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Archway Programs Receives Protective Mask Donation from Cappelli Tailors

Main line business owner donates to New Jersey nonprofit to support frontline workers.

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ATCO, NEW JERSEY (April 17, 2020) – To help protect a more vulnerable population and support essential frontline workers during this time, John Cappelli, owner of Cappelli Tailors, has generously donated one hundred protective face masks to staff and individuals served throughout Archway's Residential Community Homes and Supportive Living Program. The face masks will help ensure the health and safety of residents in addition to the Direct Support Professionals who care for them during this crisis. Ever since his business was deemed non-essential, John Cappelli and his team at Cappelli Tailors have been tirelessly donating their time and materials to provide reusable masks for those who need them. To pay it forward during the COVID-19 crisis, Archway Programs made a contribution to Cappelli Tailors to support what their business is doing to help the local community.

“This thoughtful contribution will help our frontline workers and individuals in our care stay healthy and safe. We all should have the mindset to get out there and do the best we can to find resources to help the community. Cappelli Tailors is a perfect example of that. To move forward, I think we all have a role in this and have to work together. This includes individuals on the front lines, the more vulnerable populations, and our local businesses,” said George Richards, CEO of Archway Programs.

The protective face masks will be distributed to both staff and individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities that are served throughout Archway's Residential Community Homes and Supportive Living Program. Archway's Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) work around the clock to keep residents safe and healthy. According to Archway's Director of Human Services, Direct Support Professionals are the unsung heroes of the Developmental Disability community.

“In the middle of the COVID-19 crisis, Direct Support Professionals have stepped up yet again to provide care, support, and safety for the most vulnerable. There are no days off when it comes to providing quality service to those who need it most. Our DSPs are there during medical emergencies, every holiday, birthday and everything in-between,” said Mickie Patetta, Human Services Director of Archway Programs.

Archway Programs has been providing support services to clients with intellectual and developmental (I/DD) in the community for over thirty years. In the Supportive Living Program, clients typically live independently or with their families in the community but need some support to maintain their independence. Archway employees provide a wide variety of individualized services in this program. Archway's Residential Community Homes have been in operation for over thirty years providing support to adults with I/DD. Staff provides a wide variety of individualized supports to adults including, supporting good health, life skills, community inclusion



and participation, recreation choices, self-care, household management, budgeting/financial management, and reaching individual goals.



Residents Kimberley Misla, Natya Bethel, Shaniece Randall, Kathy Riding, Denise Simmons, Laura Sturtevant, Betsey Mahoney and Isabel Torres of Archway Programs wearing the protective face masks donated by Cappelli Tailors.



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George Richards, CEO of Archway Programs picking up the protective face masks from Cappelli Tailors.



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Residents Michele Gibo, Molinda Parks, Anne Marie Costello, Angela Gallimore and Direct Support Professional Kenya Burton of Archway Programs wearing the protective face masks donated by Cappelli Tailors.



Natalyn Cerota, Archway resident and Kenya Burton, Direct Support Professional of Archway Programs, enjoying one of recreational activities organized by staff to keep residents busy and having fun.



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About Archway Programs

Since 1965, Archway Programs has been meeting the individualized needs of thousands of families throughout the state of New Jersey. Archway Programs is a diverse, non-profit, human services organization which includes approved private schools for students with disabilities in addition to several model programs providing unmatched services. Built on a solid foundation of core values, providing safety, possessing compassion and promoting individuality, Archway Programs strives to improve the life of every individual served. Our goal is to ensure that each individual's needs are met and customized services are provided and partnered with passionate, committed and talented professionals in a safe environment. Over 450 individuals are currently employed by Archway Programs and this dedicated and talented staff provides services to over 1,800 children and adults requiring individualized care. Please visit www.archwayprograms.org for more information.



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