sympathy to their family and friends on their loss.*



**Austin Helle**, who passed away on January 20, was a key founder and board member of AMIB.

His third daughter, Andrea, who was born blind and developmentally delayed, has been a resident of Bayville since she entered the group home in 1982 at the age of 22.

Austin served as a member of the AMIB board since it was incorporated as a non-profit corporation in 1970. In 1995, he and his wife Clara became the first members of and launched the AMIB Endowment Fund Legacy Society.

Austin was born in 1921 in Norway, and served in the US Navy during World War II. In 1981 he started his own general contracting company — the Austin Helle Company, Inc. — from which he retired in 2005.

Austin is survived by his wife of 71 years, Clara, and four daughters: Cheryl Jones (Don), Lillian Johnsen (Alf), Andrea Helle and Janine Hegle (Gregg). He is also survived by 10 grandchildren and 16 great-grandchildren.

*Right: Austin is pictured at the AMIB Holiday Party in 2013 with his wife, Clara (left), daughter Lillian Johnsen (center), and daughter Andrea (in foreground).*



**Mary J. Carson**, 96, passed away on October 11, 2013. Mary was the widow of Kenneth J. Carson, Sr., who served on AMIB's board for many years and after whom AMIB's long-term care home in Lacey Township is named. She was the mother of five children: Kenneth J. Carson, Jr., Cecilia, Louise, Mark and Mary Carol. Mary Carol was a resident of AMIB's Bayville home for 27 years until her death in December 2009.

Mary's son, Kenneth J. Carson, Jr., served as president of AMIB from 1990 until 2011 and continues to serve on the board.

Two of Mary's grandchildren followed in the footsteps of their father and grandparents. Ken P. Carson currently serves as president of the AMIB board. His sister Colleen serves as secretary of the board.

*Right: Mary Carson with her husband Kenneth J. Carson, Sr., at their 50th wedding anniversary in 1993.*

*Bottom right: Mary Carson with her daughter Mary Carol, a resident of AMIB's Bayville home from 1982 until her death in 2009.*

Mary and her husband felt that AMIB was a wonderful experience for their blind and developmentally disabled daughter. They were so delighted with how she was taken care of at her Bayville home and how she blossomed that they decided to do all they could for the organization. Mary helped raise funds for AMIB. She became certified in Braille and transcribed books for the blind. She also taught Braille at various locations including Ocean County College.



## From the President



Dear Friend:  
Over the past four months, AMIB lost two of its founding and early leaders: Austin Helle and my grandmother, Mary J. Carson, both featured in this newsletter.

It is with mixed emotions that we share the celebration of their lives that have meant so much to the fabric and growth of AMIB since its founding 44 years ago.

While our hearts are saddened with their loss, their lives are celebrated not only for their individual lifelong achievements but also their significant contributions to the founding and growth of AMIB and the quality of life it has given to blind developmentally disabled adults.

The board joins me in expressing thanks and appreciation for their presence in our lives and their meaningful accomplishments for AMIB..

With gratitude,  
Kenneth P. Carson

**In lieu of flowers, both the Helle and Carson families have requested gifts to AMIB in memory of Austin and Mary. Gifts may be made by check using the enclosed envelope or by Pay Pal through our website: [www.amib.net](http://www.amib.net)**

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And better yet, after you have selected your gift, you can select the **Associated for the Multiple Impaired Blind** as the charity of your choice, and Giftback will donate 10 percent of the purchase price to us.

## From the Executive Director



Greetings:  
I hope this finds you well. Since our last newsletter, AMIB has put the finishing touches to our long-term expansion plan.

Our goal is to replicate our services to assist additional individuals with visual impairments and developmental disabilities to live in the community.

We plan to do this by doubling the size of the organization within the next 10 years.

It has already taken significant effort and focus from our constituents, board members and direct care staff to develop the initial 10 group homes which serve 50 individuals, so this is quite an undertaking.

