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Michael Rice spoke with

CHCNJ Associate Executive Director, Paul Kucinski,

about his experiences at CHCNJ

Michael: How does it feel to be the Associate Executive Director of CHCNJ?

Paul: Throughout my career, I have had the role of “second in command” in various jobs. I appreciate being in a supporting role. I have to assume similar types of responsibilities and leadership, but I also need to support the person in charge. It is very rewarding.

Michael: Do you enjoy working with everyone at CHCNJ?

Paul: I have been in the field a long time, and the reason I have stayed is for the individuals we serve. Second to that are the staff, who are all incredible people. I enjoy assisting them to work with our individuals to the best of their ability.

Michael: Do you see any changes to our houses in the future, and what would those changes be?

Paul: A lot of our houses are older and we stay on top of the maintenance in our homes. Most importantly, we always make sure to adapt our houses to meet the needs of the people that live in them.

Michael: What do you think is one of your biggest accomplishments at CHCNJ?

Paul: The growth and development of the individuals we serve and of the CHCNJ staff. I can’t take credit for it, but it is great to see change and growth under our leadership.

Michael: What is your favorite memory at CHCNJ?

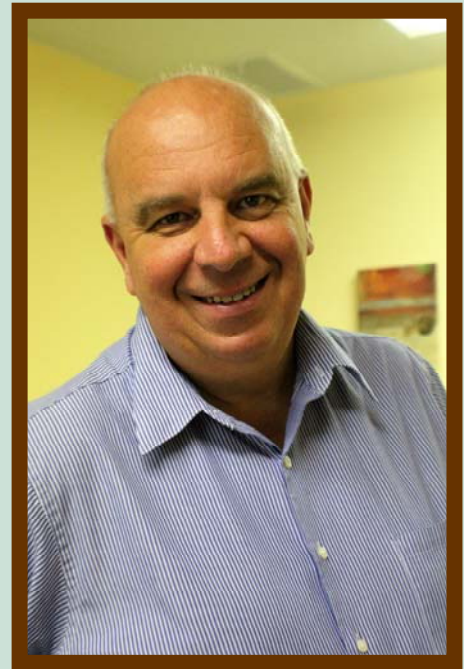
Paul: I have so many. Having been with CHCNJ for 27 years, great memories almost come in waves, from our annual Dinner Dances to the everyday steps that our individuals have made.

Michael: What brought you to CHCNJ?

Paul: I’ve always loved working in this field. But once I started a family, I knew I needed to move up in the field as well. Coming to CHCNJ, I was able to raise a family and continue to do what I love.

Michael: What do you see CHCNJ doing in the next 10 years?

Paul: We will continue doing what we are now. We will continue being creative and doing things that make people happy!



🎵 Joann Van Dyke: Inspired by Music 🎵

Joann Van Dyke is musically gifted! When Joann was only four years old, she learned to play the piano by watching others play and listening to records. Once Joann heard a song, she was able to play it on her own. Joann also learned to play the guitar, trumpet and accordion in the same way. Joann has an appreciation for many different types of music including country western, rock and roll and polka. She knows how to play a lot of songs, and she is even able to yodel!



As a younger person, Joann was an entertainer. She played guitar while her mother played harmonica. Joann says that she enjoys performing in front of an audience. Currently, Joann volunteers at Heath Village, a local Senior home. Joann plays piano for the residents as they eat dinner on Fridays nights.

Joann says that music is her motivation in life. “Music makes me feel inspired and like I’m raring to go for anything!”



Thelma Strauss, of Hackettstown, recently celebrated her 80th birthday at a Country-Western themed party with her family and friends!



Ana Latre poses with a lily in the garden she planted at her Green Township home this Summer.



Chris Beyer, of Greenview Apartments, met world-famous tenor Daniel Rodriguez at the Mayo Center’s 15th Anniversary of 9/11 Memorial Concert in Morristown.



Angela Latham—Sweet Treat!

Angela Latham has many interests. This year, she made a raised garden bed in her backyard and grew delicious tomatoes and cucumbers. She recently dressed as Wonder Woman and participated in a superhero costume race for charity on Garrett Mountain. She enjoys word puzzles, and she attends Zumba class weekly at her local VFW hall. But there is one special thing that Angela does that makes everyone smile...she makes chocolates!

Angela has many different candy molds including pumpkins, gift boxes, motorcycles and circles. Angela melts chocolate in the microwave, then she carefully fills each small mold. Sometimes she uses more than one type of chocolate to make multi-colored treats. She says that her favorite is to make a white chocolate gift box with a milk chocolate bow.



Once Angela has filled the molds, she lets the chocolate harden in the freezer until it looks glossy. Then she pops the candies out of the molds and wraps them in a plastic gift bag, ready to surprise her lucky family and friends!



Light breeze, colorful leaves,
bare trees...It must be Autumn!

We asked 5 people.....Will you wear a costume for Halloween?



Michelle Tittel:

"I like to dress up, but I don't know what I will be yet."



Marty Probst:

"I'm gonna be Michael Jackson!"



Debbie LaCarrubba:

"A Witch!
A Bad Witch!"



Rich Madden

"Dracula."



Sharon Hegeman:

"I'm throwing a party, and I'm going as Wilma Flintstone."

