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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Bona Vista is one of the larger employers in Howard County, and we offer a range of employment opportunities. If you have the desire to learn about the Human Services world, beginning a career at Bona Vista is an excellent place to gain some practical experience. An area I would recommend is beginning with the position of the Caregiver of the Developmentally Disabled, also known as the CDD. In this position you act as a mentor, teacher, and a support to people with intellectual and other types of Developmental Delays. This staff member learns to advocate for the person they are serving in a variety of positive ways. Bona Vista spends considerable time instructing this staff member in a number of areas such as; medication administration, learning about the various types of medications, working on documentation, learning how to compose a brief summary, learning CPR, behavior management techniques, and how to work with others at the organization and in the community. The skills gained in this position can be applied in all levels of employment as one grows professionally.

Bona Vista Programs will be celebrating the role of our direct care staff, known as the CDD's! We appreciate their support of our Caregivers as do the persons that we serve! For many of the people served, our staff are family and a connection to life that many have lost or many never had. As you can see our CDD's are very important to the people that we serve and deserve to be recognized for the positive impact they make on people's lives.

If you have interest or know of someone who may have the desire to learn more about Human Services or the role of a Caregiver for the Developmentally Disabled, CDD, do not hesitate to contact Bona Vista Programs and inquire about the number of opportunities available through the organization. It is worth your time to take a tour or study the valuable information on our website.

*Jan S. Dunn*

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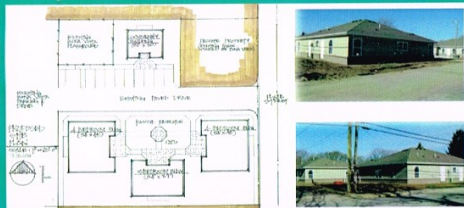
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## LAGUNA COMMONS

Bona Vista Programs has built their second housing development, an 11 unit housing development and community space to accommodate individuals with disabilities called Laguna Commons. Laguna Commons is located at 1425 S. Plate St. The project was funded in part with HOME Investment Partnership funds from IHCD in the amount of \$500,000 and other sources for a project total of \$1,159,828.

In addition to new living spaces, the project also includes the construction of a new community room that will host a variety of activities including, recreational activities, educational sessions, health and wellness programs, not to mention social gatherings. Bona Vista picked this location because it is safe and within city limits. It is convenient for our adults who are seeking employment, work in the community, or work at Bona Vista Industries. The residents have access to public transportation, and they are close to stores for their shopping needs.



Eleven residents are living in Laguna Commons. There are 3 housing units that have a common kitchen, living, dining and laundry room, and each unit has its own bedroom and bathroom.

- 2 Neighborhood Assistance Program grants from Indiana Housing & Community Development Authority,
- \$500,000 AHP grant from the Federal Home Loan Bank of Indianapolis with assistance from Community First Bank,
- Community First Bank is the sponsoring bank.



## EARLY LEARNING INDIANA



Opening for the first time this fall is the Kindergarten Readiness Half Day Classroom. The project was funded by a \$50,000 grant from Early Learning Indiana. Early Learning Indiana's investment allowed Bona Vista to provide facility improvements and classroom materials to serve an additional 20 four-year-old Kokomo children and their families this fall! With the significant percentage of unmet need for high-quality pre-k programs in Howard County, Bona Vista is excited to add the Kindergarten Readiness Half Day Classroom. This classroom will be state licensed, accredited through the National Association for the Education of Young Children (NAEYC), and a level 4 Paths to Quality. Through a partnership with the Community Foundation of Howard County, Bona Vista is delighted to announce that the Community Foundation has awarded our Keys for Kids Preschool with a grant for \$25,000. The funds awarded to Bona Vista's Keys for Kids Preschool will provide 14 children with scholarships to our brand new Kindergarten Readiness Half Day Class. A portion of the funds also went towards purchasing school supplies for the new classroom that is opening in the fall of 2016.

## GRAND OPENING OF THE NEW ADULT DAY PROGRAM BUILDING

The Community Connections Adult Day Program has expanded after moving into the new facility on 1800 S Plate Street in Kokomo. The move offered a significant amount of room for expansion which has allowed for intentional learning environments. The new building also has a safe, fenced in area, which allows for outside play and light therapy. In addition to the outdoor space, the motion room allows staff and persons served to be physically active and moving around. The sensory room allows for persons served to relax in a calm environment while providing sensory stimulation, and the activity room is a large space that allows for both individual and group arts and crafts activities. Grants and other private funding is currently being sought after to provide the adults in all of our day programs the opportunity for formalized art classes and to host a show for all of them to display their artwork.



