

Annual COMPASS/QI Activities Report to the Board 3/13/19

Dr. Glicksman updated the Board regarding COMPASS. The annual Purim Party was a smashing success, with over 200 people in attendance from throughout the agency. One added feature this year was a "Breakfast for Dinner" theme, which included pancakes, waffles, cereal, and other breakfast goodies. In addition to fitting into the Purim "Turnabout" theme, the idea for a "breakfast for dinner" aspect came directly from the Cutting Edge Committee, who came up with the idea as a fun way to bring some *shtick* and excitement to the festivities. The topic of an agency-wide event such as this was discussed at the CEC in response to a recommendation by OPWDD at our most recent COMPASS survey to have more agency-wide events and goals.

A second agency-wide program held for the past few months was a Community Inclusion Photo Contest. Programs took pictures of the service participants engaged in community inclusion activities, sent the pictures to a celebrity panel of judges (including Carol Sufian, Shaindy Gurwitz, and Ariel Sharpe of the QA department), and received prizes and shout-outs on social media for the most artistic, inclusive pictures. A lot of homes, staff, and service participants took part, and we look forward to more agency-wide endeavors in the future.

The Makor College Experience had a *Shabbaton* at the White *Shul* in Far Rockaway, hosted by Rabbi Feiner. The community really opened up their hearts and homes to the guys, inviting them for meals, joining in a community-wide *shaloshseudot* in their honor, and even organizing a *motzaei Shabbos* concert. A great time was had by all, and the *shul* wrote about the event in *The Jewish Home* magazine.

As part of our community education initiative, Dr. Glicksman had two articles on topics of inclusion published, one in a book on Inclusion and Jewish Law published by *YeshivatHaKotel*, and one published on the OU Website.

Meyer Greenberger, a service participant from 12th Avenue, recently had a third book of essays published. Meyer continues to refer to his writing career as a, "dream come true". The book is titled, "Ohr Meyer: Looking at The Big Picture", and is available on Amazon.