



July - September 2019



October - December 2019



January - February 2020



March - June 2020

# **Annual Report**

Sarah weaves on a loom during a VisArts art lesson.



Ryan and Matthew swim during a hot summer day in a neighborhood pool.

# Mission Statement

Community Support Services, Inc. is committed to the provision of quality community-based services to individuals with developmental disabilities. Individuals will be supported in accordance with their needs in school, work, home and the community. Services to be provided may include, but are not limited to: special education, customized employment, supported living, residential, behavioral supports, transportation, and recreation. Services are designed by the individual, the individual's family and others who know the individual well. Services are rendered in the environment in which the individual desires to live, work, recreate, or pursue educational goals. Services are fashioned to support each individual to pursue his/her own self-directed life goals.



Kevin walks in the park.



Christian practices his arithmetic skills.



Mahmoud cleans his kitchen after dinner.



Ben and Max dance at the holiday party.

# From the President

Dear Friends,

FY 2020 will be one for the record books for CSS as well as the rest of the world! In November, we celebrated our 25th anniversary and the many successes we have enjoyed. Several hundred people in our CSS community came together to share our past accomplishments and our vision of the future. Pride and joy filled the auditorium as our chorus performed, our leadership sang, and elected officials presented plaques and commendations. Our expectation was that we would continue to build on the models that have been developed to meet individualized needs and to expand and adapt as individuals' needs changed. We sat shoulder to shoulder, we hugged and kissed, we shook hands and mingled in large groups without a worry. We were at the top of our game, riding high, feeling strong, and confident in our futures.

Then in March, the world changed, and everything was turned upside down. We had to adapt quickly! The roller coaster took a sudden unexpected turn, and has become the ride of a lifetime. We are all still hanging on, not knowing exactly where it will take us. We ended FY20 in a very different place than we started only twelve months before.

When the fiscal year began in July of 2019, CSS was continuing to expand support to new individuals as transitioning youth moved into adult day and residential services. Many individuals held part time jobs with support, participated in volunteer opportunities, and enjoyed a wide range of community recreational and social activities. Children attended the CSS summer camp in record numbers, and the Marcia D. Smith School was successfully serving students with intensive special education plans. CSS had extensive partnerships with facilities in the community including gyms, art and music venues, horseback riding, dance studios, sports facilities, etc. CSS provided individualized transportation with a fleet of over a hundred minivans as well as partnered with a transportation company, ParaMed. Professional services were available for children and adults including speech/language therapy, art



CSS celebrates 25 years!



Preston and Asher sing holiday carols with their friends.



Dalante shows off his Halloween pumpkin.



Arkan walks in a community park during Spring Break.



Oscar advocates to Senator King in Annapolis.

and music therapy, nutrition, nursing, psychology, and psychiatry. The mission of providing community based, individualized services was fully implemented on a daily basis.

Then, the state of emergency was declared in March of 2020, and interaction with other people in public community settings came to a precipitous end. The Marcia D. Smith School was ordered closed for in-person instruction, residents of "group homes" including the CSS residences were ordered to stay home, and visitors were not allowed. Most of the facilities where individuals volunteered and worked were closed to visitors or volunteers. All gatherings of people ended as we avoided close physical contact with others, and we all stopped going into stores and restaurants in an effort to prevent exposure to the virus. Individuals living with their families stayed home in large numbers, and waited for the emergency to end. And waited some more. And are still waiting!

CSS responded to the pandemic of 2020 with the support of direct support staff, family members, and agency leadership. We learned about Personal Protective Equipment (PPE), scrambled to acquire it, and taught ourselves to use it properly. Virtual services were developed and put in place for behavioral support, nursing support, and other therapeutic services. Staff and individuals learned to use tablets to access virtual services and to communicate with friends and family members.



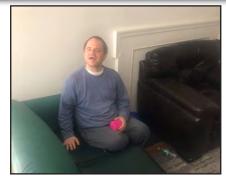
Simon creates art for the holidays.



Cecilia sings a song.



Senator Van Hollen speaks at the CSS 25th Anniversary.



Jordan relaxes in his home.

