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*Jamie Douglas,
Managing Director of Adult Services*

From the desk of Jamie Douglas

I often find myself starting off these newsletter articles by saying how busy we are at Adult Services. Once again, I find that to be true. Over the past six months, we have seen remarkable expansion to our program. The employment program has increased its census by 12 individuals and residential has grown by three with the opening of two new apartments. Soon we will see an additional individual join us at Noonan House. Also, in the works is the development of three new group homes to the program. These houses will allow us to replace Winsten House and bring in several priority placements from the Division. Two of the houses have been purchased and the third is pending. It is our hope to renovate and open these houses as quickly as possible with minimal delay from township officials, weather and all of the other obstacles that tend to slow things down. The Holidays are soon upon us with numerous activities and celebrations. I hope to have the opportunity to see many of you during this season. We at Adult Services would like to take the opportunity to bid a fond farewell to our CEO Tom McCool. Tom has been incredibly supportive of the adult program and with his guidance we have brought the program to new heights and created a sustainable division for years to come. We would like to thank Tom for his years of service and wish him the best of luck and all the happiness that retirement brings, even though we are sure he will keep very busy. On behalf of the Adult Services program I would also like to take a moment to welcome our new CEO, Peter Bell. We believe that Peter's background and experience will achieve an even greater presence in the community of autism service providers for Eden. Once again I thank our unbelievable staff for the amazing work they do every day so our adults can continue to learn, grow and experience community life to its fullest. Have a warm and safe winter season!

Jamie Douglas
Managing Director of Adult Services

EMPLOYMENT UPDATES

BRIGGS CENTER

Since our last report, there have been several changes at Briggs Center. We were pleased to welcome two new participants to our center, Andrew Asch and Sheldon Hooper. Both men have proven to be great additions to our family. We also welcomed Teachers/Job Coaches Nicholas Mondello, Jonathan Davis and Alyse Weasner. We will miss several staff that has moved onto different areas of Adult Services, Kevin Sobkowiak is now a Teacher/Parent at Bonnell House; Ryan Platone is a Teacher/Parent at Princeton Mews apartment; and Chris Jorgensen is now the supervisor at Bendas Center, congrats guys. After having a fun filled summer we embrace the beauty of holiday gatherings and seasonal changes that the fall season brings, beginning with our Pre-Thanksgiving meet and greet enjoyed by all on November 21st.

DOBIAS CENTER

Dobias Center is enjoying the fall weather with weekly trips to the farm. All participated and enjoyed pumpkin picking and decorating. Participants are working on beautiful bracelets that are being sold at community stores and events, as well as online on the Eden website. On December 3, 2013, Dobias Center celebrated its one-year anniversary at its new location in Hamilton.

BENDAS CENTER

Bendas Center staff bids a fond farewell to Kerri Ledwinka; we wish her lots of luck. We recently had one of our job coaches transfer to Institute (Sarah Wall). In addition we welcomed our new Center Supervisor (Christopher Jorgensen). Our new participants seem to be settling in quite nicely, we are happy to have Spencer, Vania, Filiberto, and Greg. We are excited for the Holiday season. We have already decorated for the Holidays. All at Bendas Center enjoyed a Thanksgiving Feast. We will continue working on our beaded bracelets and t-shirts!

CLAYTON CENTER

The seasons are changing and Clayton Center staff and participants are looking forward to a busy holiday season. The participants have been enjoying decorating the center for the Fall Festival, carving pumpkins to display in front of Clayton Center and planting festive mums. We are excitingly awaiting newly purchased exercise equipment and have made a formal workout room and turned some open space into the "ClayTown General Store" where participants can practice purchasing their snack items. Staff has already started preparing for the Holiday festivities for the participants here at the center and are planning community giveback opportunities for the season. Clayton participants are doing an excellent job producing the bracelets that are being sold at numerous vendors around the area. Assistant Supervisor, Aditi Mankar and I would like to thank the Clayton Center team for living up to our motto "Team work makes the dream work" and keeping up the good work. We would like to wish former staff member Peter Rizkalla good luck in his leaving to further his education. We would also like to welcome staff members Chris Bryant and Alex Geller to the Clayton Team. Also, we would like to extend congratulations to Clayton Center Coordinator Munaza Shahid on her recent marriage. We wish her much happiness in the future and thank her for all she does for us here at Clayton.