We have decided to pursue the development of two group homes in stages every two years. This is within our proven capabilities and allows for flexibility and adaptability given the ever-changing Medicaid and economic environment.

Therefore, during this past wonderful and snowy winter holiday season, AMIB has been busy searching Monmouth County real estate listings for its next two group homes.

We have identified several sites and are in the process of closing on a property in Tinton Falls.

We look forward to the opportunities ahead and will keep you posted on our progress.

Aaron Soto

**Our Mission** is to promote community integration and participation of people who are blind or visually impaired and have multiple disabilities by providing opportunities for community living, training and support.

Association for the Multiple Impaired Blind is qualified by the IRS to receive contributions which are deductible for federal income tax purposes. This charitable organization is registered with the Attorney General of the State of New Jersey. Information may be obtained by calling 973-504-6215. Registration does not imply endorsement.



## The Legacy Society

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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# ***Residents, Family Members and Staff Enjoy Annual Cochran Holiday Party***

***the Holiday Inn, Toms River, NJ  
December 7, 2013***



**AMIB guests Ceil and Michael Kelly sit with their son Steven.**



**Bayville resident Jody (left) arrives at the party with Residential Specialist Linda Hires.**



**North Dover resident Paul is joined by his mother Muriel Martucci and Katrena Briggs, new Program Manager at the North Dover home.**



**Freehold Program Manager Ariana Hicks (center) receives the Sister Mary Byrnes Caregiver of the Year Award for 2013 from Aaron Soto. She is accompanied by Program Coordinator Maria Leschinski (left).**



**Elizabeth Duckworth receives a plaque from Aaron Soto in recognition of her 30 years of service to AMIB.**

# Donors Making a Difference . . .

*In gratitude we recognize 2013 donors to the AMIB Annual Fund and Year-End Appeal, the AMIB Endowment Fund, Inc., and our Monmouth Project. All of you have helped to make a difference in what we have been able to accomplish in our group homes and in the lives of our residents.*

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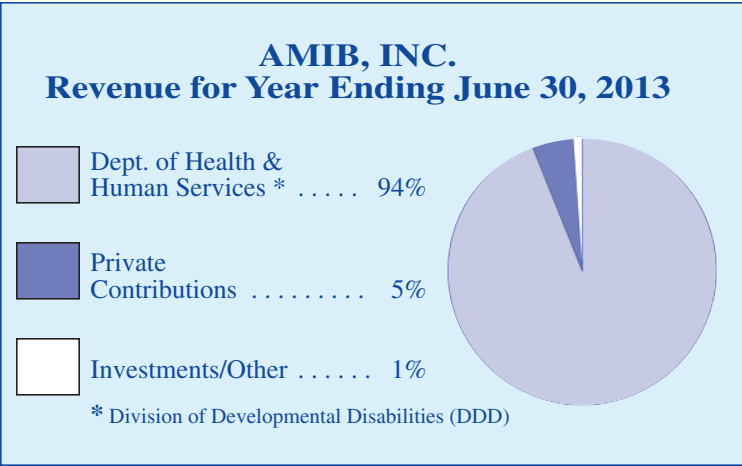
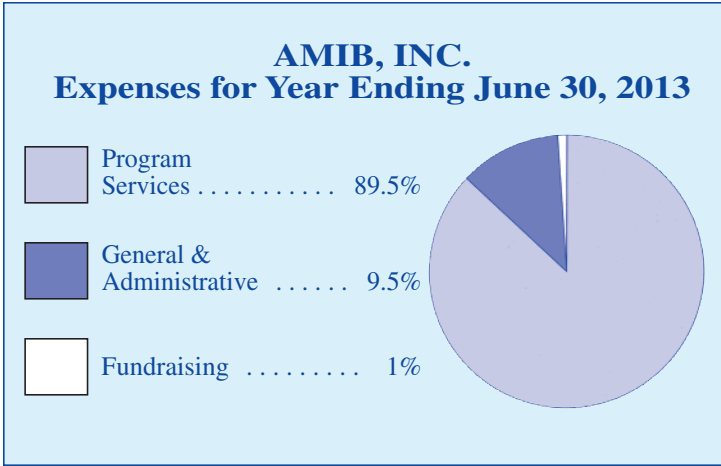
- ❖ In early spring, AMIB opened its tenth group home located in Wall Township.
- ❖ AMIB raised money to purchase and install five generators for group homes.
- ❖ Darren, a resident of the Wall group home, received the Cochran Award in recognition of his self advocacy, community integration and independence.
- ❖ Ariana Hicks, Program Manager of the Freehold group home, received the seventh annual Caregiver of the Year Award in recognition of her dedication and devotion to AMIB and its residents.
- ❖ AMIB's Facebook received 96 "Likes" — only four more 'til 100.

