



Holidays 2025

Catching up with Community Connections

A Word from Katie Driscoll, President and CEO



Hello everyone,

I am in Plymouth today, at 23 Resnik Road, where Community Connections is expanding. Just a few months ago, we began a build-out at our existing day program to create more space and capacity to meet the needs of our community.

FY25 in Review



Read Our Annual Report

Click the link to view our FY25 annual report, complete with many of our successes from the past fiscal year!

[View the annual report!](#)

International Human Rights Day

Human Rights Day 2025 will be observed on Wednesday, December 10. The date commemorates the 75th anniversary of the UN's adoption of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. This year's theme focuses on how human rights are integral to daily life. Protecting the most vulnerable members of our communities and refusing to look away from injustices keeps human rights alive, and makes our communities safer for all.



[Learn about Human Rights Day](#)

The 2025 National Human Rights Day theme

Program and Event News

Celebrating Remarkable Service Achievements

We celebrated our team at our annual Employee Service Awards, honoring employees who have reached service milestones ranging from 5 years all the way to multiple decades with our organization. We also awarded Joe Krajewski, our Chief Operating Officer, with a *Lifetime Achievement award* for his remarkable 39 years with Community Connections. Thank you to every member of our team for

the HEART you bring to our mission, today and every day.



Community Connections COO Joe Krajewski was awarded a Lifetime Service award.



Also at our Service Awards, we celebrated Lisa Mello, our 2025 Employee of the Year! Lisa began working for Community Connections in 1995, and is beloved throughout the organization for her unrivaled dedication, compassion, and integrity. Her work in individual home support has touched the lives of many participants and families throughout her three decades of service. Lisa is known for going above and beyond for the people she serves, making herself available to support no matter the time of day. Please join us in congratulating Lisa for this well-deserved recognition!



Lisa Mello (left) accepting her award from Katie Driscoll.

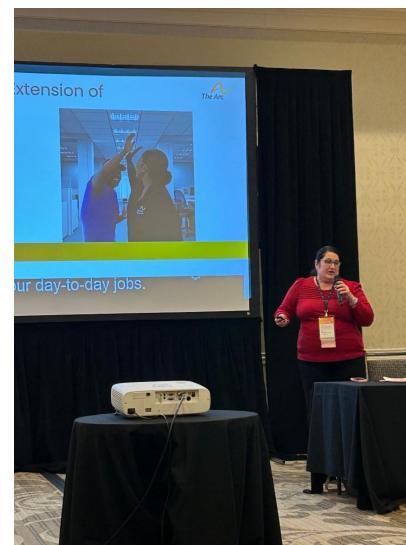
Representing Community Connections @ The Arc National Convention

We were proud to have six Community Connections staff attend the 2025 Arc National Convention in Charlotte, North Carolina. Our team joined Arc participants, staff, and friends from across the country for a series of discussions and conversations about our work for the people we serve. We also had two of our staff serve as presenters during the conference. Marketing and Events Manager Adrienne Baumann presented on "Turning Your Organization into a

Philanthropy Powerhouse," and Communications and Development Specialist Matthew DiPesa gave a presentation on "Engaging the Next Generation at the Arc."



The Community Connections team at the Arc Convention in Charlotte, NC.



Celebrating the Giving Season

In late November, participants and staff at our Fall River Life Skills program generously donated their time and effort to their community. The group visited the Veterans' Association of Bristol County to deliver non-perishable food donations that they had collected at the program. We are proud of our community connectors, and their selfless acts in giving back to others.

Thank you for your generosity!



Community Connections participants and staff giving back to people in need.

Support Our Mission

Introducing...

#IAmACommunityConnector

We're proud to launch our Community Connector campaign. Every day, our staff, participants, families, employers, and partners come together to create inclusive

spaces where people with disabilities can thrive. We're grateful for this community that makes belonging possible. *Stay tuned to learn how you can share the ways you are a Community Connector.*

View the first installment of this ongoing series [here](#). Please like and share this campaign via our social media!



Support Community Connectors

Our Holiday Appeal

This giving season, *we're asking you to stand with us as Community Connectors.* Medicaid funding challenges put essential services at risk, and your support empowers people with disabilities to stay connected, engaged, and included. You can make a difference by giving, advocating for full funding of IDD/ASD services, sharing our message with #IAmACommunityConnector, and engaging with our programs. Together, we can create and protect meaningful opportunities for valued roles, belonging, and independence.

Get Connected Over Coffee!

Community Connections is thrilled to announce a new community engagement event at The Center on Main in Taunton. **All are welcome** to enjoy a morning of friendship and conversation with delicious coffee in a beautiful setting. No registration required, reach out to Abby Law for more information--
alaw@ccimass.org

"We are beyond excited to partner with The Center on Main, an organization that shares our strong commitment to fostering community and a creating a sense of belonging.

YOU ARE INVITED TO...

COFFEE HOUR @

The Center
ON MAIN

49 Main St, Taunton, MA

**TAKE A BREAK. GRAB A CUP.
MAKE A CONNECTION!**

Join Community Connections for an hour of
games, coffee, and great conversation!

Weekly on Mondays, 10 AM - 11 AM



Identity Coffee Co. located inside
The Center will be open to
purchase refreshments.

Community Connections is a non-profit
organization that serves adults with
disabilities with a goal of promoting
independence, inclusion, and growth.



Learn more at
communityconnectionsinc.org



*We look forward to seeing our
clients and fellow Coffee Hour
participants engage in meaningful
conversation and build lasting
friendships."*
-- Abby Law, Director of Community
Engagement and Inclusion

**Thank you to our community partners for supporting our
mission!**

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