



Our JOURNEY

Fall 2026

A semi-annual newsletter from Journey Health System's affiliates:
Beacon Light Adult Residential Services | Beacon Light Behavioral Health System | Deerfield Behavioral Health
Dickinson Center, Inc. | Forest-Warren Mental Wellness Association | Stairways Behavioral Health

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A Message from our President and CEO



As I reflect on our past fiscal year, Journey Health System (JHS) can be proud of a year marked by meaningful progress, strong financial performance, and continued investment in our people and services.

We strengthened our future through transitioning to one electronic medical record, continued accreditation and licensing readiness, and recognition of our workplace culture. This demonstrates our efforts with providing consistency, quality, collaboration, and positive employee experiences.

Looking ahead, our priorities include strategic growth, financial strength, outpatient updates,

successful Joint Commission accreditation, and maintaining our Amazing Workplace status. We will also focus on reducing residential vacancies, strengthening community partnerships, addressing turnover, and responding more nimbly to emerging needs.

Thank you to our employees, affiliates, and Board members for helping build this momentum. Together, we will continue moving Journey forward.

Sincerely,

Guy C. Signor

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President & CEO, Journey Health System

Inside Journey Health System's Annual Meeting

On October 2, Journey Health System (JHS) and affiliates held their annual Board meeting at JHS headquarters in Bradford. The theme "Transforming Behavioral Health", celebrated everyone who makes the JHS mission possible.

Approximately 40 individuals from each agency's board and executive team gathered remotely and in-person to review the fiscal year, operational updates, and Board elections.

Joseph Yaros, JHS Board Chair, and Becky Jensen, JHS Chief Risk Officer, welcomed attendees to the meeting, honored service

achievements, proposed resolutions for four new policies and previewed how JHS is "Looking Ahead".

Board elections and appointments were led by Yaros as well.

Presentations by the Executive Directors of each affiliate, included inspiring client testimonials.

View the 2026 annual report publication, at www.journeyhealth.org/about.



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DCI AHC Program Visitors

DCI Kids' Storytime Walk



The Parents as Teachers (PAT) program at Dickinson Center, Inc. (DCI), didn't let rain dampen their recent annual Storytime Walk. The new Tim Thomas Training Center at DCI in Ridgway was a perfect space for enjoying books, activities, families and all the fun of the day.

Consumer Art Show 2026



The 2nd Annual Psych Rehab Services' Consumer Art Show at Dickinson Center, Inc. displayed the creativity, talent and self-expression of several artists. Thank you for making it a special afternoon on September 24, 2026. We hope to see you at the next event!



Dickinson Center's Adult Habilitation Center (AHC) program consumers met June Bug, the therapy donkey.

The Adult Habilitation Center (AHC) at Dickinson Center, Inc. (DCI) has enjoyed a wonderful series of educational and engaging community visits. Consumers welcomed Wildlife Conservation Officer Jack Lucas, who shared information about the Pennsylvania Wilds, local hunting and fishing, and wildlife conservation. Officer Lucas brought animal pelts for everyone to examine and touch.

Community safety was also presented by representatives from the Elk County Sheriff's Office, Pennsylvania State Police, Ridgway Borough Police Department, Ridgway Ambulance, and Ridgway Fire Department. They discussed their roles and shared valuable safety information. Participants explored emergency vehicles, learned about police equipment, practiced fire safety, and reviewed when to call 911. These interactive visits included tours, demonstrations, questions, crafts, certificates and even donuts.

DCI's Tim Thomas Training Center was also rocking, thanks to musician and therapist Justin Bauer. Everyone sang, danced and clapped to their favorite tunes.

Most recently, participants welcomed Rocky, Margaret Rose McCarty and June Bug, a therapy donkey from Heavenly Hee Haw Therapy. She brought plenty of smiles, hugs and kisses.

Dickinson Center's AHC is grateful to all of its community partners and looks forward to welcoming them back again soon.

For more information, visit www.dickinsoncenter.org.

These visits provided meaningful opportunities for learning, connection and fun at Dickinson Center's AHC Program.

--Marsha Dippold, Program Director

National Disability Employment Awareness

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), so Dickinson Center's (DCI) Employment Support Services is joining the U.S. Department of Labor Office of Disability Employment Policy (ODEP) along with businesses and organizations across the country. Held annually, NDEAM educates about disability employment topics and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities.

Please look for articles and DCI Facebook posts that highlight our consumers and community employers during this month-long celebration. DCI also celebrates 81 years of NDEAM with an event on October 21, 2026 at DCI's main office in Ridgway, PA.

For more information about Employment Support Services, visit www.dickinsoncenter.org/ess or call 814-776-2655.



