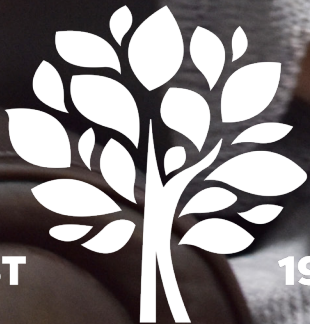


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KenCrest's mission is to support community development by exploring possibilities, mobilizing resources, and empowering dreams.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Dear Friends,

One hundred and twenty years ago, in a small Philadelphia neighborhood, KenCrest planted the first seeds of its mission — a commitment to supporting those in need. What began in 1905 as the Kensington Dispensary for the Treatment of Tuberculosis has grown into an expansive network of support, nurturing individuals and families through generations.

From the earliest days of home health visits and dental clinics to helping children and adults thrive, KenCrest has always been more than just a service provider — we are a lifeline, a guide, and a champion for inclusion. Over the decades, as needs evolved, so did we, ensuring that every individual we serve has the opportunity to live a fulfilling and independent life.

Today, we continue that mission through an ever-growing array of programs: Lifesharing, Supported Independent Living, Adult Residential, Employment services, and Enabling Technology. Whether helping someone find meaningful employment, creating safe and supportive living environments, or utilizing technology to foster independence, our work is rooted in empowerment and possibility.

As we celebrate our 120th anniversary this June, we look not only to our past but also to the future — and we invite you to be a part of it. "Grow With Us" as we embark on the next chapter of our journey. Your support helps ensure that individuals receive the guidance, resources, and encouragement needed to thrive.

Throughout this issue, you'll find the story of Sandy and her resilience, growth, and the life-changing impact her and her family has had because of our programs. We invite you to explore our history, learn more about the work we do, and discover how you can help us continue to create a more inclusive, supportive community for all.

Thank you for being part of our story. Here's to the next 120 years — together.



Patricia Hillis-Clark, PsyD
Vice President of Programs

A LEGACY OF CARE:

One Family's Journey with KenCrest

KenCrest's unwavering support helped Sandy find independence and embrace a new chapter of her life with confidence, while dealing with a tragic life event.

By Sydney Kerelo

In 1905, in the heart of Philadelphia's Kensington neighborhood, a determined member of the Lutheran Church, Sister Maria Roeck, saw a desperate need in her community. Tuberculosis was sweeping across the nation, leaving families broken and lives uncertain. But Sister Maria refused to stand idly by. She opened a small dispensary, providing medical care to those who had nowhere else to turn. What started as a mission of healing soon grew into something much greater — a movement centered on dignity, respect, and unwavering support. Over the years, KenCrest evolved, pioneering new approaches to disability services, independent living, and community-based care.

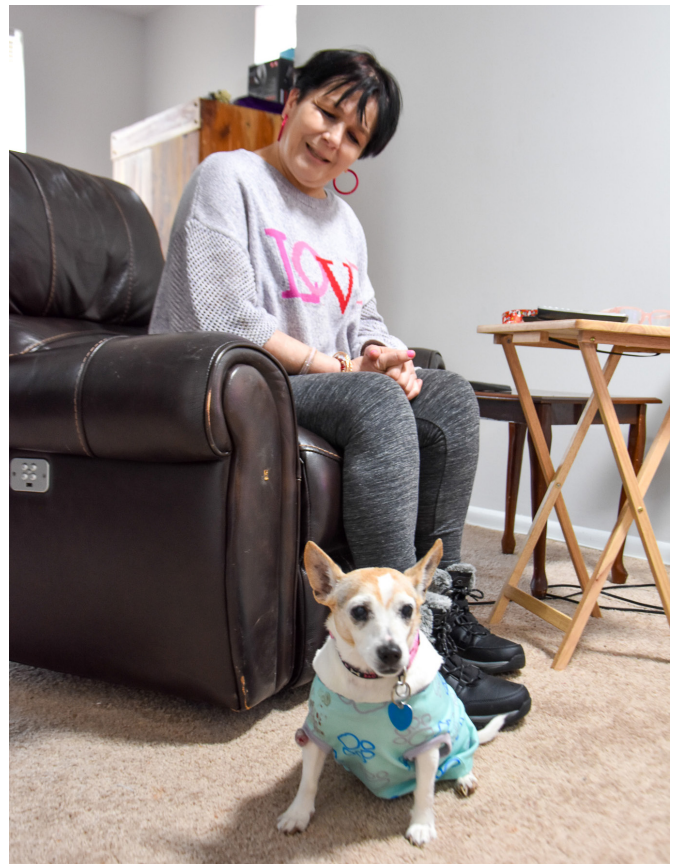
For over a century, KenCrest has asked a crucial question: What does it truly take to help someone? Time and again, the answer has been found in our ability to go beyond expectations — to not only provide services but to uplift, empower, and walk alongside those in need.