EMPLOYMENT UPDATES (continued)

PRIMARY INTERVENTION PROGRAM (PIP)

Summer is over, and although the PIPsters enjoyed the hot weather, we're all ready for the beautiful fall colors and weather. This fall, PIP celebrated two birthdays: Staff member Kim Boyd on October 1st and participant Shari Hunter on October 18th. PIP enjoyed a fun-filled birthday party with cake and dance music. We look forward to the upcoming events of the fall Season: Pumpkin picking for Halloween, the annual Eden Fall Festival, and trips to the park before the cold chill of winter arrives. We are also very excited to have a special lunch outing on Halloween for all the hard work that PIP has done. We're excited to say that PIP's bracelet sales have been wonderful; all the hard work that was put into making them has paid off! We're thrilled to continue creating more beautiful bracelet designs for Eden.

RESIDENTIAL UPDATES

AVALON RUN

The guys at Avalon Run (Steven Greenberg and Kevin Petranich) had a busy summer. We went to Cape May and went parasailing and jet-skiing! We also went to Wildwood beach/ boardwalk. The guys spent a great deal of the summer at the pool in the Avalon community. We had a house warming dinner at the apartment and had very nice time. A lot of family and friends of the guys came to celebrate with them at their new apartment, and it was great having everyone there. The guys were also featured on channel 12 news for Autism Awareness month. They are looking forward to the holiday party/ one-year anniversary that will be coming up soon!

BLAXILL HOUSE

Everyone at Blaxill is doing great. The guys and staff are thankful for our new floors and cushions! This fall, the gentlemen at Blaxill have participated in activities including going to the movies and Sun Bank Arena events. All gentlemen enjoyed getting dressed for the Annual Awards Dinner. All are excited for the

holidays coming up. We are very grateful and thank the parents of Blaxill House participants for organizing the Holiday party this year. Keep warm have a safe and happy holiday!

BONNELL HOUSE

Greetings from Bonnell House! As the weather begins to chill and the frost covers the morning landscape, Bonnell House continues on. Our group home has gone through some visual changes as of late with our laundry room being redone and painted thanks to our maintenance department. In addition, our upstairs bathroom is getting a complete overhaul with a brand new handicap accessible shower and numerous other upgrades. While our guys aren't too pleased with the bathroom being out of commission right now, we are positive they will love it long term. Bonnell House has welcomed Kevin Sobkowiak to the group home as a teacher parent. Kevin comes from Briggs Center where he worked with the Bonnell House participants for quite a while. Kevin brings a wealth of knowledge, positive attitude, and motivation that our group home has needed. We look forward to the winter months and the holiday season ahead!

RESIDENTIAL UPDATES (continued)

CARVER PLACE

Carver Place attended Spider-Man on Broadway on November 16th, and the annual Eden awards dinner November 27th. Upcoming events for Carver Place include I Play America in December and Monster Trucks in January. Way to ring in the New Year!

CEDAR COURT

We welcomed David Wilson and Carl R. Edmunds to their new home in the middle of November. The gentlemen appear to enjoy their new place and are adjusting well to their routine. We look forward to the Holiday Season and wish all Happy Holidays!

DEMPSEY HOUSE

Since our return from Busch Gardens in Virginia, Dempsey House has been going and going! If we had to pick our favorite time of year, fall would definitely take the cake! Dempsey House took full advantage of the beautiful cool weather by going pumpkin picking at Terhune Orchards, and spent a lot of time at our local park. We have loved decorating the pumpkins we picked. Everyone had an awesome time at the Fall Festival at Clayton Center. We celebrated Halloween night with plenty of candy, treats, and scary movies! We have attended many shows at Sun Bank Arena, as well as special outings for each participant each month. There were a lot of celebrations at Dempsey House! Holly Klausner celebrated her 25th birthday on November 23rd! At this year's Awards Dinner, Thomas Counsman, Manuel Soto, and Claire Hamara received their 15 year award! On December 26th, Thomas Counsman will be celebrating his 62nd birthday! Everyone is looking forward to the upcoming holidays!

DEMPSEY APT.