Day services continued for a smaller number of individuals in person, and others began accessing virtual offerings from their family home or group home setting. A few children received in person support through the Autism Waiver to access virtual special education and received one-to-one support in locations separate from all other children. Daily town halls provided regular updates and information to individuals, staff and family members regarding COVID-19 as well as services. CSS staff supported several individuals living in CSS operated residences, who tested positive, and provided direct support staff with needed leave and benefits to better cope with the crisis themselves. By the end of the fiscal year, June 30, ten individuals had tested positive and recovered, and 24 staff had reported positive test results. Specific daily procedures to manage the spread of COVID-19 were in place across all programs, and new daily activity schedules were implemented to meet individual needs during the pandemic.

CSS will persist against the struggle of managing the risk that COVID-19 continues to present in FY21 as the highest priority of the agency. We will learn what services can be provided safely, and how to meet specific needs differently. We will continue to follow the recommendations and guidelines provided by government entities and our medical advisor. CSS will rise to the challenges of the DDA transformation, including new service definitions and billing practices. The Marcia D. Smith School will open in the fall with in person as well as virtual options for students. New socially distanced recreation will be implemented in the next year and daily schedules will reflect each person's preferences and be designed to meet individualized needs. Our main resource center and office space will be repurposed to provide space which minimizes exposure risk. Together, we will navigate this surreal new world, and find safe places to pursue and support each person's life goals.



Susan Ingram President



Kaisa sorts mail in the classroom.

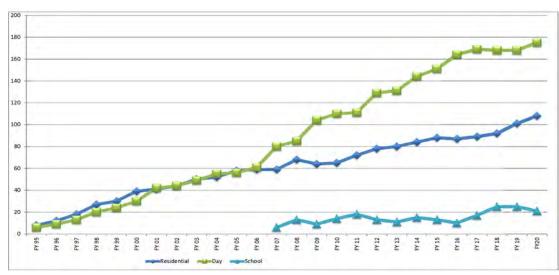


Annie dances with her brother.



Paul and Sonia enjoy the 25th Anniversary Party.

# Services Growth



Agency services growth throughout agency history. CSS began providing day and residential services in FY95 and the Marcia D Smith School opened in FY07. All services have expanded from program start through the end of FY20.



Rachel kicks a ball in the park.

# **Spotlight on Services**

Rodrigo, a 25 year old young man, lives with a housemate in a townhouse in Clarksburg. Rodrigo entered Day Habilitation services in 2016 and successfully transitioned to adult residential services in 2018. In his leisure time, Rodrigo enjoys cooking, swimming, watching movies, and taking pictures on his camera. For most of the past year, Rodrigo worked two jobs, at That's a Wrap and McDonald's. In addition he engaged in multiple community activities such as bowling, shopping and classes such as knitting and photography. While the pandemic curtailed many in person pursuits, Rodrigo was able to combine his desire to work with spending time outside and he began gardening three days a week at the community garden in Wooton's Mill Park in Rockville. During the pandemic Rodrigo engaged in virtual activities with his peers. In addition to practicing his photography and knitting, Rodrigo also began taking art classes online. Rodrigo's CSS team and family coordinate closely with psychiatric and psychological service providers to develop treatment strategies that enable him to live and work as safely and independently as possible in the community. Rodrigo enjoys visits with his family and looks forward to the pandemic ending so that he can do all of his favorite activities again and go back to work.



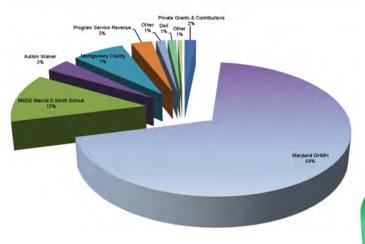
# COLUMN

Julie and Alex walk along the boardwalk in Ocean City.

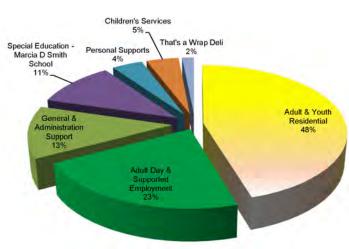
Desmond shows off an eggplant he harvested in the community garden.

# Financial Summary: Year Ended June 30, 2020

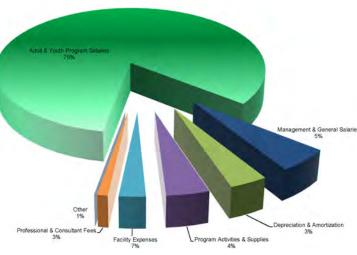
#### Public Support and Revenue



#### **Expenditures by Service**



#### **Expenditures by Major Category**



Community Support Services, Inc. is audited annually by Mullen, Sondberg, Wimbish & Stone.

A full FY20 audit report is available upon request.

