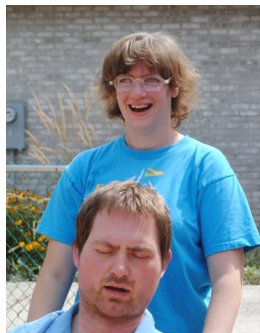




## Connections at the Center

As the summer winds down, we continue to enjoy our time outside. Whether it is a walk in neighborhood, a picnic at Lake Mohegan or recreational time on the swings and slides, it all adds up to a great way to spend time together. The last week in August saw everyone return from their family vacations and offer a chance to reconnect with our Center friends and meet some new friends and staff.



## Upcoming Dates

September 1  
Movie

Pick up at the Center  
(self transport only)

September 4  
Labor Day  
Center Closed

September 11 1:00 pm  
Mass and Library Dedication  
In Memory of Catherine McClinch

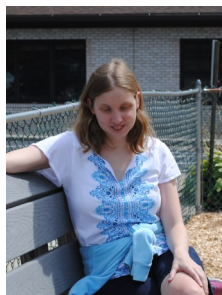
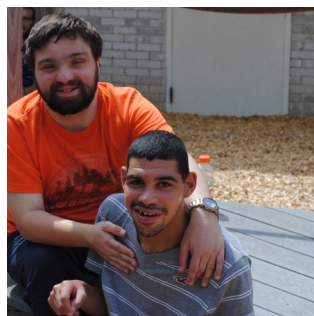
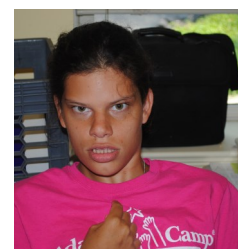
September 18  
Annual Meeting  
Board of Directors

**PROGRAM NOTE:**  
We are reviewing the cooking program. During the month of September, please send lunch in on Thursdays. Thanks!



## Welcome to our Program

Join us in welcoming Sami to our program. She is from Westport and joined our group in July. She loves to walk and is enjoying meeting everyone.



### *A Note from the Desk of Helen Burland*

We continue to monitor the information sent to us from the Department of Developmental Services regarding funding for day programs. The most recent information rescinded one furlough day, scheduled in September, delayed the mandatory funding reduction from November until March and lowered the reduction from 10% to 5%. There continues to be no designated funding for June 2017 graduates. As I presented previously, we will remain open on the furlough days even though we will not be able to bill for these days. We feel committed to both the young people we serve and their families as well as remain committed to our staff. While this presents a challenge to us financially, I am hoping that it is an isolated issue that will be resolved as soon as the state reaches an agreement of the budget. In the meantime, we are looking for ways to offset the funding shortfall and are researching private funding sources for possible grant opportunities. If you have an idea or access to grant information, please let us know. I hope you enjoy your Labor Day weekend.

Regards,  
Helen Burland

