



Newsletter

November 2022

ARUNDEL LODGE behavioral health

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# Where to Find Us

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# Open Eye Gallery

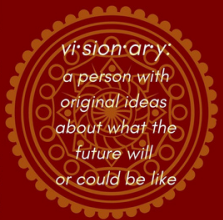


## VISIONARIES

An Art Exhibition featuring the Artists of the  
Open Eye Gallery of Arundel Lodge Inc.

**OPENING RECEPTION**  
**SUNDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 19, 2023**  
**1:30-3:30 PM**

QUIET WATERS PARK  
600 QUIET WATERS PARK DRIVE  
ANNAPOLIS, MD 21403  
(410) 222-1777



Original paintings, drawings,  
mixed media and sculpture.  
Refreshments will be served.

For more information contact  
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## Featured Works



"Rainbow Zebraicorn" by Jessey C.  
Mixed media on canvas



"Last Man" by Christian M.  
Mixed media on canvas



"Beacon of Hope" by Tessa B.  
Acrylic on canvas



"Dark Snowball" by Deontray N.  
Acrylic on cardboard



"Sunshine" by Lois A.  
Weaving

Make sure to follow the new  
Open Eye Gallery Instagram!

@OpenEyeGalleryArundelLodge

# Upcoming Events

## Holiday Happenings Around the Lodge

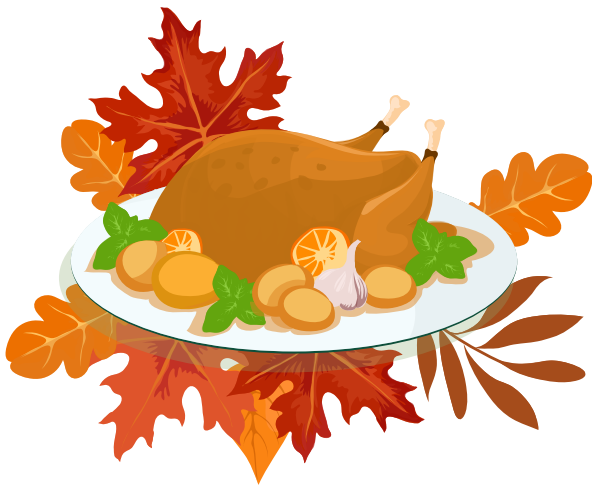
### Spa Day

On October 13th, in partnership with longtime donors Frances Kushner and Joanne Zeigler, the Day Program hosted a spa day, providing toiletries, clothing and other basic essentials to attending clients. Over 70 clients were served during this event and we will continue to provide these necessary essentials as requested by clients or their staff throughout the year. Day Program will host the next Spa Day in Spring of 2023.



### Thanksgiving Luncheon

The Day Program will be hosting their first in-person Thanksgiving since 2020 on Thursday, November 17th, from 12-1:30p. The luncheon will open be to all attending Day Program clients and ALI staff. We have opted not to extend this invite to outside friends/family as a preventative measure to protect our clients from seasonal illnesses. This gathering will include a full-service meal, entertainment and an opportunity to reminisce on thankful thoughts as we are returning to post-pandemic normalcy. This is an RSVP only event with an extended deadline of November 4th.



### Holiday Gift Shop

On December 22nd, Day Program will be hosting a Holiday Gift Shop, previously known as Reindeer Roundup, providing clients an opportunity to shop for their own gifts and receive gift cards to various local stores. In addition to the shop, clients will be able to participate in holiday party happenings throughout the day. People interested in donating new items should contact Sierra Dean-Sweeney at [sdean@arundellodge.org](mailto:sdean@arundellodge.org). The most common gift requests this year include NEW tech, hobby items, entertainment items, clothing, local store gift cards, and quality personal products.



# Updates

## Biden-Harris Administration: Historic Investments in the Nation's Behavioral Health Infrastructure

On Tuesday, October 18, 2022, Mike Drummond (Executive Director) and Jennifer Messix (Clinical Director- BHUCC) were invited to the Hubert H. Humphrey building in Washington, D.C. to participate in a press event regarding the impact of Certified Community Behavioral Health Clinics (CCBHC).

Javier Becerra (Health and Human Services Secretary), Senator Debbie Stabenow (D- Michigan), Senator Roy Blunt (R- Montana), Chiquita Brooks-LaSure (Administrator of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services), and Miriam Delphin-Rittman (Associate Secretary for SAMHSA) spoke about funding for BHUCCs via federal grants, the 988 suicide and crisis lifeline, the impact on Medicaid and Medicare, the mental health of our youth, and the substance abuse epidemic.

Jennifer Messix represented Arundel Lodge well in speaking about the services available to the community, describing community partnerships, and providing patient testimonies. The highlight of her speech included making the audience aware that Arundel Lodge had served 3,016 consumers at that time since December 2021; 809 of which were seen at Arundel Lodge Behavioral Health Urgent Care Center. The most compelling part of her speech came when she vocalized words from a consumer's testimony. "You saved my life," which Messix reports says it all. Sgt. Chad Matthew, a 19-year veteran of the police force and the Crisis Response Support Section supervisor for Montgomery County was also in attendance. His speech delved into the hardships faced by consumers and the support provided to the community by the crisis response team.

This was a great opportunity for Arundel Lodge to aid in stigma reduction efforts and to convey the importance of having BHUCCs like Arundel Lodge, Inc. available to our local community members.