Michael and Antonio had a wonderful and exciting summer! The guys continued to enjoy volunteer work in their local community picking up trash along Village Road and making colorful cup cakes for their local fire department. The guys were very active this summer going bowling, visiting the library, museums, parks, Barnes & Noble, riding the River Line, Sun National Bank Center; swimming & BBQ by the pool, eating out at several local restaurants with Dempsey House and enjoying parties and dinners with the fabulous Farley ladies. Michael and Antonio ended their summer with a great big bang and a smile on their face, because along with Dempsey House, they spent a week at Busch Gardens amusement and water park, enjoying the many rides, especially the roller coasters and cooling off on the water rides. Michael and Antonio are looking forward for many activities for the fall and winter months.

FARLEY HOUSE

Greetings from the fabulous ladies at Farley! Our summer was filled with great activities like a trip to Adventure Aquarium in Camden, Great Adventure Safari and Philadelphia historical sight-seeing. The ladies also enjoyed local community activities like bowling, library visits, dining out and shopping, just to name a few. We also had the pleasure of enjoying weekly trips to Von-Thun's farm this summer for fresh fruits and vegetables. The ladies enjoyed juicing and making smoothies with the items from the farm. Although there was much fun to be had, the Eden family and Farley resident, Christine Simon, suffered a great loss. Mrs. Joan Simon, loyal mother, advocate for Autism and long time Eden

RESIDENTIAL UPDATES (continued)

FARLEY HOUSE (CONTINUED)

supporter passed on, but not before leaving a great legacy. She will be greatly missed by all whom had the pleasure of meeting her.

FARRELL HOUSE

Farrell House has been in fine spirits with the changing of the seasons. Fall is here, and the team is enjoying it. We've already impressed everyone with our new costumes at the Fall Festival at Clayton Center. The house is undergoing some pleasant changes as well, with new paint on the walls, and fancy furniture being set up in the rooms. We're keeping up a high level of community involvement, and our guys love it. The cold weather won't slow this house down!

HINKLE HOUSE

Greetings from the gentlemen of Hinkle House! We would like to take a moment to fill you in on the exciting summer we just had. Our guys and staff enjoyed trips to Great Adventure Safari and Camden Aquarium where we got up close and personal with many exotic animals. We became very active outdoors by taking hiking trips, walks in the park and working up a sweat playing basketball in our driveway. Of course, we cannot forget our wonderful week at the Cape May Shore House where we relaxed at the beach, took morning walks on the bay, and enjoyed the Wildwood boardwalk. As the weather has become cooler we have begun to take pleasure in more indoor activities such as trips to Curtis Lanes, the movie theater, and events at the Sovereign Bank Arena. We recently celebrated Osi and Doug's birthdays by going out to eat and enjoying candles and cake. We are looking forward to the Holidays! Happy Holidays to all!

HINKLE APARTMENT

Greetings from Hinkle Apartment! We would like to take a moment to fill you in on the exciting summer we just had. Our guys and staff enjoyed trips to Trenton Thunder baseball games and Tennessee where we got to eat at a lot of great BBQ restaurants. Of course, we cannot forget our wonderful week at the Cape May shore house where we went jet skiing, went to water parks, and enjoyed the Wildwood boardwalk. As the weather has become cooler we have begun to take pleasure in more indoor activities such as trips to Curtis Lanes, the movie theater, and events at the Sovereign Bank Arena. The fall has also brought change to our home. We welcome our new teacher parent Freddy Cristian to the apartment! We are looking forward to planning other great trips as well as the Holidays! Happy Holidays to all!

LAWRENCE SQUARE

Lawrence Square apartment has been very active over the past few months. In September, we enjoyed trips to the local movie theatre, bowling, and going out to eat. Matt and Travis also enjoyed taking part in Eden's annual Fall Festival. Among the many community activities we enjoyed, we have visited Terhune Orchards for apple picking and to feed the animals. We also went on a haunted hayride in East Windsor and we are looking forward to the upcoming holiday season.

LOMBARDI HOUSE

Lombardi House has been great for the past couple of months. Back in August Michael Lombardi celebrated turning 51 and in September Nicholas Belfiore also turned 51.

RESIDENTIAL UPDATES (continued)

LOMBARDI HOUSE (CONTINUED)

Both guys had parties with family and staff to celebrate. Things are going exceptionally well! We are currently redesigning/decorating the rooms for the guys to simply give things a new look for a new season. We are all doing well and are all looking forward to the holiday season! Happy Holidays!