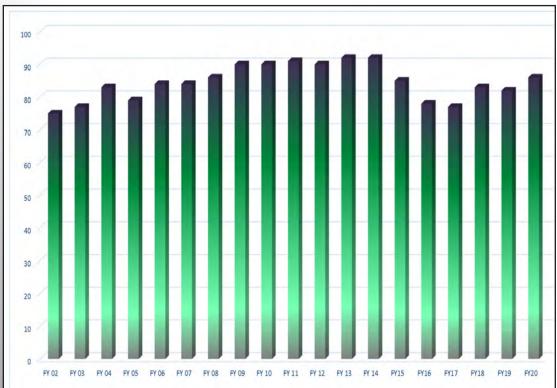
# Performance

# Strengthening Services

The monthly status system monitors program quality in critical areas on an ongoing basis. Every residential, educational and day service site is observed and evaluated by a program supervisor each month. The rating for each site is shared with all staff and areas needing improvement are reviewed and corrected. A score of 80% or better has been established as the agency goal which reflects a high programmatic quality and coordination of services, as well as overall compliance with licensing regulations. The agency's overall average on the monthly status for the first three quarters was 84%.

In April 2020, CSS developed and implemented an alternate monthly status tool that more specifically addresses program quality as it relates to health and safety management during the COVID-19 crisis. Specific areas addressed include: Safety Procedures, Cleaning/Disinfecting Procedures, Nutrition, Medication Administration, Exercise and Physical Activity Opportunities, Provision of Behavior Support Services, Adherence to Visitation Policy and Social Distancing requirements, and Communication/Coordination. A score of 100% was established as the agency goal for this newly adapted tool. The agency's average monthly status score for the fourth quarter using the newly adapted monthly status tool was 93%.

# Quality Assurance Measure: Annual Agency Average





Tammie and Karla celebrate during the 25th Anniversary Party.



Sophie and Amani dance.

# Performance

The CSS Board of Directors conducts an annual satisfaction survey as part of the internal evaluation of quality. Individuals, family members and staff rate their level of satisfaction on specific areas of services with Residential, Adult Day, Children's Services, and the Marcia D. Smith School. A 4 indicates that the respondent is highly satisfied and a 1 indicates a low level of satisfaction with that item. CSS services have maintained a consistent level of satisfaction, between satisfied and highly satisfied (3-4) each year since inception.

# Internal Satisfaction Survey Results Across Agency

4
3.5
3
2.5
1
0.5
FY00 FY01 FY02 FY03 FY04 FY05 FY06 FY07 FY08 FY09 FY10 FY11 FY12 FY13 FY14 FY15 FY16 FY17 FY18 FY19 FY20

For FY20 four additional questions were added to the survey to evaluate agency response to the COVID-19 crisis using the same satisfaction scale. CSS averaged a 3.75 indicating that respondents were highly satisfied with the developed policies, alternative schedules, communication and provided equipment during the COVID-19 crisis.



Cvril throws a basketball.

# CSS Staff as of June 30, 2020

# Administrative and Supervisory Staff

Victor Kossi Mensah Adoukonou

Fatmatu Agne Charles Aikins Yemisi Akinbolusere

Michael Allen Dede Amegnona

Katharine Ändreassen

Connie Antonio Dora Apau Nancy Atkinson

Janice Bailey-Goldschmidt

Allen Barnes
Sulaiman Barrie
Fatima Barrie
Monroe Barry
Adwoa Bempa
Evan Bernstein
Sean Blakley
Lionel Bongkiyung

Joy Brill

Travis Broaddus
Robert Brown
Ashley Brumbaugh
Mary Lyle Buff
Darla Carter
Ashley Chatneuff
Richard Colburn
Brian Ddumba

Emilio Del Toro Sanchez Donald Donoghue Brandon Dorsey Henry Dunkwu Florence Esehngome

Rhonda Exil Christine Fletcher Yvonne Fonseca Nahvote Forkom Cheyenne Frenz Jurgen Frenz Denise Gatcham

Denise Gatcham James Gipson Alicia Glassman Laura Lear Glean Kristina Gorman Community Support Specialist Community Life Services Assistant

Accounting Clerk

Coordinator of Children Services Quality Assurance Manager Community Support Coordinator Lead Special Education Teacher

Chief Financial Officer Delegating Nurse Behavior Specialist

Director of Nutrition Services Program Services Assistant Assistant Program Director Community Support Coordinator Program Technology Coordinator

