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## Join Us at the Family Support Holiday Event

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We hope you can join us for snacks, crafts, music, and a picture with Santa! This fun-filled family event is an annual favorite, and a special way to kick off the holiday season!

When: Wednesday, December 7th, 5:00 to 7:00 PM

Where: Sisters of Holy Cross, 377 Island Pond Rd., Manchester, NH 03109

RSVP to <a href="mailto:luis.raymundo@moorecenter.org">luis.raymundo@moorecenter.org</a> or 603-206-2755 by Monday, November 28th. See you there!

## The Moore Center Continues the Important Work of The ARC of Greater Manchester

Our local ARC has dissolved its national association and has partnered with The Moore Center so we can continue creating opportunities for our community to socialize by hosting dances and other social events.

The Moore Center's new social group, **AARC** (All About Recreation Committee), also called the **Rec Committee**, will continue these activities and is gearing up for a full fall & winter schedule of events!

Our dances are for ages from mid-teen to adult, and we typically have between 100 to 250 people attend. There are lots of people to meet and engage with, and everyone has lots of fun!

## **Upcoming Dances:**

- December 10, 6 PM to 9 PM St George's Greek Orthodox Church, Manchester
- March 18, 7 PM to 9 PM Holy Cross Hall, Manchester
- April 22, 7 PM to 9 PM Matthew Thornton School, Londonderry

### We Also Offer Saturday Bowling!

Location: Lakeside Lanes, 2171 Candia Rd, Manchester Dates: 11/12, 12/3, 12/17, 1/14/17, 1/28, 2/18, 3/11, 3/25, 4/8 The bowling fee is \$6.00 for 2 strings, starting promptly at 3:00.

We Need Volunteers! We need volunteers to help run the activities. Even if you only help with one dance, by coming early to help set up, staying after to help clean up, or bringing some refreshments, it would be a great help. We want this to continue to be a robust calendar of fun activities and we need your help to do it! It would be a great opportunity for high school volunteers to get to know our community too.

Please help us get the word out about our need for volunteers! Volunteering at these events is very rewarding and is much appreciated by all the participants and families. We hope you will consider giving even one evening a year so we can continue to ensure people have lots of opportunities to socialize and have fun.

To participate in or volunteer at any of these events, please contact Joe Rojek at 603-206-2855 or joe.rojek@moorecenter.org.

Thank you all in advance and we look forward to continuing the important work of the ARC of Greater Manchester by continuing their fun social activities!

## **NCI Survey Interviews**

New Hampshire's Developmental Services system will once again be conducting the National Core Indicators (NCI) Program. The purpose of NCI is to collect reliable and valid data that helps to inform the state about the performance of our service system in delivering quality services and achieving desired outcomes. Additionally, because these are nationally standardized survey tools, the data can be compared with data from other states.

Four hundred individuals will be randomly selected to participate statewide. The survey is conducted as a personal interview with individuals who are directly receiving services. Guardians and care givers may be present.

Questions are about the individual's life at home, work, community, supports, friends, and family. This is not a test. There are no right or wrong answers. All answers are confidential and names are not attached to the survey. A representative from The Moore Center will be contacting individuals and guardians through June of 2017.

If you have any questions or concerns about the NCI, please reach out to our NCI contact person, Cindy Pinder, at cindy.pinder@moorecenter.org or 206-2785. Thank you in advance for your assistance with this quality assurance effort.



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# The Rising Stars Annual Holiday Wreath and Kissing Ball Sale

To help fund their many activities, the Rising Stars are once again selling beautiful wreaths and kissing balls for the holiday season.

18" Wreath is \$15.00, and 15" Kissing Ball is \$20.00 Orders need to be placed and paid for by November 16<sup>th</sup>

Rising Stars (Church) delivery will be November 30th and 195 McGregor St. delivery will be December 1st.

Contact Chet Bobola at 206-2838 or chet.bobola@moorecenter.org to place an order.

#### **Autism Information on our Website**

Have you checked out the monthly autism/ advocacy newsletter? It includes articles with the latest autism and disability news and also news regarding things going on at The Moore Center related to autism and advocacy. You can sign up to receive the newsletter on our website. The autism section of our website also has an events and activities tab which lists upcoming events and activities, and a resource tab with autism-related resources for families.

The Family Support Council meets the first Tuesday of the month. Meetings will resume January 3, 2017. If you would like to attend, please contact <a href="Susan.Goddard@moorecenter.org">Susan.Goddard@moorecenter.org</a> or Maureen.Rose-Julian@moorecenter.org