Sandy and her family's story is a testament to this mission.

A Family's Journey With KenCrest

For more than 25 years, KenCrest has been a guiding presence in one family's journey — offering support, encouragement, and a sense of belonging. Sandy first connected with KenCrest as a young mother of three, seeking opportunities for her children to grow, learn, and engage with their community. But as life unfolded, KenCrest's role in her life evolved in ways she never expected.

Angela Marshall, now the Director of Supported Independent Living, still remembers her first encounter with the family over 25 years ago. Kevin was just a baby then, and his older siblings, Jessica and Michael — only seven and five — were receiving after-school and extended care support through the agency's Personal Support Network, which has since become Community-Based Services. As the years passed, KenCrest became a guiding presence in their lives, offering more than just assistance; it provided



*Sandy and her dog, Laila, enjoying their new apartment.
Photo by Aubrey Crompton*

experiences, friendships, and opportunities to grow. The children eagerly joined activity clubs, attended dances, and built connections within their community, gaining confidence and essential life skills along the way.

However, as childhood turned into adolescence, their needs evolved. Jessica dreamed of leaving their family house, Michael was inspired to live on his own, and Kevin, who was still young at the time, needed

A blue blanket with white text and colorful patterns, including stars and hearts, draped over a bed. The text includes "I love you", "Like a friend, you accompany me, encourage me", and "Be a nurse, take care of this world from the world". The blanket is decorated with small stars, hearts, and a crescent moon.

to build things, always curious about how they worked. I worked with him for a while and our relationship changed. He listened to me, respected me and still to this day will reach out to me when he has questions or needs support.”

Jessica and Michael were already living on their own and settled, it was only Kevin who needed help finding residential services. So, with Melissa’s help, along with many other KenCrest team members, Kevin moved into an Adult Community Living Home. At first, he was anxious, afraid of being alone, of starting over. But those feelings didn’t last long. In his new home, he found a sense of security and a newfound confidence. He embraced learning new skills, found joy in his independence, and secured his first job with the support of KenCrest’s Employment team, something he had always dreamed of but never thought possible.

In 2023, tragedy struck this family. Sandy’s husband, the children’s father, passed away suddenly. As she tried to navigate the unthinkable, another devastating blow came — she was diagnosed with cancer. With no extended family nearby and a growing fear of what lay ahead, she faced an impossible question: How would she navigate this alone? What would happen to her children? Who would care for her beloved dog, Laila, if she couldn’t?

KenCrest once again stepped in — not just as a service provider, but as a lifeline.

Now it was time for Sandy to get support. 🌸



Sandy at the Stepping Stone apartment, making herself a meal all on her own. // Photos by Aubrey Crompton



*Keep reading to follow the next chapter in Sandy’s journey, on page 12!**

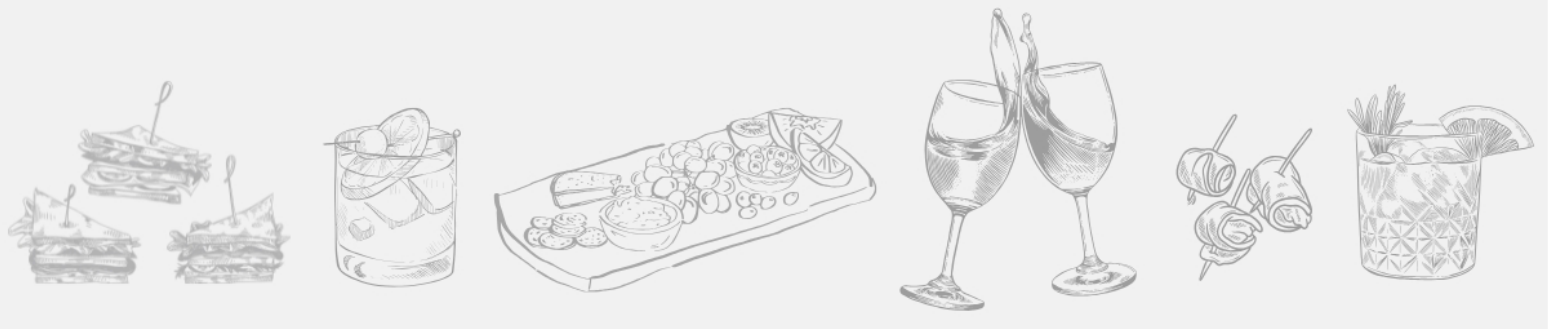
Sandy’s story is just one of many! KenCrest’s programs helped not only Sandy herself, but her entire family. Want to learn more about Supported Independent Living, and how it can help loved ones in your life? Visit our website: KenCrest.org/supported-independent-living



