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Welcome to the first newsletter of the Employment Services program at Advocates! We offer comprehensive employment support and job planning services, as well as an employment-related day service program, Choices.

This has been a busy time and we've had some significant accomplishments that we are thrilled to share with you. We welcome your feedback, and if you have any questions, please contact Liz Krumenacker at Lizk@advocatesinc.org or 508-881-6494 x541.

Employment Anniversaries



Glenn's 20th Anniversary at Building 19

Glenn was honored at the Service Awards Dinner for employees of Building 19. The event took place at the Holiday Inn in Dedham on Sunday, September 16, 2007.

Glenn attended with his father, a family friend, and his job coach, Karen Carmichael. He enjoyed the evening, reminiscing with family and coworkers, and said he looks forward to celebrating many more anniversaries with Building 19.

Janice's 10th Anniversary at CVS in Natick

Kevin's 10th Anniversary at TJX in Framingham

Rudy's 10th Anniversary at The Sports Authority in Framingham

Events

We held a Business Advisory Council meeting in the Fall and welcomed local businesses to the table to add their knowledge and to create a networking base of employers partnering with us. Included in the meeting were individuals from Bank of America and Curves in Ashland.

In January we reached out to 40 employers in the Ashland area for an open house including the following companies: **Herb Chambers, MassBay, John Melling, DMD, Premier Image Gallery, Plaza Laundry, Pet Pals Grooming, Townhouse Pizza, Bodacious Bagel, Regina's Spa, Sears Hardware, Hobbytown** and **Impressions Printing**. We provided cookies from **Rise Bakery** and flowers to decorate the event from **Ken's Flower Café**.

Bring To Light Candle Company

Several individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome served by Advocates, Inc. are now entrepreneurs. Their new candle company, Bring To Light, is headquartered in Ashland and offers sales not only locally, but globally as well, through the company's website.

The idea for Bring to Light was developed by staff and clients at Advocates' Day Habilitation program in Ashland. The goal was to offer people with Prader-Willi the opportunity to improve their

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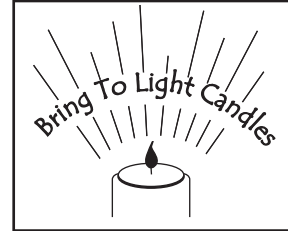
quality of life through a meaningful vocational opportunity, and to “bring to light” an understanding of Prader-Willi Syndrome.

Individuals with Prader-Willi Syndrome live a life constantly fighting an urge to consume food, without ever feeling full. It is a daily struggle to control these urges and the effects can be life-threatening. Advocates’ Prader-Willi program is among the most-recognized in the country, providing homes and services for adults challenged by the condition.

The Bring To Light operation will soon move into a larger facility more suited to manufacturing, thanks to a \$20,000 grant from the Poitras Foundation and additional donations by others in the community.

Featuring original recipes, scents and colors, all Bring to Light candles are produced and poured by hand. Current scents include Tangy Green Apple, Wild Pomegranate, and Creamy French Vanilla, available in 25- and 15-ounce glass jars decorated with the Bring to Light logo.

To buy candles, or to learn more, visit **bringtolightcandles.com** or **advocatesinc.org**.



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