Care Link MARCIE'S AWARDS 2025

ABOUT THE MARCIE'S AWARD

Determined to improve the lives of individuals with disabilities, CareLink's founder, Marcella I. Schmoeger, opened CareLink's first program in 1959. More than 60 years later, her vision and philosophy are still the heart of the agency. The Marcie's Award honors her memory and dedication by recognizing CareLink program participants for their self-determination, wellness, and success in recovery.

2025 Marcie's Award Winners

Abdel Anderson

Edward Denmark

SPECIAL RECOGNITION RECIPIENTS

Ashley Bogle

Patrick Malin

Troy Dowell

Gregory Mozzone

David Henry



MARCIE'S AWARD WINNER

Abdel Anderson

Abdel Anderson has been a resident at the Manor Road location since May 2024. He is involved with CareLink's Career Services, a program that assists participants with job training and applying for positions in the community. Abdel recently graduated from a 10-week culinary program with the Chester County Food Bank. Prior to that, he completed the Delaware County Community College Bright Futures Program, where he learned job-ready skills to support his career goals. Currently, Abdel is focused on earning his GED and attends classes during the week at the Chester County IOC (Opportunities Industrialization Center).

Abdel is kindhearted and sociable with both peers and staff. He is always willing to help others and works hard to achieve the goals he sets with his support team. When faced with challenges, Abdel is eager to learn and asks for assistance when needed. He also enjoys exercising and often visits Planet Fitness on weekends with staff.

Abdel's accomplishments speak for themselves — he has participated in and graduated from multiple community programs and continues to strive for more. His determination to earn his GED reflects his commitment to personal growth.

Abdel's positivity brightens everyone's day. He loves his family and values the people who work with him, expressing his appreciation often. Abdel is truly a model participant, and we at CareLink are proud to support him. – Sean Wallace

MARCIE'S AWARD WINNER

Edward Denmark

Senior Supported Living (SSL) resident Edward Denmark demonstrates an unwavering commitment to personal growth and his ability to inspire those around him make him an exceptional candidate for the Marcie's Award.

One of the most notable aspects of Edward's progress is his steadfast independence. Despite having transportation readily available through SSL staff, Edward insists on commuting on his own to his daily program at JFK Community Mental Health. He uses public transportation independently and consistently arrives on time, demonstrating responsibility, reliability, and pride in his autonomy.

Edward also maintains meaningful relationships with his family and visits them every other weekend. He independently coordinates his travel plans and ensures SSL staff are informed ahead of time, allowing for smooth, well-prepared outings. This level of communication and planning speaks to his maturity and respect for both his support network and his own goals. Edward's initiative is equally visible in his approach to personal wellness. He signed up for a gym and attends regularly on his own. He also manages all medical appointments independently and provides clear, accurate summaries to staff afterward. His ability to manage and communicate about his health reflects his growing self-advocacy and understanding of his needs.

Edward has a strong presence among his peers. He was nominated by fellow residents to lead and host the weekly house meeting—a role that reflects their confidence in his leadership, dependability, and positive influence. By showing up consistently, facilitating discussions, and staying informed about community updates, he strengthens the sense of connection and cooperation within the group.

Each day, the SSL team witnesses Edward's dedication to bettering himself, contributing positively to his community, and supporting his peers by example. His determination, independence, and compassionate leadership not only mark his progress but also inspire those around him.

- SSL Residential Counselors

Ashley Bogle

Ashley Bogle has been enrolled in CareLink's supervised residential apartments in New Jersey since September 1, 2020, while attending a partial care program at Oaks Integrated.

Over the years, Ashley has shown resilience and determination to rebuild his life and reintegrate into society. One of his greatest strengths is taking on responsibilities without being asked. He has used this strength to become self-medicated and follow program rules with minimal staff support.

When Ashley first came to the CareLink Gloucester Road program, he faced a series of challenges that led to legal troubles and separation from his family. At that time, he was not self-medicated and required maximum support to take his medications and stay on track. Today, Ashley is self-medicated, keeps his apartment clean and organized, attends his partial care program regularly, and follows all program rules.

Ashley has come a long way and is now one of our residents ready to be referred or discharged to the next level of care. He is kind and always willing to help without being asked. – *Yassah N. Lavelah*

Troy Dowell

Troy Dowell has been a resident at Providence Road since 2019. When he first arrived, he often appeared frustrated and withdrawn, with limited engagement with peers and staff. Over time, Troy has made remarkable progress. He has grown into a quiet leader within the home and developed meaningful connections with those around him.