Behavior Specialist

Community Support Coordinator Director of Community Life Services Senior Assistant Program Director

Delegating Nurse

Assistant Director of Children's Services

Community Support Coordinator

Executive Assistant

Project Manager/Instructional Designer

Director of Nursing

Communications Coordinator

Facility & Grounds Maintenance Technician

Community Support Coordinator

IT Manager

Assistant Director of Finance

Fleet Manager Behavior Specialist Delegating Nurse Substitute Coordinator

LPN

Employment Instructional Coordinator

Delegating Nurse

Clinical Director of Children's Services Community Support Coordinator Coordinator of Children Services

Chief Executive Officer
Disability Benefits Specialist
Chief Operating Officer
Director of Adult Day Services



The Community Life Services Team smiles for the camera during the 25th Anniversary.

Wayne Gregory

Erika Hamberg-Johnson

Pierre Harps Miguel Hernandez Rosemary Hickman Douglas Hubbard

Eric Hufnagle Susan Ingram

Allison Jarvis Arminda Johnson

Keisha Johnstone Samuel Jones

Kerri Kimbrell-Silva Gyesi Korang Hawa Koroma

Marissa Kring Dorothy Looky Djobo

Kerrie Love

Fayia Mackay-Lengor Marguerite Mbouma Stacey McCarley Cynthia Meredith James Morris

Angela Moulongo-Boussoukou

Ngamimie Moussa

Chembonuh Ndeh Clement Kim-Thanh Nguyen

Erin Nickell

Assistant Director of Vocational Training

Education Specialist Provisional PE Teacher

HR Assistant Behavior Specialist

Senior Facility Maintenance Coordinator

Community Support Coordinator

President

Coordinator of Children Services

Delegating Nurse

Special Ed Teacher and Residential Supervisor

Community Support Coordinator Director of Dietary Services Senior Assistant Program Director Community Support Coordinator Quality Assurance Coordinator Community Support Coordinator

HR Coordinator and Compliance Manager

Accountant
Delegating Nurse

Accounts Receivable Specialist

Education Specialist Director of Facilities

Assistant Director of Community Life Services

Community Support Coordinator Community Support Coordinator

Office Manager Medical Coordinator

# **Spotlight on Services**



Elvin, 16, and Baron, 19, are brothers who receive funding through the Autism Waiver and have participated in programs for children at CSS for the past two years. Their schedule of services includes weekday therapeutic after school services via Therapeutic Integration (TI) and weekend and non-school day Intensive Individual Support Services (IISS) which provide them with structured community instruction, peer and community socialization all with the immediate behavioral supports required for their safety. Both Baron and Elvin have an individualized schedule reflective of their unique preferences and they each have unique interests and skills. Through the combination of after school services while being paired with a friend with similar abilities and interests and the one to one support for more intensive community activities they have each accessed a

wide variety of community settings successfully. Some of Baron's favorite activities included

attending VisArts classes in Rockville, music therapy, and knitting. While Elvin has enjoyed his opportunities in Zamdance, Dawn Crafton Dance Connection classes in Rockville, Bankshot basketball, and learning some challenging yoga poses in Adam's online yoga class. During the pandemic their services and individual goals were drastically reassessed and revamped to fit the current needs of Elvin, Baron, and their family. Baron and Elvin are supported individually with daily distance learning academic classes through their separate public school classes. In-between classes and related service sessions, Elvin and Baron also learned many home skills for the first time. Elvin and Baron received substantial support to continue to be engaged in their school and therapeutic social programs enabling them to have a balanced, age appropriate schedule of

opportunities even during the most challenging times in the pandemic.

Employment Instructional Coordinator

Carine Nya Claudette Nvambi ChristineO'Connor RebeccaOleksa Jose Ortiz Marian Osuji Estelle Ouedraogo Sylvie Ouelega **Claudine Paxton** Willie Prout Bernard Richards James Richards Nicholas Robb Craig Roberts Samantha Robinson Juan Ramon Rodriguez Jennifer Rvan Rhonda Sbona Foad Sesav Lynn Shahoseini Saheed Shittu

Delegating Nurse Senior Solutions Manager Staff Development Manager Maintenance Technician Talent Acquisition Specialist Community Support Coordinator Behavior Specialist Assistant Program Director Community Support Coordinator Operations Manager Senior Assistant Program Director Chief Information Officer Director of Adult Recreation Services Quality Assurance Coordinator Custodial Technician Assistant Clinical Director of Childrens Services Director of Human Resources Assistant Program Director HRIS/Payroll Specialist Community Support Coordinator