**A Bequest to the AMIB Endowment Fund**

A tax-deductible bequest in your will is an excellent way to become a member of The Legacy Society and make a significant gift that may not be possible during a lifetime. If you have an up-to-date will and want to include a provision to provide permanent assurance of the future for AMIB residents, ask your attorney to add an amendment, known as a codicil. Suggested wording for a will or codicil could be:

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Some other opportunities to make a planned gift to AMIB's Endowment Fund and become a member of The Legacy Society include: creating a charitable remainder trust; giving a paid-up insurance policy; and arranging for a gift of appreciated long-term capital gain securities or real estate.



# Holiday Happenings Around the Houses . . .



**Residents Cheer Home Team Wrestlers**



In January, residents from the Lanoka Harbor group home attended the wrestling match at Lakewood's Clarke Elementary School. Rita, Mary, Fred, Steven and James cheered on the young wrestlers from the Escape Wrestling Club and were happy that their home team won the tournament.



**Thanksgiving and Hanukkah Celebrations**

Residents of Bayville and Forked River get together to celebrate Thanksgiving as well as the second day of Hanukkah, the Festival of Lights. Seated around the table are, from left: Mary Ann and Delma from Forked River and Susan, Arthur, Barbara and Joseph Brian from the Bayville home.



After dinner, Bayville resident Susan lights the next light on the menorah before everyone takes part in singing holiday songs as she plays the piano.



**Second Annual Cookie Swap**



**Above right:** Staff members Susan Zientek and Yvonne Rivers help Howell resident Mary with her cookies.

**Above center:** Artie from the Bayille home prepares cookie dough.

**Above left:** Jayme Roman assists Bayville resident Amina.

**Left:** Residents of the Toms River home invited residents from AMIB's other nine homes to participate in sampling each other's homemade cookies. To prepare for this two-day event, they went on shopping outings for ingredients and helped staff with baking and decorating cookies. Everyone had enough cookies to take home and share with their family and other friends who visited during the holidays. From left: Tommy, Mary, Delma, Jody and Kathleen proudly display their cookies.



**Santa Comes to Pine Beach**

Two days before Christmas, ladies of the Pine Beach West home invited the men from the Pine Beach East home to come and enjoy ice cream sundaes with them and to meet Santa.

Pictured, standing from left, are Day Service Support/Residential Specialist Beverly Blanchard and Pine Beach East resident Rich; seated next to Santa is George of Pine Beach East; standing back right: Pine Beach West resident Raeona and Day Support Instructor/Residential Specialist Mildred Penn.

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## Darren Receives Cochran Award at Holiday Party

Following the annual Cochran Holiday Party at the Holiday Inn on December 7, residents and staff gather to congratulate Darren of the Wall home (seated front left). Darren earned the 2013 Annual Cochran Award, which is presented annually to a resident who has made great strides in self advocacy, independence and community integration.

Darren moved into the Wall home a year ago from the New Lisbon Developmental Center where he had spent most of his life.

Also pictured are, standing from left: Wall Relief Manager James Romano, Wall resident Anthony and Wall Residential Specialist Stephanie Buback. Seated next to Darren are Rich (center) and Steven both from the Pine Beach East home.