Troy enjoys taking initiative and contributing to the household. He assists with meal preparation, collects the mail daily, participates in extra chores, and helps with grocery shopping. Troy has earned a high level of trust; he now completes supply shopping independently. Staff creates the shopping list, and when Troy arrives at Giant Market, he goes straight to work — confidently gathering items and demonstrating responsibility and focus. One of his favorite meals is chili, and he has proudly earned the title of "Chili Master." Whenever chili is on the menu, he takes the lead in preparing it.

Troy values staying active and grounded. He regularly walks the grounds at Providence Road, often choosing to walk alone because it gives him time to think. He also enjoys walking at the local track and mall.

Troy attends his day program four days a week and consistently demonstrates responsibility and punctuality. His independence continues to grow as he works toward self-administration of his medication. He takes great pride in his progress and in knowing he has a team who believes in him. More importantly, he now believes in himself and recognizes his ability to accomplish his goals.

Troy inspires others by showing that even with a mental illness, you can live a meaningful, fulfilling life and pursue your dreams. His journey is a powerful reminder of resilience, growth, and possibility.

– Raymone Snow

David Henry

David Henry's journey has been truly remarkable. When he arrived at Providence Road from C-Rock, a secure facility that was his next step after incarceration, he faced many challenges. In January, David will celebrate two years in our program. From day one, he has been a quiet, humble individual who speaks little but consistently works to better himself.

From learning to manage daily responsibilities to building confidence, David has shown determination and patience. When he first came to us, he didn't know how to complete a money order to pay his program fees. With support and practice, he mastered the skill. Today, David manages his money, pays his bills, keeps his living space clean, prepares his own meals, and uses public transportation independently.

Recently, David began self-administering his medication — a major milestone toward independence — and did extremely well. However, around his birthday in October, he experienced a period of depression and stopped taking his medication. The change was identified quickly, and his psychiatrist recommended pausing self-administration for now. This was hard for David; he became withdrawn and quiet. One day, he said, "I fell again. I miss my family and they don't want to see me. I can't take my medication independently anymore and I can't find a job." I offered encouragement, but he was clearly discouraged. About a week later, David returned with renewed determination and said, "I'm not giving up. I can't control the voices and it's hard, but let's continue to try. I can do it." And he has continued to push forward.

Today, David is preparing for the next level of independence. He will soon view an apartment with staff support and continues to work closely with his job coach. He is also waiting for medical clearance to resume self-administering his medication. His journey is defined not by setbacks, but by resilience, inner strength, and the determination to create the life he wants — not the life others assumed for him. With hope, courage, and encouragement behind him, David is well on his way to greatness. — *Providence Road CRR Team*

Patrick Malin

Patrick Malin has been a participant in CareLink's Supported Housing Program since 2019.

He is self-driven, determined, and ambitious. Mr. Malin is active in the community and has strong family support. He manages all his activities of daily living and owns a car, which gives him greater independence. Mr. Malin knows how to ask for help and uses community resources to create opportunities for growth and success.

Since joining SLS, Mr. Malin has not experienced a single crisis and has maintained full program compliance. When he entered the program, he was on probation, but through consistency and personal growth, he was released a year and a half early.

Mr. Malin has come a long way and truly deserves this award. His determination is admirable, and his story inspires others by proving that everyone has the ability to change their circumstances.

- Amber Young

Gregory Mozzone

Since arriving at Friendship Manor in November 2024, Gregory Mozzone has joined Creative Health's IOP group alongside a peer specialist. He is also involved with Montgomery County JRS (Justice Related Services), which supports the Friendship Manor team biweekly, and works with the regional forensic team. Greg and his case manager are actively structuring his goals, including employment, saving money, and obtaining a driver's license.

Greg has gradually become a tremendous contributor to the program. He is very self-sufficient — cooking, cleaning, and organizing his apartment daily without prompting from staff. One of his greatest strengths is communication. He expresses his feelings and concerns clearly and demonstrates thoughtful self-reflection about his recovery journey.

During his first three to six months, Greg struggled to adjust to his new surroundings and roommate. However, his turnaround has been remarkable. He has shown patience and respect toward his roommate and staff, displaying flexibility and grace when interacting with peers who face their own challenges.

Currently, Greg is employed at a local pizzeria, working Monday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to noon. He is extremely excited about his future and often shares his plans to save money and eventually buy a motorcycle to ride to the Jersey Shore.

Over the past six months, Greg has shown great promise. He envisions a positive future living independently in the community. Through hard work, self-advocacy, and determination, Greg continues to make progress toward his goals. – *Anthony Abson*

