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COFFEE CART

Variety is providing the perfect pick-me-up to start your morning! Mondays through Fridays our flagship Variety Coffee Cart at the Montgomery County Human Services Center is serving fruit, chips, pastries, beverages, and of course, coffee! The coffee cart is the first stage of our Variety Works program which offers paid job skills training for young adults with disabilities.

The coffee cart teaches program participants multiple job skills while also providing them with part-time

wages. Handling transactions, food service, and customer relations are only a few of the many skill areas coffee cart employees are able to practice. These practical skills will help train them for any future employment opportunities they might be interested in.

As of now, we have a total of 6 people signed up for the pilot program, but even more are on the

way. We have recently become OVR/ODP waiver providers meaning we can begin to offer assessment services to help place young adults with disabilities in a job field they are likely to be successful in and enjoy. The coffee cart is the first step

in a long process of providing these young adults with more opportunities to become independent and self-confident.

We are so proud to be taking the

first steps in our Variety Works program, but we are even more excited to see the kind of impact it has already had on our pilot participants. One quote from one of the participants sums this up perfectly when he said, "Thank you so much for giving me this opportunity. I never thought I would have a real job." Hearing that from someone in our program makes all the hard work worth it!



CALENDAR

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| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| | | | | 1 Vocational Club | 2 Weekend Retreat | 3 Weekend Retreat <hr/> Sat. Arts |
| 4 Weekend Retreat | 5 Socialization Club | 6 Vocational Club | 7 Socialization Club | 8 Vocational Club | 9 | 10 Saturday Arts |
| 11 | 12 Socialization Club | 13 Vocational Club | 14 Socialization Club | 15 Vocational Club | 16 | 17 St.Patrick's Day <hr/> Sat. Arts |
| 18 | 19 Socialization Club | 20 Vocational Club | 21 Socialization Club | 22 Vocational Club | 23 | 24 Vegas at Variety <hr/> Sat. Social |
| 25 | 26 Socialization Club | 27 Vocational Club | 28 Socialization Club | 29 Vocational Club | 30 | 31 Saturday Arts |

Vegas at Variety



We're betting on YOU to support Variety children at our annual Vegas at Variety event. Join us March 24th to play at any of our black jack, poker, craps, or roulette tables for the chance to win spectacular prize baskets.

This year's honoree's are Katie Spencer and Marialyce Ibach! Help us support these two awesome Variety alumnae by coming to our annual Vegas at Variety event!

When: Saturday, March 24, 2018

Where: College Hall at Montgomery County Community College, Dekalb Pike (Rte. 202), Blue Bell, PA

Time: 7 - 11pm

Tickets: <http://varietyphila.org/vegas-at-variety>



TEMPLE SATELLITE CAMPUS

Variety is very excited to announce we are partnering with Temple University to offer a two-week day camp at a satellite campus this summer! This partnership allows us to continue to provide recreational programming to the Philadelphia area through activities such drama, music, arts and crafts, science and technology, music, dance, nature, cooking and more! Our satellite camp will run for two weeks on Temple University's campus in the Public Health building for the weeks of July 16th-20th and July 23rd-27th. Registration is now open for those weeks on Ultra Camp, however you may also request a paper application via mail if preferred. Please feel free to email or call our camp director, Angela Hall, with any questions, angela.hall@varietyphila.org or 610.584.4366 ext. 220.



EVENTS



Let Them Eat Cake

Sunday, February 25 • Loews Philadelphia

Sample cakes from more than 35 of the area's best pastry chefs while enjoying live music and unlimited wine tastings. Our 2018 theme is Let Them Eat Cake In the Jungle.



Vegas at Variety

Saturday, March 24 • Montgomery County Community College

Join us March 24th to play at any of our black jack, poker, craps, or roulette tables for the chance to win spectacular prize baskets. Your winnings CANNOT be exchanged for cash, but they can be redeemed for prize tickets. Help us celebrate our 2018 honorees: Katie Spencer and Marialyce Ibach



Black Hat Bash

Thursday, April 26 • Water Works

Put on your best black hat and join us for Variety's signature event, the Black Hat Bash! On Thursday, April 26 we will be honoring our 2018 Golden Heart of Variety award recipients at Water Works in Philadelphia. This year's deserving honorees are Tim Abell of Firstrust and Doug Zeiders of HRMML.



For more information on any of these events go to www.varietyphila.org