NICHOLAS HOUSE

Nicholas ladies and gentlemen enjoyed their summer trip to Dorney Park! They also had fun on their Asbury Park boardwalk picnic. Nicholas House continues to be involved in our community giveback mission by donating clothing's & cleaning supplies to our community partners who have the same advocacy commitment. So far, Nicholas participants have been actively involved in going out in the community for their preferred leisure activities such as going to the local movie theater as well as shopping trips to the different malls in the nearby areas including: Cherry Hill Mall and Jackson Outlet. Our Nicholas House ladies continue to enjoy their horseback riding at Riding High Farm every Friday. Also, they have attended the annual Fall Festival held at Clayton Center and enjoyed their pumpkin painting. This fall, the participants at Nicholas House will enjoy visits to Terhune Farm for donuts and apple cider. We would like to acknowledge Shari Hunter who just celebrated her 37th birthday on October 18th. Shari had a great birthday party with all her housemates in attendance. This fall and winter, Nicholas House will continue their commitment on giving back to the community, planning interesting and fun trips, and enjoying the crisp fall weather.

NOONAN HOUSE

In early October, we celebrated the beginning of autumn by taking a drive to Terhune Orchards! While there we experienced pumpkin picking, enjoyed live music, and tried their delicious Apple Cider donuts. With the leaves changing, the boys are anticipating their annual Awards dinner in which three of the Noonan participants will be recognized. Scott Vandervliet, Jerry Dougherty, and Scott Wattenberg will all be receiving awards at the ceremony. To fully immerse ourselves in the fall festivities, we've spent a lot of time baking apple pies, decorating the home, and sitting outside watching the leaves fall. Scott Vandervliet spent his 42nd birthday by inviting Dempsey House and Dempsey Apartment over for pizza, soda, and House of Cupcakes. As we all came together celebrating Scott's birthday, we also enjoyed the boys last party together before Dave Wilson embarked on a new journey in which he moved into a new apartment. It is a bittersweet time for us all, but we're excited for Dave's new adventures.

PRINCETON MEWS

Greetings from our new apartment that opened its doors to Christopher Dougherty and Alexander Polyakov on November 9, 2013. The gentlemen have settled well in their new environment and had the chance to enjoy the Eden Awards dinner and Thanksgiving Holidays with their families. We look forward to an exciting winter season and wish all a Peaceful Holiday!

RESIDENTIAL UPDATES (continued)

SOBOLEVITCH HOUSE

The gentlemen and staff at Sobolevitch house are all doing great. We all enjoyed the last of summer with more trips to Six Flags and other events like the Italian American Festival. We have all been enjoying the change in weather and are anticipating a wonderful holiday season. We celebrated Scott Bonnell's 53rd birthday in October with cake and a trip out to eat. The guys had a bunch of fun at the Fall Festival and pumpkin'pickin'. They had even more fun decorating their pumpkins! All enjoyed the Awards Dinner ceremony, where Michael Schwallie, Scott Bonnell, Patrick Windels, and Steven Winsten were honored! Sobolevitch House team is also very proud of Michael Schwallie in qualifying for the cycling event and becoming part of Special Olympics Team NJ in 2014 Summer Games. Happy Holidays, and we hope to see you all soon!

