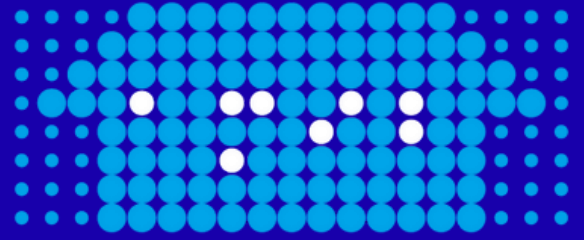


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Sight from Within

Growing in Monmouth County **AMIB's 19th and 20th Homes**

Earlier in the year **AMIB** procured two additional residential sites in Monmouth County to serve as our 19th and 20th group homes once we incorporate accessible design and renovations to meet the variety of needs for the visually impaired/blind and disabled residents prior move in. This milestone builds on the success of our 18 group homes up to this point and we will be helping eight new residents and families of New Jersey with 24/7 direct care residential, medical and behavioral supports.

The Green Tree section of Freehold Township is a welcoming residential community known for its pleasant neighborhood, supporting a variety of pear, oak and maple trees, street lighted sidewalks, parks, CentraState Medical Center hospital and therapeutic services. Being within proximity to two of **AMIB's** other group homes in Freehold Township, we can share resources, staff and grow our in-house party invitation lists, facilitating the transition of the new to be residents.



A side view of the Freehold Township Green Tree section home



Kepwell Park section home in Ocean Township, Monmouth County

The Kepwell Park section of Ocean Township is another bustling neighborhood that blends quiet suburban living with access to recreation, shopping, and community services. This setting provides our residents with opportunities to enjoy a safe, family-oriented environment, and easy transportation connections make it an ideal location for **AMIB** residents to engage fully in Monmouth County community life. It will be our first group home in this township.

The expansions of these homes reflect **AMIB's** dedication to our mission of inclusivity and empowerment. At **AMIB**, we believe that everyone, regardless of disability, deserves the opportunity to lead a fulfilling life within their community. These new homes go beyond providing shelter to the individuals we serve. They offer meaningful opportunities for independence, specialized support, and a genuine sense of belonging.

AMIB is committed to individual care, ensuring that each resident has the resources to develop essential life skills, pursue personal goals, and build meaningful relationships. By promoting independence and self-determination, we create an environment of respect and empower individuals so that they can have their own voice and actively contribute to society. More of what we do and what are most proud of can be found on our website www.amib.net

Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.

- Helen Keller

Your support and donations mean so much for making these homes a reality for individuals with a developmental disability and visual impairment.



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From the **BOARD OF TRUSTEES/PRESIDENT**

Dear Friends and Supporters of **AMIB**,

It is an honor to serve as the new President of the **AMIB** Board of Trustees. My connection to **AMIB** began when my brother, John, moved into the Stonehurst Group Home in Freehold. What truly made the house feel like a home was the care and compassion of the staff, Cindy, Dee, Idalia, and Jacob and so many others who supported John and his housemates with kindness and respect. The group home was not only an attractive and inviting house, it was the staff, and their relationship with the men living there, that made it a true home. John was in a safe place, with people who cared for him and look after him. It was all anyone could ask.



Although John passed in 2019 I decided to remain on the **AMIB** Board because of the agency's commitment to care, support, and love for those with limited options. I have great respect for the entire **AMIB** staff and special regard for those who cared for John. There is much to be grateful for and admire.

I would also like to give thanks to Aaron Soto (Executive Director) and Lillian Johnson (Past President) for their support and guidance during this transition period. Their leadership, along with the lessons learned from other Board Members, past and present, continues to guide us collectively in upholding the **AMIB** legacy.

But above all, our focus remains on creating and sustaining the feeling of home for all who reside in, and work under the **AMIB** roofs.

Thanks to all members of the **AMIB** Community!

Gerry Malcolm

From the **AMIB EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR**

Greetings and I hope this finds you well. I also hope you enjoy all the happy smiling pictures throughout this newsletter that surely puts a smile on my face. **AMIB** is a very special organization, we have loving special residents and loving special staff. I welcome Gerry Malcolm as the Board President, I recall when I was first trying to recruit him onto the Board back in 2016, glad when he joined in 2017 and now pleased he has moved into this new role.