2026 Erie Gives Success



Stairways Behavioral Health (SBH) is proud to announce the results of Erie Gives day, held August 11, 2026. Thanks to the generosity of 121 donors, SBH received \$30,099 to support our mission and programs.

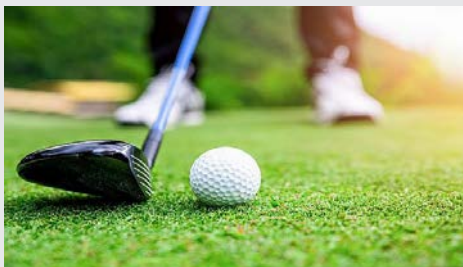
SBH is extremely grateful for this support. It helps us make a positive difference in the lives of those we serve while helping maintain mental health care in the community.

Mark your calendars for the next Erie Gives Day on August 10, 2027.

For more information about giving opportunities, visit www.givetostairwaysbh.org.

Thank You Amann Family

Thank you to the Joey Amann Memorial Foundation for their generous \$10,000 gift presented during this year's golf outing. This support will help provide compassionate care, meaningful experiences, and recovery-focused services for individuals is Stairways' residential programs. We are truly grateful for the Amann family's continued partnership in changing lives throughout the Erie community!



RECOGNITION & CELEBRATION

Annual Board & Donor Event Held



From the left: SBH Executive Director Melanie Hake; 2026 STEP Award Recipient Tom Tredway; with SBH Board Chair Brian Hennessy.

Stairways Behavioral Health (SBH) held an annual board and donor appreciation dinner with approximately 65 people on August 13 at the Warner Theatre in Erie. Agency leaders thanked board members for volunteering and the donors in the community for providing philanthropic support toward the agency's mission.

The program commenced with a prayer by Father Leo Gallina, followed by a welcome message from Guy Signor, JHS President & CEO and introductions by SBH Board Chair Brian Hennessy, Esq.

SBH Executive Director Melanie Hake, shared the agency's list of accomplishments and recognized the current SBH board members, including Rosmari Graham and Celene McIntyre for their five years of service as well as Tom Tredway for 10 years of service. All of the Board members provide a combined total of 133 years of service.

In addition, the 2026 S.T.E.P. Award was presented to Tom Tredway, a Board member at Stairways Behavioral Health. S.T.E.P. stands for "Service Through Empowering People" and is awarded each year to an individual who exemplifies leadership and service at Stairways Behavioral Health.

The evening also included a special guest speaker, Larry Wallerstein, son of one of Stairways' founders, Laura Wallerstein. Plus, a client shared her recovery testimonial as a heartfelt example of the important work done by the staff and programs at SBH.

SBH is Busy in the Community

Stairways Behavioral Health (SBH) proudly participated in many Erie events over summer.

In addition to the Joey Amann Memorial Golf Tournament mentioned in the previous article, SBH was seen at the following community outreach events:

Mercy Center for Women National Night Out (August 4).

NAMI Guns & Hoses Softball Game (August 16).

Erie County Office of Drug & Alcohol's International Overdose Awareness Night held at SBH (August 31).

NAMI Walks (September 13).

Annual Vigil of Hope (September 16).

Recovery Hub Event (September 18).

AFSP Out Of Darkness Walk - pictured (September 19).

Gannon Clinical Night (September 29).

10th Annual Erie County Suicide Prevention Conference (September 29).

An attendee at the conference said, "It's nice to see Stairways everywhere."

SBH is happy to be seen, too!

Learn more at www.stairwaysbh.org.





First Outreach Contest Award Winner



The first JHS-wide Community Outreach Contest concluded on September 15. The judging panel selected The Student Assistance Program & Prevention (SAP) team at Beacon Light Behavioral Health System (pictured), managed by Sherry Henry, as the 2026 winner for their community service in Forest and Warren counties.

Congratulations! A plaque will be presented soon, and the team has earned a \$250 credit toward new logo items for future events.

Bradford 1st Street Building Progress



Since May 12, Beacon Light Behavioral Health System (BLBHS) has made significant progress on the construction of the addition on the 1st Street residential facility.

The new two-story section is approximately 7,500 sq. ft.

It includes new space for the Girls in Recovery Learning Strengths (GIRLS) program. Plans call for a spacious client activity room, eight new bedrooms, a calming room, modern kitchen, laundry area, updated restrooms, and a new elevator on the main floor. The ground floor will feature new office spaces, a nurse's office, a conference room, staff restrooms and kitchenette.

Important Reminder: Bradford campus staff and visitors should exercise caution around dump truck traffic and staging areas. No outages or road closures are planned.

