

STAR's Transportation Services Continue to Grow

- 53 vehicles drove over 497,000 miles last year.
- STAR's fleet made over 6,900 trips bringing clients to jobs, activities and appointments.
- STAR's new, fully electric Chevy Bolt logged over 8,000 silent miles without any gasoline or maintenance expense and has received rave reviews as a "test" vehicle for the future.

STAR placed 11 people in new jobs including 5 "First Jobs" for people 18-42 years old.

- Average tenure on the job of all people supported in employment by STAR is 9.2 years.
- STAR Job Developers performed 1564 hours of community outreach to find potential employers
- 67 employers are engaged by STAR with employed individuals.

STAR Provided Residential Supports to over 100 individuals in a variety of options.

- Residential options included DDS-Licensed Group Homes (63 adults in 12 homes); Licensed CLA's: Clustered Apartments (17 adults in 8 apts.); and apartments or In-Home Supports (22 adults).

STAR Family Supports touch more than 164 families

- Families received support and assistance for their children over age 3. Support included attending PPT meetings, IEP planning, camp, day care, transition from school to adult services, college planning, DDS eligibility, respite, identifying advocates and, attorneys, estate planning, private school referrals, and referral to numerous inclusive community resources.

STAR Senior/Adult Day Services supported 25 special events, 95 community outings and 2 community volunteer outings.

- Twenty-five people ages 48-85 participated in STAR's Senior/Adult Day Program.

Over 316 children benefitted from STAR's Birth to Three programs

- Last year 38% of the children served by the program reached their developmental milestones. 100% of the children left STAR with a Transition Plan to guide their next steps.
- For children who need ongoing support, STAR collaborates with six local school districts to ensure smooth and coordinated transitions for each student and family.
- STAR announced a new collaboration with Jumpstart Program/Stamford Jewish Community Center called JumpSTARs as an activity-based family support network to promote well-being.

220 STAR Day Services Participants volunteered over 2430 Hours in the community this year!

- Volunteers assisted at a variety of locations including Person-to-Person, Meals on Wheels, Waveny Care Center, New Canaan Nature Center, The Marvin, Kingsway, Open Door Shelter, New Canaan Mounted Troop, Domestic Violence Crisis Center, Circle Care and more!

STAR Day Services participants were active in over 925 Classes in the community:

- Classes included financial literacy, first aid/CPR, equine care and horseback riding, theatre, aqua fitness, pottery, dance, animal caretakers, book club at the library, fitness, cooking/baking, art, music appreciation and nutrition. STAR added classes this past year especially for young adults.

Over 150 individuals participated in over 307 STAR Recreation Activities!

- Recreation activities included dances and parties, swimming, religious and social groups, garden club, book club, bowling, mini golf, music group, cooking class, bingo, woodworking, girls' salon night, sailing, sporting events, theater, dinner/movie, Sports Buddies, fishing, concerts, Theater of STARs and running with MyTeamTriumph..

STAR's Self Advocacy Group keeps growing in influence.

- Over two dozen members met the second Tuesday of every month to discuss ongoing issues including money management, voting, legislative topics and ways to increase independence.

STAR received program grants and capital project grants totaling over \$1,500,000

- Program grants: The Community Fund of Darien, New Canaan Community Foundation, Dionne Foundation, Fairfield County Community Foundation, Walmart Arc@ Work, Probus, New Canaan Young Women's Club, United Church of Rowayton, The First Congregational Church Darien and more.
- Capital Projects at STAR Headquarters: **Governor's Non Profit Grant Program** added over \$1.3 million more to continue the dramatic transformation of STAR Headquarters that already included exterior stucco, new windows and doors, new HVAC, interior carpet and paint, sprinkler and computer system. The next phase includes converting space in garages and stock areas to create flexible program space for the growing variety of current and future programs and resources.