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Please join us for KenCrest's 2nd annual tasting event! Featuring a curated selection of wine, beer, and libations specially paired with delicious hors d'oeuvres. Enjoy excellent food and drink while learning about the history and dedication KenCrest has given over these past 120 years!

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EMPLOYMENT FOR INDIVIDUALS WITH DISABILITIES: WE'VE COME A LONG WAY

By Kim Goodwin, Arlington Heritage Group

In January 2025, the U.S. labor force participation rate — an estimate of the economy's active workforce — was 77.7%. In July 2008, it reached one of its highest peaks: 79.5%. By comparison, the labor force participation for people with disabilities was under 35% in July 2008 and dropped as low as 28.3% in 2014. However, in January 2025, the rate for people with disabilities reached its all-time high of 42%.* The landscape of employment for individuals with disabilities is transforming.

Legislation has certainly helped trends move in a positive direction, albeit slowly. Starting with the 1973 Rehabilitation Act, a landmark civil rights law that prohibited discrimination in federal programs, prohibited employment discrimination, and created funding to meet the needs of people with disabilities. The 1990 Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), a comprehensive civil rights law, offered more protections for people with disabilities by widening the areas that prohibited discrimination. It created the pathway for reasonable accommodations and provided for greater access to programs, services, and transportation. While laws have been in place for decades, the question remains, why are employment statistics for people with disabilities reaching all-time highs in recent years?

Shifting mindsets have played a significant, although intangible role in increased levels. This includes changing thought processes from providers, family members, and the individual themselves. A common misconception has persisted that receiving means-tested government assistance would disqualify individuals from those benefits if they became employed. In reality, this is not the case, and many

people are beginning to understand that.

Since 1986, Arlington Heritage Group has worked with human services providers, like KenCrest, to focus on financial management for people with disabilities. Our services allow those with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (I/DD) to plan for their future financial needs and manage and handle money while maintaining their eligibility for government benefits. We help educate families shift their understanding to allow them to strategize and maximize earnings while still securing benefits. Individuals are now thinking about what type of work they would like and how best to go about securing that employment.

The shifts in employers' attitudes have greatly helped to change the labor landscape. Large organizations, such as Apple, Google, Coca-Cola, Proctor & Gamble, and Sony, are providing necessary accommodations that empower individuals with disabilities to showcase their skills and talents. These companies and others like them are offering what has come to be known as competitive, integrated employment. These new policies adopted by major corporations appear to be making a big difference.

Over the years, shifts can be found in operations as supports have grown around employment for those with disabilities. Most states have developed programs to assist people with disabilities to pursue, obtain, and maintain consistent employment. The program's staff can help define individual employment goals and develop comprehensive strategies to find the type of job that meets the person's needs. We've come to a greater understanding that work can be more



Josh enjoying his job at Speck's in Collegeville, PA. // Photo by Aubrey Crompton

than just a paycheck; it is about fostering independence, instilling confidence, and enhancing overall well-being.

The development of provider programs such as KenCrest's Employment Services, which specializes in skill development and job search programs, has greatly advanced employment for people with disabilities. KenCrest uses a customized approach, preparing individuals of all skill levels for employment. The organization's career tagline, "Opportunities Grow Here", embodies that mission.

Many individuals KenCrest supports have found meaningful employment opportunities with the program's help. For example, Walt began exploring opening his own landscaping company, and Madison, anxious about her first job, began working at Goodwill. KenCrest follows the Employment First philosophy that everyone who wants to work can do so.