If community members, businesses and families are interested in *Leaving a piece of their Legacy* at this beautiful new building, please contact Adria Snoddy at [asnoddy@bonavista.org](mailto:asnoddy@bonavista.org) for more information on how you can make a difference in hundreds of lives.



Building the *foundation* of success for children and adults, regardless of abilities, through *encouragement, independence and inclusion* in reaching their *maximum potential*.

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Lending a helping hand to Bona Vista Programs is made easy in two new ways! Giving is just a mouse click away through two very special programs, AmazonSmile and Kroger Community Awards. Through these programs a percentage of your shopping experience will be given back to Bona Vista Programs by selecting our charity.

Here's how easy it is to give! Through AmazonSmile customers go to smile.amazon.com, select Bona Vista Programs, Inc. to be given donations from eligible purchases before you start shopping. AmazonSmile will store this information and every purchase made through smile.amazon.com will generate a donation to Bona Vista Programs.

Recently, our local Sam's Club awarded Bona Vista Programs a grant to help sustain the Adult Day Program called Community Connections. This program serves over 30 adults in the Kokomo area with the highest physical and emotional needs. At the local level, Sam's Club facilities are encouraged to support nonprofits that fall within one of the Walmart Foundation's focus areas: Opportunity, Sustainability and Community.

## DUKE HEALTH CARE FOUNDATION OF MIAMI COUNTY

Bona Vista's Grant of \$2,175 will be used to purchase a HeartStart defibrillator and a semi-recessed defibrillator wall cabinet.

## Bona Vista Programs Chosen by Staples Associate to Receive \$1,000 Grant

Bona Vista Programs has been awarded \$1,000 by Staples Foundation, the private charitable arm of Staples, Inc., through a program called 2 Million & Change that allows Staples associates around the globe to direct more than \$2 million in donations each year.

"Bona Vista Programs has spent decades creating services that meet the need of the community and the family," said Jill Dunn, President, Bona Vista Programs, Inc. "We offer a continuum of care at the local level so that are families do not have to travel far to receive the quality that they deserve. Bona Vista is invested in the community and the needs of our children and adults with special needs and continues to focus on program design and positive outcomes."

Created in 2012, the 2 Million & Change program is a philanthropic initiative which allows Staples associates around the world to direct funding to non-profit organizations focused on academic education or job skills. The program encourages local community engagement by awarding larger grants to organizations where associates are highly engaged in volunteering or fundraising – up to \$25,000 per organization.



Kroger has made a commitment to helping community growth and part of this commitment is the Community Awards program. This donation to help your community is as easy as the swipe of your Kroger Plus Card. To donate follow just a few simple steps made easy at <https://www.kroger.com/communityrewards>. Individuals are able to sign into their account or create an account and select Bona Vista Programs under the Community Rewards tab.



In July, Bona Vista received a \$1,000 donation from LeaderOne Financial as part of its "Give 1000" program where for every tenth closing, the borrower gets to choose a nonprofit to receive the donation. Brad and Christina Hayen, good friends of the organization, chose Bona Vista as their recipient. The funds will help provide services to our children and adult programs.

## PREVAILING THROUGH THE STORM

It seems all too familiar that our organization has endured the destruction of yet another tornado. On August 24, 2016 as an EF-3 tornado hit our community, the early childhood and administrative staff at Bona Vista did an incredible job of keeping the children in Early Head Start and Keys for Kids Preschool safe. Our Caregivers for the Developmentally Disabled also did an outstanding job of keeping our adults in our day programming and residential homes safe during the storm. We are #KokomoStrong and #BVStrong for certain. We wanted to share some pictures of the damage but most importantly we are all safe and sound. Thank you to our first responders, staff and community for all your support.



## BONA VISTA'S SPECIAL EVENTS

### The Greatest Spectacle in

We Raised  
**\$61,522.20**



## SOMMER FEST

June 25, 2016  
**5K Run Walk & Roll**

We Celebrated  
Individuals of All  
Abilities

Raised  
**\$19,100**

Team Lila  
Raised the most  
funds!

OVER 200 RUNNERS!



Raised  
**\$11,200**

August 5, 2016  
at the  
Kokomo Country Club

Once Upon  
a Time

FROZEN  
in August

EVENING INCLUDED:

DINNER  
REINDEER RIDES  
WINTER WALTZ  
LESSON  
LIVE  
ENTERTAINMENT  
FROM EISA & ANA  
AND A FUN FROZEN  
CRAFT