Tammie Snyder John Solvst Sory Souare Katie Raymond Joe Sumo Jonathan Swann Yurani Tavlor Dagmawe Teffra Fasil Temesgen Sarah Trill Alexandra Warren Swarada Vaishampayan Seaton VanderWoude Jane Wang Wellington Wasonga Joseph Whitney **Ulester Williams** Deborah Williams-Dean Sherry Wina Nicole Wright

Chief Services Officer Community Support Coordinator Junior Staff Accountant Director of Clinical Services Senior Assistant Program Director Dep. Director of Day Services for Clinical Operations HR Assistant Senior Assistant Program Director Safety Specialist Speech Language Pathologist Director of Children's Services Senior HR Generalist Assistant Director of Employment Junior Staff Accountant Community Support Coordinator Special Education Teacher Provisional Teacher Director of Psychology

Weekend Community Support Coordinator

Psychology Associate

# CSS Staff as of June 30, 2020 Direct Support Staff

**Awake Overnight** Hermann Aboa Simon Achiri Chukwuemeka Aguguo Metoabe Ahonon Esther Akinyi Perez Garner Karl Marx Akuaku Charlotte Annan Godfred Dei Apau Veronica Bainson Lou Bili Bali Salem Barry Henrietta Bempa Millicent Boateng Emmanuel Bonsu Metuge Bwang Benoit Codjia

Nchamukong Derick Davebga Madeleine Diuenii Mohamed Dumbuya Neylie Essono Tanyi Eyongetah Alain Bertin Felifack Toutsop

Emmanuel Arnold Foyeng Ngamene Josiane Gongang

Abiodun Idowu Eva Ihienkonye Agyabeng Kankam Linus Mancho

Mohamed Mansarav

Christiana Mintah Delight Napoabil Mosore Fokum Munawoe Samuel Nana Walter Nau Collins Ngwane Michel Noune Kodzo Numatekpo Christopher Obiamiwe Philemon Owusu Kofi Owusu Kankam

Fadekemi Christina Saka

Beatrice Tamakloe

Theophilus Tetteh

Rose Washington

Lansana Woobay

Joy Achibi Tifuh

Stephenie Afful

Yawoa Akamah

Peter Alhassan

Francisca Alvarez

Olavemi Adevemi

Reginald Thompson

Russell Tchatchou Nya

Arnauld Tsogoum Tchinda

**Community Support Associate** 

Emile Bulhassan Momo Sarnor Irine Butame Myriam Stevenson Sekou Camara Fnu Suh Nforbangong Nebasi

Alejandro Castillo Duron

Felix Annor

Claire Asu

Daniel Azeh

Ramata Ba

Bai Bangura

Kwabena Bempah

Esther Bobie-Ansah

Sania Ngendap Bobga Violet

Sidi Bah

Alphonso Arku

Kwaku Armooh Arezoo Arvaee

Daniel Chukwuezi Afi Coffie Aminata Cole Yembeh Conteh Alberta Corneh Kodjo Dadabor **Brook Daniel** 

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Janet Edwards

Thierry Essosso Ateba

Fric Estrin Adama Fawty Ana Paula Fernandes

Ceoah Fiske

Jean-Marc Guessan Bi Guessan

Luray Holland Shiyu Hu

Jacqueline James

Katty Joof Henoc Kalonji Lansana Kamara Lea Raoul Komze Justin Kono Owono Jomblah Lamin

Kenneth Oguqua Lawrence

Odessa Lawton Abigail Lebbie Liliane Magne



Nancy and Florence take a break from art class.

François Junior Mbarga Owono **David Morris** Eugene Mulume Yumba

Dorothee Myoto Emini Owono

Chimene Nanyang Christopher Ndasi Fidelis Nforbi

Brvan Naueleu

Steve Le Roi Njangue Njangue

Eric Njume

Epede Lowo Nku Ndolo

Samuel Ntim

King Owusu-Ansah Tchedye Palanga

Augusta Sannoh Kurt William Seip

Solomon Sesay

Sylvie Siewe Ndengoue

Marcel Sindiui Carly Smith Aminah Ssebbi

Guylaine Flore Tiwa Petsagui

Edwin Sallu Tucker Daniel Velez Kathy Wang Patricia Williams

#### **Employment Instructional Associate**

Seliyatou Adeledou Bernard Adono Elvis Afumbom Mark Agyenim-Boateng

Joseph Allou

Nioano Ambomu Beverly Ampem Darko Hamda Ansah Janette Arnez-Turav Anselme Assi Ayivi Ayite Atayi Martin Baive Abu Barrie Abubakarr Barrie Oumarou Barro Prince Beckley Eudora Beckley Andrew Berewa Chernor Bundu Abubakarr Conteh Eliiah Curtis Taiye Daniel Hanna Dibaba

Djibril Diop



Warren listens to music.



