



What's Happening at Abbott House

News Bites About Staff and Friends Who Help Us Meet Our Mission

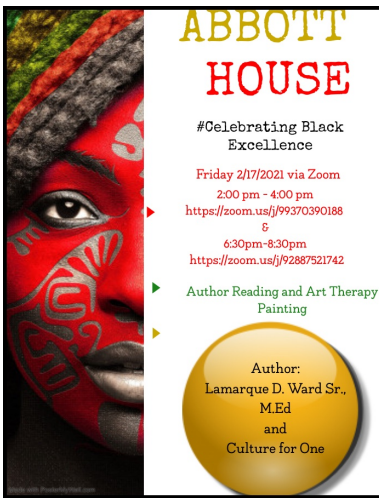
Online Community Rallies to Support Local Family

Last week we shared a story on our social media pages that a Westchester family was in need of your help - and you stepped forward in a big way.

Brendan is a 6-year-old non-verbal child who suffers from a variety of medical complications due to a rare brain tumor. His parents receive support services from Abbott House, but they could not afford to purchase a specialized car seat to help with his unique mobility issues.

Thanks to your support, we raised enough funds to purchase the car seat in just 24 hours! The family is overwhelmed with gratitude for your generosity and want to say **THANK YOU!** Stay tuned as we plan to share updates from the family with you once the car seat arrives.





Abbott House Celebrates Black History Month

Last week our friends at [Culture For One](#) in partnership with Fair Futures hosted a special evening on Zoom for our foster families entitled, "Celebrating Black Excellence."

The virtual event featured an art therapy session that drew inspiration from the book "Malik's Dream" by Author Lamarque D. Ward Sr. ([founder of Dream Builders University](#)). A total of 8 families (12 children) participated in the event.

Thank you to Culture for One and Fair Futures for helping us coordinate this initiative and for providing a wonderful experience for our families!

In honor of Black History Month in February, our Instagram page highlighted the stories of Black social work pioneers and the important contributions they made to the field. [Make sure to check it out if you haven't been following!](#)

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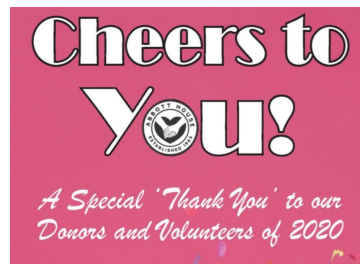
Diana is a young woman who receives supportive employment services from [Keon Programs of Abbott House](#). Recently, she began an unpaid internship at Forever Yours Florist, located in Peekskill, NY. Our dedicated staff approached the owner about the possibility of working with Abbott House and specifically what a great addition Diana would be to their team.

We are so happy to report that once her trial internship period was completed, ***Forever Yours not only extended the internship, but also offered Diana a paid position with their shop!*** Diana now prepares floral arrangements and preps for incoming deliveries. Diana is very happy in her new position - and we are thrilled to cheer her on and celebrate her success.



THANK YOU to all the wonderful community partners that work with us to form employment opportunities for those in our care.

In the words of Helen Keller, *"Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much."*



In case you missed it, the *Cheers to You!* virtual flip book is available [view here](#).

This is a small token of our appreciation to you, our friends, for everything we were able to accomplish in 2020 with your help. Despite the many obstacles we faced you continued to stand with us and support us. **Cheers to you!**

**We hope you are remaining safe and healthy, and as always,
thank you for continuing to support Abbott House.**



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