

CCARC to celebrate group home initiative

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NEW BRITAIN — Having a safe and comfortable place to call “home” is important to everyone.

Based on this theme, CCARC is ready to share exciting news regarding its plans to make improvements to its group homes for people with intellectual dis-

abilities located throughout the Greater New Britain area. Members of the community have been invited to an event to be held at CCARC on Thursday, Feb. 28, to celebrate the generosity of American Savings Foundation, The Robert C. Vance Charitable Foundation, the Maximilian E. & Marion O. Hoffman Foundation and several other supporters that have invested in their efforts so far. Funding will address important upgrades and renovations to nine of CCARC's eleven family-style residences situated in established neighborhoods in New Britain, Berlin, Plainville and Bristol.

One of the greatest concerns for people with intellectual disabilities can be social isolation. Providing opportunities for individuals to enjoy relationships with each other and people in the community allows them to experience a satisfying quality of life. CCARC's vision for this initiative is to engage the community to appreciate the unique value of individuals with disabilities as fellow citizens and to invest in their future. CCARC offers lifelong care to the people it support. In addition to much needed upgrades and renovations, accessibility features of the homes will be enhanced to allow for greater ease of everyday living, particu-



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larly important for physically disabled and elderly residents.

The goal of the Home Improvement Initiative is to raise a total of \$2.5 million. It will be announcing its progress toward this goal on Feb. 28. This event will also serve to publicly launch the Initiative that has taken shape over the last two years. Board member and family advocate Attorney Michael Carrier serves as the chairman of the Impact Team,

which has spearheaded efforts to raise funds to move forward with the renovations throughout 2019-20. Carrier's sister benefits from both the day and residential services provided by CCARC. Their parents, Albert and Julia Carrier, were among the original family members who founded the organization. Dr. Richard L. Judd serves as vice chairman of the Impact Team.

“There is room for everyone in

the Greater New Britain community to help CCARC fulfill its mission to ‘Make Dreams Happen’ for individuals with disabilities,” said Anne Ruwet, CCARC's CEO. “We welcome the investments of all who care about the wonderful people we are privileged to support.”

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