We are in the final stages of completing architectural plans for our 19th and 20th group homes. It has been a pleasure working with **AMIB's** new architect, Dan Lynch, owner of B.L.D.G. Architecture out of Brielle, NJ. These homes will undergo complete makeovers, including accessible barrier-free renovations. While we build out the homes, it is the staff, through their attentive care, loving engagement and gentle support who bring out the personalities of the residents and transform the house into 'family' homes. That is our goal, that is our mission, and how we strive to provide all 82 current **AMIB** residents with quality lives and meaningful experiences.

We look forward to your continued support, and I thank you in advance. Be sure to follow **AMIB** on social media for the latest updates!

Best in health,

Aaron Soto



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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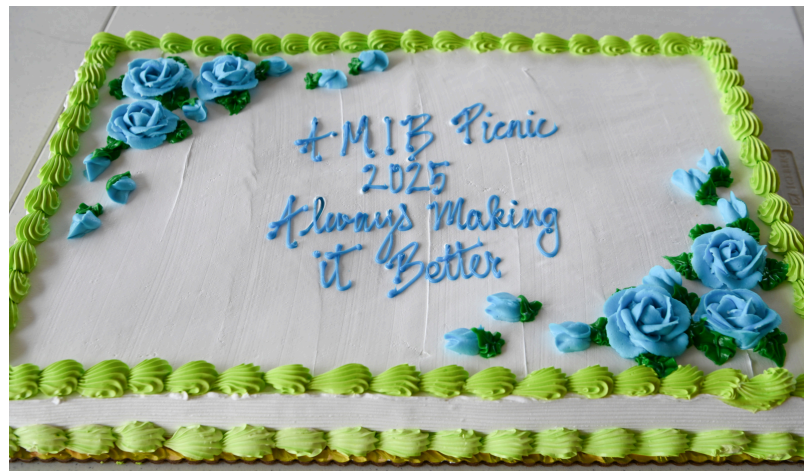
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Barbara, Jessica (staff) and Nurse & Wellness Manager Stacey hanging out at the AMIB Picnic



Smiles all around from Program Manager Francheska and Catherine



Showing their spirit in orange: Virginia, Mercedes (staff) and Jodi



The McHugh Family captured in a wonderful moment



Wajeedah (staff), Tim, Michael and Diane (staff) sporting their team shirts at the picnic



Tie Dyed Tinton Falls South Group Home



Cheryl (mother) and Gary couldn't be happier



Mary Blair raising the roof and dancing with Rosalinda (staff)



Robert and Staff Michael deciding whether to have lemonade, iced-T or both while relaxing in the shade



Associate Director Abigail and John strike a pose for the camera

AMIB Individuals Enjoy Inclusive Opportunities at RWJ Barnabas Health Field of Dreams

Sometimes all it takes to get an idea off the ground is a hometown connection. For Christian Kane of Toms River, that connection was former MLB All-Star Todd Frazier. Together, they helped bring Kane's vision of an inclusive recreation space to life: *The RWJBarnabas Health Field of Dreams*.

This one-of-a-kind complex was designed for children and adults with special needs to enjoy sports, play, and community in a safe and a welcoming environment. Inspired by Kane's son Gavin, who suffered a traumatic brain injury in 2012, the project grew from the simple idea of building a baseball field to a \$3.6 million inclusive complex featuring a playground, basketball courts, and more.

The complex officially opened on April 30, 2022 with nearly 500 guests in attendance. Gavin threw out the first pitch to Frazier, marking a memory of years in the making.

At **AMIB**, we are inspired by projects like the *Field of Dreams* that open doors to inclusion and belonging. Our **AMIB** individuals love to visit the *Field of Dreams* and enjoy using its facilities. The Association for the Multiple Impaired Blind, Inc. (**AMIB**)'s mission is to promote community integration and participation of people who are blind or visually impaired and have multiple impairments by providing opportunities for community living, training, and support. The individuals we serve, had a day out and about at *The Field of Dreams*.

AMIB operates under the principle that each individual, regardless of their disabilities, was created as a unique person with the right to enjoy experiences while living within a community, the right to responsibility, and the right to contribute to the richness and fullness of our society. We are dedicated to ensuring that the people we serve are given the opportunity for full inclusion.



