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Run for a good cause!



The 2022 Trinity Triumph 5K is just around the corner, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, in the New Lenox Village Commons.

View Page 5 for more details, or visit tinyurl.com/TrinityTriumph2022 to register in support of people Trinity serves.



Stephen Bash (sixth from right), of Veterans United Foundation, presents a \$54,000 grant to Trinity Services, Inc. to build a pool house at Silver Creek Mill & Gardens in Mascoutah.

Veterans United Foundation grants wishes for pool house at Trinity's Silver Creek Mill & Gardens in Mascoutah

hanks to the generosity of employees of Veterans United Home Loans, Trinity Services was awarded a grant of \$54,000 from the Veterans United Foundation to fund the construction of a pool house adjacent to the in-ground pool at Trinity's Silver Creek Mill and Gardens in Mascoutah,

The wheelchair-accessible pool house will be the culmination of a two-phase project that began in March 2017.

Due to the generosity of donors, the first phase of the project — construction of the in-ground pool — was completed in 2018 and has been enjoyed continually throughout the spring, summer and early fall by people with disabilities who receive support from Trinity.

The pool has proved incredibly valuable during the pandemic, when recreational opportunities were vastly

curtailed.

The addition of the pool house will provide a space for people to store their belongings, change clothes and step inside for some shade, adding convenience to the pool experience and providing

Letter from the President of the Board



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Dear Friends,

Spring is in the air at Trinity Services, and so is a renewed sense of hope for the days, months and years ahead.

It is exhausting to continue to talk about the pandemic, but it does continue to impact our planning and decisions. We make every effort to keep the people we support safe as we return to many of the activities and routines that were familiar to us before March 2020.

In this issue of The Compass, you will see some photos of people we support enjoying many of these activities and read about initiatives we have recently launched or that are forthcoming, including the addition of a pool house at our pool in Mascoutah, the opening of a new Community Day Services program called Studio 22 and a forthcoming expansion of our mental health crisis response services upon the launch of a nationwide mental health emergency number.

We look upon the present with gratitude and upon the future with optimism, and so much of what we have to be grateful for is because of your support. The people we serve are able to enjoy activities they like and engage in new programs because of you. As an organization, we are able to expand upon our standing as a nationally recognized provider of exceptional mental and behavioral health care because of you.

Thank you for maintaining your friendship or becoming a new friend during the pandemic. Your support is inspirational and is making a positive difference in people's lives that will be remembered for years to come. Take pride in your impact and the smiles that you have made possible.

Looking ahead, we are planning for our 2022 Trinity Triumph 5K, set for 7 p.m. Thursday, June 23, in the New Lenox Village Commons. This is the first year the race will take place in-person since 2019. Please join us for this momentous occasion — a time when we can celebrate all that we've overcome and what it means to be in person, together, in support of a shared cause that we believe in: helping people with disabilities so that they may flourish and live full, abundant lives.

For more information about the race, see Page 5, or visit tinyurl.com/ TrinityTriump2022.

Thank you for being a friend to Trinity Services. Have a very safe and enjoyable summer.

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Sincerely,

Raymond D. McShane, Chairperson of the Board

Springtime brings new opportunities, adventures for people Trinity supports

s the weather gradually gets warmer and local coronavirus risk levels decrease, people who receive support from Trinity Services are enjoying experiences around their communities and local trips, highlighted in these photos.



Enjoying a hike



Visiting Lincoln Park Zoo



Greeting the horses at STRIDES, Trinity's therapeutic horseback riding program



Playing basketball at the park



Walking around downtown Lemont



Cheering on the Wilmington High School baseball team

(Pool house — continued from Page 1)

greater opportunities for people who may be more sensitive to the sun to use the pool. The pool house will have two wheelchair-accessible restrooms, showers and a wheelchair-accessible concrete pad connected directly to the pool deck. This area will be covered by an awning.

"We are so grateful to the Veterans United Foundation for providing this generous donation to enrich the lives of the people we support," said Thane Dykstra, Ph.D., president and CEO of Trinity Services. "This gift will expand pool access and bring great enjoyment to many, helping us complete a project many years in the making."

The Veterans United Foundation is inspired, created and fully funded by Veterans United Home Loans employees. The Foundation is dedicated to making a meaningful difference in the lives of veterans and service members, for employees and their families, and in local communities served by Veterans United.

Trinity to respond to local crisis calls from new nationwide mental health hotline

eginning this July, receiving effective emergency care for a mental health crisis will be as quick as dialing 9-1-1. A new federal mandate will direct callers of 9-8-8 to the National Suicide Prevention Hotline.

In Illinois, callers can be connected to local mental health professionals who can respond to calls and provide effective care and assess-

ments to help a person through a crisis situation.

Professionals from Trinity Services will respond to calls from designated areas of Will and Cook Counties through its new Crisis Care Systems program. Dispatchers will respond to all calls, and particularly urgent calls will be routed to Trinity and other mental health care providers for in-person responses.

Until the hotline launches, people in need of help may call 1-800-273-8255 to be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Hotline.