Over the years, KenCrest has built partnerships with employers such as Freedom Nissan, Giant, Normandy Farms, and Elmwood Park Zoo, helping to match opportunities to individuals that complement their skills and preferences for employment. While statistics continue to show a lag in employment for people with disabilities, the gap is beginning to close. As we move forward, we must create further progress in legislation, programs, and employer practices to continue narrowing the gap. While there is more room for improvement, we've come a long way. 🌸

**Source for Labor Participation Rates: Kessler Foundation and
The University of New Hampshire Institute On Disability (nTIDE)
www.researchondisability.org/ntide*



Danny re-organizing the stuffed animals at his job at Elmwood Park Zoo. // Photo by Aubrey Crompton

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Nurse and medical home individual at Pottstown Adult Community Living. // Photo by KenCrest

COMMUNITY OF SUPPORT



By Sydney Kerelo

**A Legacy of Care continued from page 7*

Angela Marshall had long advocated for Sandy's eligibility for additional services. "It had been a 10-year conversation trying to get Sandy approved for her waiver," Angela explains. "When we learned about her diagnosis, we knew we had to act fast. We had to find a safe place where she could heal."

That's when KenCrest's collaborative spirit truly shined. The Supported Independent Living team connected with Stephanie Brown and the Lifesharing team to explore respite services. However, a new challenge arose — Laila couldn't accompany Sandy to her temporary home. She couldn't bear the thought of being separated from her only companion and was willing to postpone surgery if Laila didn't have somewhere to go. That's when Russ Stewart, Director of Community Philanthropy, stepped forward. An avid dog lover, he took Laila in, ensuring she was well cared for while Sandy focused on her recovery. With Laila safe, Sandy underwent successful surgery and was welcomed into a Lifesharing home, where she found warmth, care, and an outpouring of support. The family celebrated her birthday, offered her comfort, and made sure she knew she wasn't alone. When her stay ended, KenCrest stepped up again, securing her a place in another Lifesharing home for ten days before transitioning her to an Adult Residential Community Living Home for additional respite until the next step in her journey was ready.

The teamwork across departments was nothing short of extraordinary. Staff from Lifesharing, Supported Independent Living, Enabling Technology, and Residential Services all played a role in ensuring Sandy had what she needed — not just for her recovery but for the next chapter of her life.

"Our PRIDE values, [Positive approaches, Reaching higher, Inclusion, Discovery, and Excellence] our staff and our service areas are a great resource and we rely on each other to allow people to live their best lives and to realize their dreams," says Stephanie Brown.

A Path to Independence

KenCrest didn't stop at providing temporary care. They worked with Sandy to help her regain her independence through the Stepping Stones Transitional Housing program — a new program created by Angela through the New Business Ideas program in 2022, as a way to help people with IDD gain the life skills necessary to live independently and to help identify what supports they will need to do so. Through that program, she learned essential life skills with the help of KenCrest's Enabling Technology team. Armed with an iPad and the MeMinder app, she gained confidence in handling daily tasks — preparing meals, managing medications, and caring for her home. QR codes placed throughout her living space guided her step



Logan, a CBS individual at a bowling outing with friends.
Asi, a Children's Transitional toddler with physical therapist nurse.
// Photo by Aubrey Crompton



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by step, ensuring that she could complete each task on her own.

Then, the moment she had long dreamed of arrived — Sandy moved into her very own apartment. She quickly made it her home, creating a space filled with warmth, love, and the comfort of having Laila by her side. Her daughter visits frequently, and Sandy hosted Thanksgiving for her family for the first time in years — a moment she had long dreamed of.

“I really love it here,” Sandy said with a smile. “I love the rooms, it’s quiet, and there are no problems. I like the dog park, and there are a lot of places nearby where I can walk to.”

Stephanie Brown reflected on the incredible teamwork that made this possible. “Everyone played a role in supporting Sandy — not just physically, but emotionally,” she said. “There were so many moving parts, but together, we made it happen. Without this collaboration, she might have had to postpone her surgery. But instead, she’s now living her best life.”


“Sandy’s dream was to prove to herself and to her family that she could live alone successfully and we’ve been able to work together and use our resources here at KenCrest to make her dream a reality,” she adds. “And she is now living her best life right now because we were able to rally around her in her time of need.”