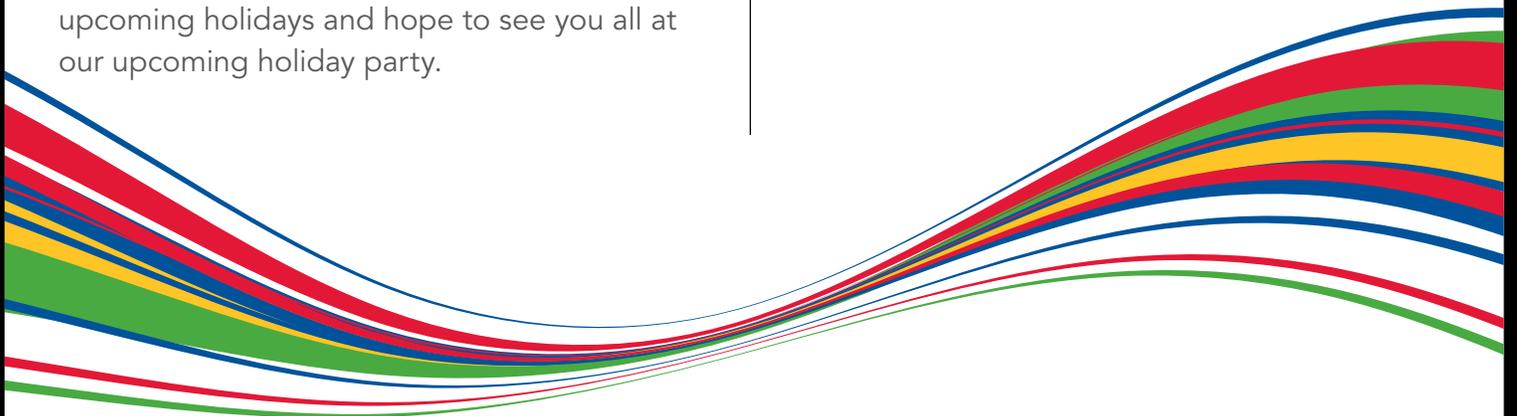
WINSTEN HOUSE

Everyone at Winsten has been great! We have been enjoying the change in seasons. We all went to the Fall Festival, Pumpkin picking, and a hay ride, which was a lot fun for all. All the guys enjoyed decorating the house for Halloween and eating Halloween candy. We always enjoy spending quality time with all of our family members who come and visit us at Winsten House. We are looking forward to the upcoming holidays and hope to see you all at our upcoming holiday party.

WINDSOR MILLS

Greetings from the Apartments at Windsor Mills! We find our heroes in the throes of fall. All four of them are doing well, and enjoying the cooler weather. Just over a month ago, they vacationed at the Cape May house, and had a great time! They enjoyed shopping and sightseeing in Cape May and taking the ferry to Lewes as well. They greatly enjoyed the Fall Fest and are looking forward to the holiday season and visiting with their families. We are planning for our holiday get-together with families in December.

At 1631, Eric is doing great, and loves being outside in this crisp weather. Adam is busy with his Toys for Tots drive. Toys for Tots collection boxes are set up at Briggs/Dobias Centers in Hamilton, Bendas/Clayton Center in West Windsor and the Eden Education and Outreach Center in the Princeton Forrestal Village. Adam is also participating in the Animal Shelter Drive and collection boxes have been set up at the West Windsor and Hamilton employment center locations. Over at 1731, Ariel and Martin have been doing well and have been enjoying walks outside. We wish you all a great Fall Season, and a Happy Holidays.



BRACELET PROGRAM



Eden Adult Services Bracelets are now available online! Some of you have seen or have already purchased the beautiful creations made by the adults in Eden's Employment Program. Up until now you were only able to get them at an event or one of the 7 retail outlets where they are sold, but now you can order the bracelets online through www.edenautism.org. All of Eden's work centers participated in creating the 12 bracelet designs that are available for purchase. To date, we have sold nearly 1,000 bracelets. For additional designs, you may visit one of the locations where the bracelets are being sold.

THESE LOCATIONS INCLUDE:

Bendas/Clayton Center, West Windsor
Briggs/Dobias Center, Hamilton
Eden Express, Princeton Forrestal Village
Ebb Studio, Hopewell
Toy Genius, Freehold Raceway Mall
Melz Salon and Spa, Lawrenceville
Charmed By Claire, Cranbury
Munich Reinsurance Company Store
Stewarts Rootbeer, Route 33 Hamilton



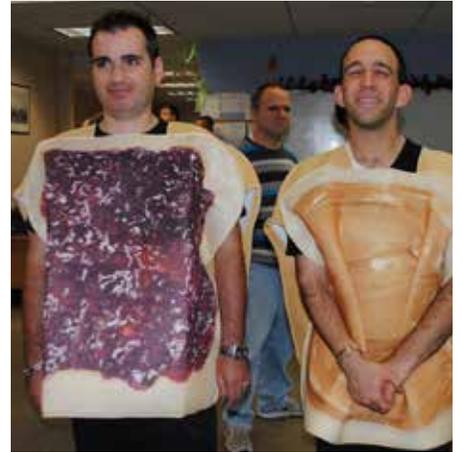
Just a reminder that there is a clothing donation box located in the back of the parking lot at Bendas/Clayton Center on Old Trenton Road in West Windsor. Clean out your closet and help Eden earn money while recycling your clothing items.