For more information about the forthcoming program, please see the Someone You Should Know article on Page 6, featuring Crisis Care Systems Program Director Oscar Yanes.

Trinity Services opens newly renovated Studio 22

n late March, Trinity Services unveiled its newly renovated Community Day Services program, Studio 22.

The program is located in the building of the former SafeNow pro-

gram in New Lenox. The program offers a variety of musical instruments for people to enjoy, a plant- and fishbased gardening system called aquaponics, enjoyable indoor and outdoor spaces for recreation and relaxation, and other activities centered on well-being. The program is geared toward adults with disabilities ages 30 and older who are working or seeking employment and looking for a learning and enrichment experience.







Register + Details:

https://tinyurl.com/TrinityTriumph2022

For more information call: 815-717-3750

\$30 ages 13 and up | \$20 kids 5-12 | Under 5 free

Includes race T-shirt, swag gift bag, and more!

* Enter to win a brand new pair of shoes with every adult registration. (Winner will receive a Zappos.com gift card)

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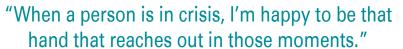


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Someone You Should Know Oscar Yanes



hen Oscar Yanes reflects on his work supporting someone through a mental health crisis and effectively diffusing a high-tension situation, he considers it part of his job. To those he supported and his community, his efforts were worthy of greater recognition.

Yanes received a Civilian Service Award from the Village of Orland Park for his potentially lifesaving work helping the Orland Park Police Department respond to a crisis call of a person having a manic episode. The person was diagnosed with schizoaffective disorder and had not been taking his medication. He was threatening to harm his family members, and when his family called the police, he fled to the basement and barricaded himself there with knives. Yanes stood at the top of the stairs and talked with the person for approximately five hours, attempting to calm him down. Eventually, the man became tired and complied with requests to put the weapons down. At that point, police were able to transport the man to the hospital, where he could be stabilized, and Yanes offered counseling services to the man's family members.

"He ended up getting out of there alive, and his family members were able to receive counseling services," Yanes said. "I didn't expect to get an award for doing what I was supposed to do, but it was nice to be recognized — not just for myself but for the program, in general."

At the time of the incident, Yanes was part of Trinity Services' Mobile Crisis Response Unit that answers mental health crisis calls from the Orland Park Police Department. Yanes began his career at Trinity as an intern in 2016, was hired as a mental health counselor at the Trinity Counseling Center in 2017 and was recently promoted to program director for Crisis Care Systems, a forthcoming program that will allow Americans to dial 9-8-8 to be connected to the National Suicide Prevention Hotline and connected with crisis counselors. Trinity counselors will provide support to communities in Will and Cook Counties through this program.

Yanes has been passionate about mental health care since he was in college. He initially wanted to go into law enforcement, but internship experiences at departments changed his mind

"I noticed we were responding to problems rather than being proactive," he said. "I felt through psychology and counseling I would be able to make a bigger impact."

In his new role, Yanes is focused on building Crisis Care Systems from the ground up, ensuring the infrastructure is in place for the program to be successful following its official launch in July.

"A person experiencing a mental health crisis will be able to dial 988, and someone from our program will be dispatched to where the crisis is," Yanes said. "We will work on

de-escalating the situation, doing an assessment, and providing crisis intervention and any support needed."

Yanes is currently training staff members for the program to help familiarize them with potential crisis scenarios. He is able to draw upon his lived experiences through his past work with the Mobile Crisis Response Unit. He said getting to be part of both innovative programs have been highlights of his career so far.

"I want to make sure the 988 program is as successful as possible and is being utilized as much as it can be," Yanes said. "I want staff to be able to respond to calls in a proper manner and assist the best way they can. This is an amazing program and amazing opportunity for Trinity to be part of this nationwide initiative. I'm really excited for it to take off."

Yanes said receiving crisis calls is not a fun or exciting experience, but it is fulfilling.

"You see individuals at a very vulnerable stage in their life," he said. "You may see people at one of worst moments of their life, but it is nice to be able to provide that support and assistance to that person while they're in that state and help them grow from that. That's really my favorite part of the job itself. When a person is in crisis, I'm happy to be that hand that reaches out in those moments."

"I cannot do all the good that the world needs. But the world needs all the good that I can do." ~ Jana Stanfield

Thank you for enriching peoples' lives for the holidays through Trinity's Giving Tree!

ith the help of 177 donors, approximately 330 people Trinity Services supports had their holiday season made brighter.

The 2021 Giving Tree program matched donors with people Trinity

The 2021 Giving Tree program matched donors with people Trinity supports who may not have contact with family members or the financial means to purchase the items they want for the holidays. Donor support made recipients' lives so much brighter throughout the holidays and the cold winter months. It equipped people not only with the material possessions they needed or wanted but the joy and warmth of opening a gift from someone who cares about them.

Trinity is grateful to all of the donors who brought joy to people the organization supports during the holidays. You truly gave the gift of joy and made a difference in people's lives. Thank you for your generosity, 2021 Giving Tree donors!



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