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service areas are a great
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better lives and to realize
their dreams. ♡**

A Legacy That Endures

KenCrest's history is filled with stories like Sandy's — stories of resilience, transformation, and the power of community. From its founding days under Sister Maria Roeck to the present, KenCrest has remained steadfast in its mission: to empower individuals, challenge societal norms, and create pathways to independence for those in need.

Just as it once provided vital healthcare services to those suffering from tuberculosis, today KenCrest continues to meet people where they are — offering personalized, compassionate care. Sandy's journey is a modern reflection of that legacy. Through every heartbreak, every transition, and every triumph, KenCrest was there, proving that true care is not just about services — it's about relationships, trust, and a commitment to walking alongside those in need.

For over 120 years, KenCrest has been more than an organization; it has been a community. And as long as there are people like Sandy who need support, KenCrest will continue to answer the call — just as it always has. 

If Sandy's journey has inspired you, there are many ways to get involved with KenCrest's Supported Independent Living and Lifesharing program.

Learn more about becoming a Lifesharing provider or supporting the program by visiting [KenCrest.org/lifesharing](https://kencrest.org/lifesharing). Or find a home for your loved one to live independently through Supported Independent Living by visiting [KenCrest.org/supported-independent-living/](https://kencrest.org/supported-independent-living/).

WHY MEDICAID MATTERS AND WHAT'S AT STAKE FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES

Medicaid cuts threaten disability services — learn how it impacts the lives of those with I/DD and why advocacy matters.

By Sydney Kerelo

KenCrest's leadership team is closely monitoring recent changes to Medicaid coverage.

Proposed federal budget cuts in 2025 are threatening to slash **up to \$880 billion from Medicaid over the next ten years** — an alarming development for millions of Americans who rely on the program, especially individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities (I/DD).

For these individuals, Medicaid is not just a health insurance option — it's a crucial support system that funds everything from therapies and personal care to employment assistance and community living services. Without it, many people risk losing their independence and the care they need to survive and thrive. Around 6 million people in the U.S. use long-term Medicaid services and supports, and 4 million rely exclusively on home and community-based services (HCBS) to stay out of institutional settings.

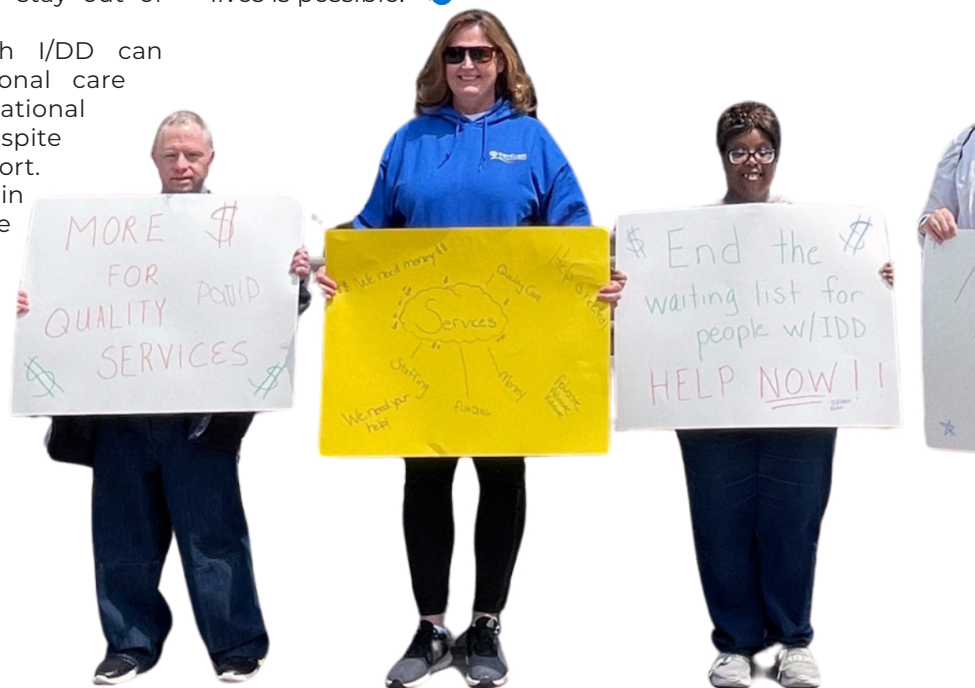
Through Medicaid, people with I/DD can access vital services such as personal care assistance, physical and occupational therapy, behavioral health services, respite for caregivers, and employment support. These resources are not just medical in nature — they allow individuals to live meaningful, independent lives within their communities.