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PHOTO GALLERY

FALL FESTIVAL



Participants enjoyed a fun-filled day of fall activities during the annual Adult Services Fall Festival

THANKSGIVING FEAST



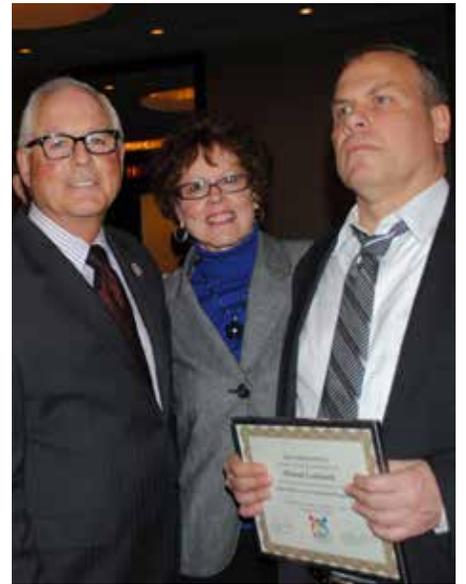
Each employment center enjoyed a full Thanksgiving dinner. Pictured is the Briggs Center celebration.

AWARD RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our 29 adult employment participants who received "Years of Service" awards at Eden's Annual dinner which took place on November 23rd. Pictured are some of our honorees.



AWARD RECIPIENTS (continued)



UPCOMING EVENTS

RESIDENTIAL HOLIDAY PARTIES

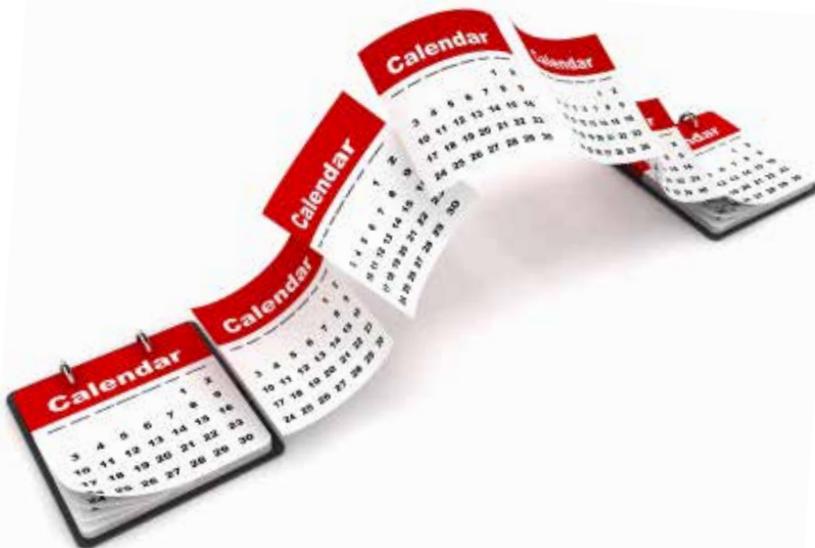
occurring throughout the months of December 2013 and January 2014

JANUARY 2014

27-29 SONJ Winter Games

FEBRUARY 2014

TBD Roller Skating Party



HOLIDAY/ PROGRAM CLOSINGS

DECEMBER 2013

24 Christmas Eve
25 Christmas Day

JANUARY 2014

1 New Year's Day
20 Martin Luther King Day

FEBRUARY 2014

17 President's Day

APRIL 2014

18 Good Friday

MAY 2014

26 Memorial Day

FOUNDATION NEWS

Several grants have been secured recently for the benefit of Eden's adult services programs, including: \$9,600 from Church & Dwight to purchase automated external defibrillators (AEDs) for six of our group homes; \$10,000 from the Maria Grazia Panaro Foundation to purchase iPads for our adult participants; and \$8,000 and \$7,500 from the Nordson Corporation Foundation and Janssen Pharmaceuticals, respectively, to provide operating support for the adult employment program. Previously received donations earmarked for adult services have also helped make possible several recent projects at our group homes, including exterior painting at Dempsey and Farley Houses, a new roof for Farley House, new furniture at Noonan and Blaxill Houses, and a new kitchen floor at Bonnell House.