



## Supporting People with Disabilities Since 1972

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*CO-OP has some exciting news, happenings and projects to share with you. Our days may be getting shorter but we make the most of every hour, every day, every season!*

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# Phonus Balonus

You are invited to a Music 4 CO-OP

## *Phonus Balonus Cocktail Party*

to celebrate the introduction of a new Christmas CD featuring songs written, performed, and produced by Music 4 CO-OP's members.

Join us for a 1920's-era themed party

**Thursday, November 10, 2016**  
**Fireside Grille, Middleboro**  
**5:30 - 8:00 p.m.**

Included in the ticket price are live performances, a free copy of the holiday CD, light hors d'oeuvres, and dancing. There will be a cash bar available.

Tickets are \$20 and are **very limited**. They go on sale **October 1** on a **first-come first-serve** basis. [Purchase on-line tickets](#) on October 1.

Enjoy the CO-OP Chorus, various individual performers, and *The Phonus Balonus Jazz Band*. Come decked out in your 1920's-era clothes and, above all, be prepared to party!

A little party never killed nobody!



## Join the CO-OP team in the BIA-MA Walk & Roll for Brain Injury

We are forming a CO-OP team to support the valuable work done at the Brain Injury Association of Massachusetts.

Join us in the Walk & Roll for Brain Injury to be held **Saturday, September 24** at 9:30 a.m. at the Cape Cod Canal in Bourne.

**A limited number of walkers will be sponsored with registration paid by CO-OP.** For information, contact Katelyn Eagan at keagan@co-op.cc or Jeanne Connolly at jconnolly@co-op.cc.

Registration is \$25 (\$10 for brain injury survivors) and children are free. With registration, participants will receive a free t-shirt and lunch. Fundraising is encouraged but not required.



## And now for some program news...

### Working Together!



Partnering local businesses with CO-OP provides great opportunities for folks to learn new skills and experience a variety of job sites as they work toward their individual employment goals.

Today we are highlighting CO-OP's Brado Pando and Debra Borges and the local businesses who have opened their doors to provide them employment opportunities.

We'd like to recognize Dighton's **Fast Mart** owners Prasann and Meera Thakrar who have offered Brady Pando valuable experience in their busy convenience store located just across the street from CO-OP's 455 Somerset Avenue in Dighton site. Meera and Brady have hit it off like old friends. We think it is because they share a quirky sense of humor!



Also, Taunton's **Hello Gorgeous Hair Salon's** owner, Amanda Crowell, has hosted several CO-OP folks as they work toward acquiring new skills. Most recently, Debra Borges has assisted Amanda in keeping the shop clean and tidy. Debbie is very conscientious and is doing a great job. We did, however, convince her to stop for one moment to take some pictures!

Both Brady and Debbie are working with CO-OP staff member Anne Bushee on a skills assessment to see what types of jobs most interest them and the skills they need to be successful as they move forward with their employment goals.

### CO-OP ABI Program Grows

The Massachusetts Department of Developmental Services (DDS) has again shown faith in the outstanding work done by CO-OP staff and administrators. As the need for acquired brain injuries (ABI) supports grows, DDS has turned to CO-OP for both residential and day programs for this group of individuals.



CO-OP is pleased to have broken ground in Marion for a new construction ABI residence. The project is expected to be completed this fall and we look forward to welcoming four people into this lovely home.

In addition to moving into a new home, the newest

folks to join the CO-OP community will also have the opportunity to attend the CO-OP ABI day program.

As our ABI supports grow, so do our physical needs and now the search is on for a new day program site. Stay tuned...



## Christmas in July at Taunton Day Habilitation at Ingell St.



After weeks of preparation, lots of creativity and hard work, we celebrated Christmas in July at Ingell Street. Activities included holiday movie day, a photo booth, caroling, a room decorating contest, and Summer Santa. The week wrapped up with a Friday holiday sing-along.

All our folks worked hard to create some Christmas joy. Although it was warm outside, inside we felt the joy of the winter holiday season.

Special thanks go to our own CO-OP Christmas Chorus who traveled from room to room to spread the cheer. After all, no Christmas is complete without carolers!

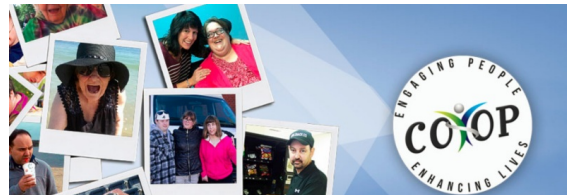
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We're having fun connecting on [Facebook](#), [Twitter](#) and [LinkedIn](#) and hope you will join us as we share what's happening at CO-OP.

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Please forward this to your friends so they can [sign up for CO-OP news](#).

Tell us what you think about our website [www.co-op.cc](http://www.co-op.cc)!



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