Abrahim and Richard wait for their friends at the 25th Anniversary Party.



Fasil, Adama, Belaynah and Victoria smile for the camera.

Markus Diemene Michele Diemene Toko Serge Djomen Kwubonte Facia Dukuly Christian Duru Sampson Eduful Emmanuel Etei Gloria Ezulike Jemal Fedil Rufus Filani Dolagbenu Folly Mary Fornah Adama Ganda Almamy Gassama Theresa Geegbe Saved Helal

Lydia Houdroush Mohamed Idriss Thadeus Ilori Mayokun Ilori

Abrahim Jalloh Ephraim Johnson

Sarah Kabba Alusine Kamara Abdul Kamara Emmah Kamara

Emmah Kamara Hafeez Kamara Abu Kamarah

Claudine Kamdem Kenmegne

Joyce Kamei Clarence Kandakai Charles Kargbo Precious Kennedy

Deusdedit Kessy **Emmanuel Khanu** Yawo Kondo Hawanatu Koroma Mary Kouko Adama Kourouma Paul Aji Kum **Edward Lavalie** Franck Louzolo Regina Lum Epse Nyam **Iyamide Macbailey** Evangeline Mancka Binta Mansaray Florence Manu Lisa Massey Mersianne Massoh Lennox May Chi Mbonu Darion McFadden

Florence Manu
Lisa Massey
Mersianne Massoh
Lennox May
Chi Mbonu
Darion McFadden
Belayneh Mengesha
Komi Midekor
Frederick Motuba Luma
Sophie Moukembou Mavioka
Thaddeus Ndanjong
Tanjong Njie Tambe Arrey
Theodora Nyamboli Bongsha
Walters Nyuwen
Frederick Ofori
Andy Ojinnaka
Modupe Omopo
Victorine Laure Ozang Mvelle

Epse Deutcheu

Ebenezer Quarshe



Theresa and David sing carols.

James Quaye
Maima Quermorllue
Elizabeth Saah
Folorunsho Samuel
Gershon Senaya
Berhanu Serebo
Alimamy Suma
Isabelle Tagny Epse Tchoumkoua
Dissirama Tatoa
Andre Tayou
Anne Tchappi
Nadine Teasley Fundo
Robert Tetteh
Francois Thypam
Idara Udo

Gerald Uzoka

Damika Ward Birdelyn Weems Adam Wysong Janet Dora Yeboah Nicholas Yevoo Monica Zelma

#### **Instructional Associate**

Pascal Abalo Atta Amponsah Moktar Bonfoh Michael Correal Audrey Kevin Dzali Noumbi Jean Ilera Kofoworola Iluyomade

Allan Juxon-Smith

Fnu Kitty Ambang A Espe Awanchiri Shifa Muhammad Yusufu Sesay Michael Tau Harrison Tiah Guy Parfait Tiba Azemo Joseph Turay

# Residential Instructional Associate

Paul Ackah-Soboh Ablewa Acolatse Olabode Adeniran Folasade Adesalu Erica Adom Anna Agbor Josephine Agyeman Omojesu Akinkuade Olivia Akoth Kodjo Alode Johnson Amoah Abiodun Anjorin Delali Anthony Alex Appiah Joana Asamoah Esther Attemene Felix Azoh Michel Balla Sandrine Bidias Nchangnwi Che Oumou Conde Peter Conteh Anthony Cudjoe



Diamond and Gloria pose in front of the holiday tree.



Irine and Johannes take a break from playing in the park.



Ebony, Emilie, and Yvonne play miniature golf.



Abdul relaxes during the CSS Olympics.