Paul gliding high on the swing with Staff Susan



Chris enjoying the accessible swing on his own



Andrea and Arty take on the track with Bayville staff Janessa and Heather supporting their ambulation

Life at the Wall Township Group Home

At the Wall Township Group Home, there is always something happening. The house is home to Robert F., Robert B., Troy, and Anthony. During my visit, Program Manager Theresa gave me a tour of the home and introduced me to each of the residents in their rooms. I was struck by how well Theresa knows the ins and outs of each individual, treating them with the same care and attention one would give to family.

Life at the group home is never dull. From food shopping trips and birthday celebrations to family gatherings, doctor's appointments, daily program schedules, and park outings, Theresa keeps her residents engaged, active, and thriving. She ensures that each day brings both structure and joy.

One small but meaningful moment truly captured the spirit of the Wall Township Group Home. As Robert returned from his day program, Theresa introduced us. He smiled warmly and shared that he'd had a good day listening to music along the way. That brief exchange reflected the heart of this home, a place where residents are supported, celebrated, and always made to feel at home.

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



Robert F. happy to be home on a beautiful fall day after program



Robert F. focused on creating his artwork



A candid moment between staff member Alicia and Robert B.

AMIB Employees in Action: Congratulations Tierra Gamble!

We are proud to celebrate Tierra Gamble, a dedicated staff member at the Woodgate Farms section of the Freehold Group Home, who recently completed her Certified Home Health Aide program and earned her license!

Tierra took advantage of **AMIB's** Tuition Reimbursement Program, which helps team members achieve their educational and professional goals.

At **AMIB**, we love seeing our staff grow. Interested in tuition reimbursement? Contact HR for details!



Pictured above is Tierra Gamble with our HR Manager, Samantha Feinen, during her visit to the main office to pick up her reimbursement check.

Life at the Tinton Falls/Shrewsbury Home

The Tinton Falls/Shrewsbury Home is full of excitement with a unique combination of four individuals: Timothy, Virginia, Jody, and Michael. They are truly like brothers and sisters, full of love and care for one another, with the occasional disputes and arguments that make them even more like family. Program Manager Diane Wells and her dedicated team think of the individuals in their care as an extension of their own family. Diane loves to capture photos from the many outings and experiences the residents enjoy each day, making sure families and guardians receive regular updates.

One of Virginia's favorite activities is her *Friends in Motion Dance Class* in Farmingdale, which she has been attending every Friday for over two years. The class gives her a chance to relax, have fun, and express herself.

Recently, Diane suggested that Virginia invite Michael to join her for the class. Although Virginia was a bit hesitant at first, she eventually agreed, and as you can see from the picture to the right, the two now have double the fun attending together.

It has since become a regular routine for Virginia and Michael to stop for a quick snack after class, as shown in the photo below.



Virginia & Michael following the beat in dance class



Virginia & Michael enjoying a snack break

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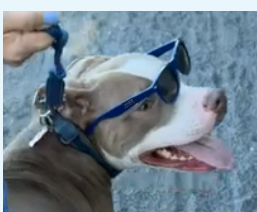


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Show Off Your Pets in **AMIB** Style!



Owner: **Diane Wells**

Pet Name: **Elliott**

Elliott rocking his **AMIB** sunglasses at the park.

We want to see our employees furry (or feathered!) friends showing their **AMIB** pride. Send us photos of your pets wearing **AMIB** merch, and you might see them featured in an upcoming newsletter or on our social media!

It's a fun way to celebrate our **AMIB** community, and our four-legged (or two-winged!) family members.

Please email your pet photos to Jenn Wood at development@amib.net by November 30, 2025



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Employees Spotlight: **AMIB Program and Relief Managers Connect, Collaborate, and Celebrate at September Meeting**

On Tuesday, September 9, **AMIB's** Program Managers and Relief Managers gathered at the Lakewood Library for the September Program Manager Meeting. The event provided a valuable opportunity to connect, collaborate, and share updates as we continue working together to support individuals throughout the Ocean and Monmouth County communities.

The meeting also included special recognition, with 14 employees honored for their outstanding contributions. Attendees enjoyed a shared lunch and participated in thoughtful discussions on key topics, policies, and procedures.



From left to right: Kelly Giglio, Kristen Overton-Scott, Shakema Bumpass, Theresa Giudice, Kathleen Piere, Ashley Joyner, Diane Wells, Diedra Brown, Ethel Cahall, Francheska Ramos, Ira Hayes, Jacinda Grossman, Jennifer Gohr, and Jovan McGee.



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