As of October 6, crews began back filling the area along the building in preparation for the second half of the floor to be poured. The excavation company was also on site to finish the rough grading near the staging area

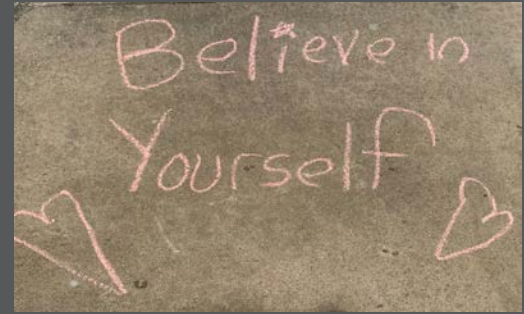
Updates will be provided as the project progresses. Follow us on Facebook.

RAISING AWARENESS

Community Involvement

Several programs at Beacon Light Behavioral Health System (BLBHS) joined community events and activities during the summer and fall. From booths with information about their helpful services and resources, to donning special colors or decorations to help build awareness about mental health, the staff always enjoys being part of fun tasks for an important cause.

BLBHS promoted Suicide Prevention Month with a Chalk Walk at many sites.



BLBHS Children's Community Programs at 58 Derrick Road in Bradford was decked out for America250PA in July.



BLBHS clients of Children's Services held their first Community Art Show in the Bradford First Street cafeteria.



BLARS Summer Fun in the Sun

The Community Stabilization and Reintegration Unit (CSRU) staff and clients at Beacon Light Adult Residential Services (BLARS) in McClure had a blast as they engaged in a friendly water balloon fight to beat the summer heat. This fun and light-hearted activity not only brought smiles and laughter to everyone involved but also provided a much-needed break from the daily routine.

Learn about BLARS' Adult Residential programs at www.beacon-light.org.



Recognizing Staff Reaching Service Milestones

Celebrations were recently held for employees who reached major milestones this year. Thank you all!

Congratulations!

**Beacon Light Behavioral Health System,
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and Journey Health System are recognizing our employees
who are celebrating years of service milestones.**

We would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our many valued professionals
for their continued hard work and dedication, especially those who have reached
significant career anniversaries!

45 years



JOHN GOLDEN

35 years



JIM CARROLL

35 years



ROBERT EDDY

30 years



MARY DeSANTIS

30 years



LISA GINGENBACH

30 years



GUY SIGNOR

30 years



BRADLEY WEAVER

25 years



MELISSA ATWELL

25 years



JAMEY GAMBLE

25 years



AMANDA HASKINS

15 years

BRADLEY LEET
JEREMY LINDEN
NATALIE O'NEILL
KIMBERLY PETRUNY
JOHN POLICASTRO
LAURIE SWEET
VALERIE THOMPSON
DIANA WAHLBERG

20 years



LAURA JAMES

20 years



JENNIFER NICKERSON

10 years

LAUREN ANDREWS
MIRANDA ASEL
WAYNE BUCK
PATRICIA ECKSTROM
GARY LEET
BRYAN LINTON
COURTNEY MACNEAL
JEREMY NORMAN
AMELIA PROFFITT
TRACY ROWLES

20 years



ANN MARIE ERNST

20 years



KARIANNE JAMES

20 years



JOHN P. JOHN

5 years

ALEXANDER ANDERSON,
RACHEL BATEMAN, LISA BISHOP,
JULIE BLICK,
BROOKE BUCHSENSCHUTZ,
PENNEY HOLSINGER,
EMILY KOMOROSKI,
COURTNEY LEITZEL,
MATTHEW MONAGO, ZOE RAGER,
JESSE ROSS, ANGELA ROUNSVILLE,
ROXY STUBY, ASHLEY WHITMAN,
MELISSA WOOD,
MORGAN ZELLEFFROW

5 years

CHRISTIAN LINDQUIST
JENNIFER MORGAN
GINA NUZZO

**A SPECIAL THANK YOU
TO OUR SAFETY COMMITTEE**

Amy Brocius, Carl Carlson, William Gartner, Chris Iozzo,
Becky Jensen, Elijah Lee, Melissa Merriam, Clydia Minich,
Jennifer Moore, Jenn Nickerson, Lonny Packard, Julie Papa,
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15 years

CHRISTOPHER IOZZO
LANETTE NESBITT

10 years

AMANDA CATTLEY
SEAN LUCHS

5 years

LINDSEY BENEVICH
NATASHA BOWLEY
KELLYANN FIELDS
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A Special Thank You to our Safety Committee:

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40 years



NORMAN DAVIS

30 years



MARY DeSANTIS (JHS)