Senanu Dagadu Matilda Darko Ameh Carl Max de Souza Colette Diomo Decemah Dorven Benjamin Doughan Nsanbeh Eizitone Ndanjong Emmanuela Jona Ekese Ewane Laetitia Fanya Hodjio Ivo Gana Peter Gwanyalla Ivo Hene Etone Miatta Hubbard Emmanuel Idun Sampson Itoka Victoria James Sarah Janneh Alovsius Karabo Clifford Kibang Prince King Catherine Kodock Alice Koffy Hassan Komeh Alusine Konie Betty Kouadio Avmar Kouagni Kouassi Kouakou Kouako Kouassi Alain Kue Manuela Kun Gyasi Bolanle Ladele Naa Shika Lamptey

Phyllis Lowery

James Macollins Liliane Mafokogne Lionelle Magnikeu Ponde Salome Marco Bernadette Mbel Ephraim Mbonu Leopold Mbunga Isaac Mensah-Poku Augustin Menve **Emanuel Mfaw Ngegie** Agathon Mouganda Brian Ndansi **Emmanuel Neba** Garmai Nipeh Honorine Njifonuh Sam Njinda Nneka Okeke Obioha Okeke Samson Olanipekun Zainabo Oliveira Omar Ossy Orieh **Emmanuel Osemene Emmanuel Pierre Pierre** Dennis Sackey Fadhil Saleh Mounirou Sani Taioacha Scott Issa Senesie Nacebatu Sesay Earlene Stewart Catherine Tachie Mensah Sheku Tarawally **Christine Tataw** 

Cephise Tchamou Etcheu Israel Tetteh Clinton Tibuck Toh Tibuck Jonah Toee Hilary Uzoka John Wachanga Claude Wanssi Amin Yansaneh Pierre Yombi Essama

#### Substitute

Komlan Anthony Obidike Ejimofor Cynthia Fosu Rockson Martha-Nach Manyo Carole Sidonie Ndefo Djuikam Donald Nsoh Theresa Orah Ange Ory

Temp: COVID-19 Kennedi Gedepoh Amy Gersten Shelby Melton Benhur Menghisteab Lena Walden



Amy and Ablewa get some flavored ice on a hot summer day.



Josh plays the drums during Music Therapy.



Taha keeps the beat while practicing his drumming lesson.

# Consultant and Professional Services

Paula Akanni Family Consultant Angela Akbarova Art Therapist Jodi Albright Music Therapist Vocational Instructor Arezoo Aryaee David Band **Psychiatrist** MaryAn Blotzer Social Worker Patricia Clements Speech/Language Pathologist Nicolas Fondom IT Contractor Lynn Gorman Accounting Consultant Jen Hawley Piano Instructor

Dave Jones
Marilyn Leeseberg
Susan Levine
Steve Poss
Laura Schneider
Dr. Marcia Smith
Marianne Starr
Annette Williams
Jackie Zamora

**Gabriel Taylor** 

Drumming Instructor
Music Therapist
Speech/Language Pathologist
Occupational Therapist
Art Therapist
Psychologist
Speech/Language Pathologist
Family Consultant
Zumba Dance Instructor



# That's a Wrap Staff

Roozhan Behseta Brenton Bryan Arnel Cervantes DeVonte Chambers Stephen Cowan Marissa Fobbs Matthew Greenberg James Griffin Pia Gueco Myisha Hagler Emily Hartung Kevin Ho
Aaron Kaufman
Michael Konopka
Kerry Mehailescu
Karim Moussavi
Rodrigo Perez
Casey Pioli
Julie Ricketson
Jonathan Robinson
Joseph Youssefi



Roozhan makes a delivery

# And in March ...everything changed

### That's a Wrap Started With a Dream

Over 20 years ago, Community Support Services, Inc. began supporting individuals with developmental disabilities in Montgomery County. In the last two decades we established community farms, we learned how to cook, and we wanted to work. Our dreams led to That's a Wrap. In the last year That's a Wrap pivoted quickly to support CSS with the acquisition of supplies and food items when regular stores and supply chains were disrupted due to COVID-19. Today our market employs individuals with developmental disabilities and produces meals for individuals in CSS residences as well as meal kits designed to encourage and develop individual cooking skills. Virtual cooking classes provide additional guidance and support each week and individuals enjoy healthy, easy to prepare meals through That's a Wrap.

When in-person cooking classes ceased at CSS due to the lockdown and social isolation required by COVID-19, the Department of Nutrition Services was able to use That's A Wrap as a conduit to advance food preparation skills. Nutrition Services built on the Active Engagement Curriculum and designed meal kits to encourage everyone to be involved in the cooking process while providing fresh, varied food options to individuals supported by CSS.



Marissa prepares fresh produce for CSS supported residences.



Sam washes dishes.

# Thank you, Donors! July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020



Ingrid participates in therapy though her laptop.



Jeremy has a picnic at the park.



Adriana creates a masterpiece during virtual art class.

Rashid Abdulle and Joanne Vanderhorst
Katie and Ophir Alalouf
Alco Pharmacy
Sabria and Abdul Al-Jabbar
Alfred and Angela Altimont
Katherine Anderson
Connie Antonio
Applemill Inc. DBA Maid Brigade
Charles & Alta Asmar
Lyda and Robert Astrove
Suzanne Astrove Revocable Living Trust
Truda Augson

Autism Society Montgomery County
Bahadori Accounting
John and Betty Bahadori
Richard Battaglia and Leigh Sutherland
Bonnie Baugh, Leah Asher Ellis, and Neil Ellis
Mary Baxter and William Bridgman
Donna G Beard
Paul McDonough and Mayra Beltran

Paul McDonough and Mayra Beltran Robert and Barbara Bender Howard and Maxine Bernstein Family Philip and Nanette Bevan Jan Biasini

David M. Black Mary Blotzer, LCSW-C Blue Ridge Grill, LLC Franklin Boyd

Rose Braisted
Tim and Tiffney Brockway
Dorothy Kay Brooke
Barbara and Mark Bucknam

Janet Buda
Kathleen Burns
Margaret G Casey
Patricia Chao
Cindy Chatneuff
Chris and Andy Cocozzella

Tobin and Susan Conley
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Jeffrey and Katherine Fones

Robert Frasche Carol Fried

Gary and Beverly Fried Francis and Janet Frisch

Gary and Claire Funkhouser Donald E Gerrety

Giant

James Gipson & Hilary Stathes Steven and Lydia Glucksberg

Andrea Golden Colleen Gottlieb

Mark Wong and Maggie Gourlay

Matthew Greenberg
Dr. Douglas Greenspan

Peggy Greenspan Michael Griffin

Gina Gueco

Jesus Gueco

Nancy Hammond

Charles and Robin Hanley

Emily Hartung Sue Hartung Warren Hartung

Ralph and Hilaria Heilman

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Brenda and Robert Hoyt Kwon Hu and Chon Hui

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Lisa plays bankshot basketball.



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# **Spotlight on Services**

Chris, 13, entered the Marcia D Smith School as a residential student in 2019. Chris has made a smooth transition into the program, where he receives non-public special education and related services in accordance with his individual education plan. Chris prefers a structured schedule and before the COVID-19 pandemic was in the classroom and enjoyed group activities. Therapeutic services are integrated throughout his day and include psychological, psychiatric, and speech and language therapy. With staff support, Chris is active and participates in many different sports, and enjoyed gymnastics, swimming, and baseball with his peers. After the onset of the pandemic, Chris's team adapted to the new requirements both for the school and in the community. Chris continues to spend time at local parks and safely practices socially distanced activities including socially distant visits with his parents twice a week. Chris has many virtual classes and meets with



his teachers and engages with his classmates. One of his favorite virtual classes is the social group where Christopher can interact with his peers, engage in art, fitness, science, history, and even cooking activities. Also, Chris has had the opportunity to participate in new virtual opportunities such as cooking and wellness classes.

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Jared stays connected with his friends through virtual classes.



Sarah puts a puzzle together.

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Sammy walks to his next therapy.

Dave draws during a virtual art lesson.

# **Tributes**

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Jamie and Casey walk in the park.

# **Spotlight on Services**

Alisa, 27, receives Day Habilitation and Behavioral Services through CSS. Alisa transitioned to CSS adult services after aging out of the Marcia D Smith School in July 2014. Before the pandemic, Alisa volunteered two days a week at the Salvation Army and worked at Planet Aid Thrift Store in Rockville in addition to a seasonal job at the Rainbow Women's Shelter. Alisa enjoyed a variety of community activities with her peers such as going to Spirit Club in Kensington and swimming. When the COVID-19 pandemic began, Alisa and her entire team had to



pivot to ensure the continuation of services and currently she receives in person supports based from her family home. In the home Alisa is supported in activities on daily living such as preparing small snacks and meals, cleaning, exercise and leisure activities. She is able to engage with her peers through a variety of virtual classes and has enjoyed art classes through the internet. With one-to-one support Alisa continues to build her vocational skills and looks forward to returning to her community activities.

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