30 years



SUSAN FERRARO

30 years



LISA GINGENBACH (JHS)

25 years



SCOTT BALDI

25 years



LAURIE BIZZARRO

25 years



JAMEY GAMBLE (JHS)

20 years



ANN MARIE ERNST (JHS)

20 years



JENNIFER MORGAN (JHS)

15 years

KEVIN BERCELI

10 years

LESLEY DAVIDO, THOMAS GRAY,
TANISHA KING, WILLIAM LINKIE,
KYLE MOFFETT, AMANDA ROSS,
JEFFREY SPAEDER,
SHANNON WILLIAMS

5 years

SAWYER BOLDIZAR, MAUREEN BRAINARD, BAYLEE BRIEN,
NINA CARTER, SHERRY DUMBECK, TEYONA DUNN,
BARBARA ERTL, KIMBERLY GLECOS, AUBREY HOHMAN,
ALEASE HUBBART, AMANDA KOLSON, BETH KONZEL,
JOHN MALONEY, SHELBY NEAL, KRISTY RICHTER

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Behind every successful company are talented, dedicated employees. We're grateful to everyone who shares their skills, passion, and time to advance our mission of helping others.

Your contributions make a meaningful difference every day!

Ready to make an impact?

Join our team by visiting the Career pages on our websites and explore exciting opportunities!

Friendship House Fun



Forest-Warren Mental Wellness Association's (FWMWA) Friendship House in Warren is buzzing with creativity! Clients recently had another American Idol-style contest, filling the room with music, laughter and applause. They also proudly showcase their artwork, celebrating individual talents and inspiring one another. Each activity reflects FWMWA's commitment to friendship, confidence and mental wellness.

For more information, call 814-584-1126 or visit www.fwmwa.org.

DCAT Teams Up With Stairways



Deerfield Centers for Addictions Treatment (DCAT) and staff from Stairways Behavioral Health attended Warren County's 2026 Recovery Celebration for International Overdose Awareness Day on August 31. With offices in Warren, Marienville and Tionesta, DCAT joined fellow providers in honoring recovery.

For more information, visit www.deerfieldbehavioralhealth.org.



Are you seeking a career that makes a difference?

Our affiliates are now hiring staff to care for children and adults with mental health and/or developmental disabilities.

Positions are available across Pennsylvania.

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For more information or news, please visit any of our affiliates' websites or follow them on social media!



WHO WE SERVE

11,860

ADULT MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS

2,620

CHILD MENTAL HEALTH CLIENTS

69

PROGRAMS AVAILABLE

74

FACILITIES ACROSS PA

913

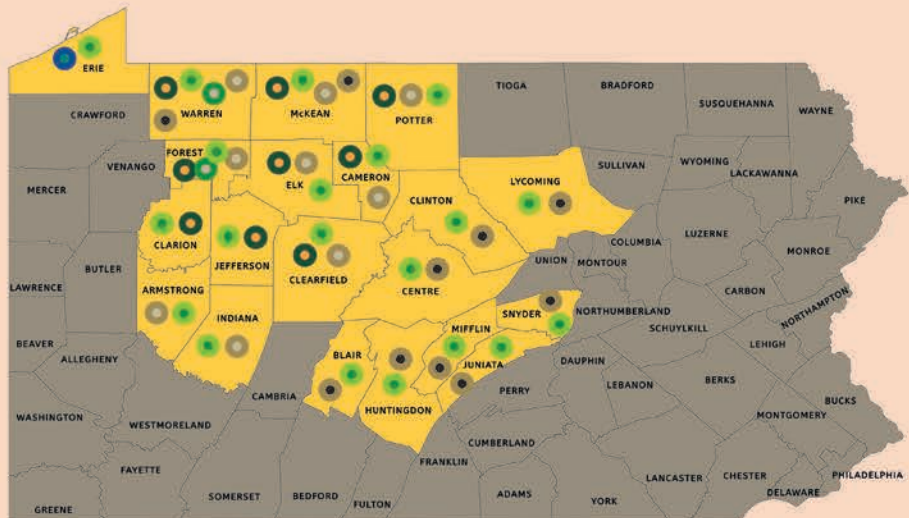
EMPLOYEES AGENCY-WIDE

\$220,000

UNCOMPENSATED (CHARITY)
CARE PROVIDED

20 COUNTIES SERVED

- BEACON LIGHT ADULT RESIDENTIAL SERVICES
- BEACON LIGHT BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM
- DEERFIELD BEHAVIORAL HEALTH
- DICKINSON CENTER, INC.
- FOREST/WARREN MENTAL WELLNESS ASSOCIATION
- STAIRWAYS BEHAVIORAL HEALTH



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