However, **with over 711,000 people already on waitlists for HCBS funding, proposed Medicaid cuts could worsen** access, deepen caregiver burnout, and dismantle decades of progress toward inclusive,

community-based care. Individuals could lose their in-home support, therapies, job opportunities, and access to medical care, potentially forcing many into institutional facilities.

KenCrest, a leading advocate for individuals with disabilities, is taking a stand. The organization is closely monitoring changes to Medicaid and educating the public about the impact of these cuts. President and CEO Marian Baldini recently spoke at a Town Hall to explain how critical this issue is — and why now is the time to act.

To protect Medicaid and the people it supports, advocates urge community members to contact their legislators, share personal stories, and speak out in defense of disability rights. With enough collective action, preserving the essential supports enabling people with I/DD to live full, empowered lives is possible. 🌸



David, Stephanie, Tiffany, and Kristen from Lifesharing attending a RCPA rally in Harrisburg, PA. // Photos by KenCrest

HOW KENCREST'S NEW AMBASSADOR PROGRAM STRENGTHENS OUR VOICE FOR CHANGE

KenCrest's Advocacy Ambassador Program empowers leaders to drive change, strengthening advocacy efforts in disability services and policy.

By Chip Riddleberger

Director of Government Relations and Advocacy

Advocacy is a powerful tool for change. By using your voice, you can lead the charge to create meaningful transformations, such as fighting for policy improvements or protecting essential rights. This year, KenCrest has been a strong voice for the people we support, ensuring their voices are heard and their rights defended.

Recognizing the importance of this work, our Director of Government Relations and Advocacy, Chip Riddleberger launched the Advocacy Ambassador Program (AAP) — a groundbreaking initiative designed to educate and equip both employees and external ambassadors with the knowledge and tools to expand their advocacy efforts. This program is not just for KenCrest staff but for anyone looking to become a champion for change in disability services.

A Commitment to Advocacy

KenCrest has always been at the forefront of advocating for the rights and well-being of individuals with disabilities. Understanding the critical role that public engagement plays in shaping policies and securing resources, the AAP is structured to educate, engage, and inspire participants to take action. The program's goals include:

- Building Advocacy Leaders — Educating participants on the legislative process, including federal and state policymaking and budget structures.

- Engaging in Real-World Advocacy — Encouraging participants to take part in legislative visits, Capitol Day meetings, and advocacy events to create meaningful connections with policymakers.

- Developing Leadership Skills — Training participants in persuasion and strategic communication ensures they can effectively advocate for the needs of those they serve.

By equipping employees with these essential skills, KenCrest is fostering a culture of

civic engagement that will drive meaningful change beyond the organization itself.

Hands-On Learning & Lasting Impact

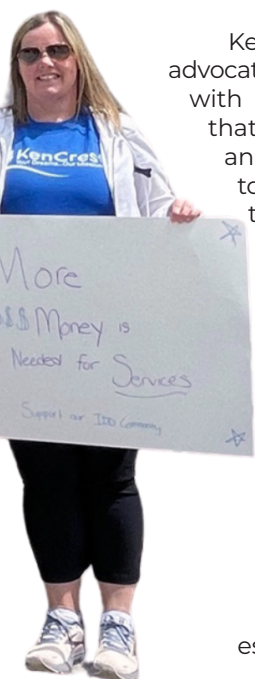
The 10-month immersive program combines online training with real-world advocacy experiences, ensuring participants gain foundational knowledge and practical skills. Ambassadors will learn about the history of civic action the voting process, and the art of persuasion while actively engaging in policy discussions and legislative meetings.

A key feature of the program is its mentorship component — graduates will serve as guides for incoming participants, ensuring that knowledge and experience continue to be passed down, fostering a sustainable cycle of leadership and impact.

Advocacy is essential to creating systemic change in disability services. By investing in both employees and external ambassadors, KenCrest is not just strengthening its own organization — it is shaping a future where advocacy efforts lead to better policies, stronger protections, and greater opportunities for those with disabilities.

KenCrest's commitment to this work is stronger than ever, and now is the time to get involved. Whether through participation, mentorship, or spreading awareness, you can help drive change.

Are you ready to be an advocate? Join KenCrest in shaping a better future for all. 🌱



For more information about the Advocacy Ambassador Program, please contact our Director of Government Relations and Advocacy, Chip Riddleberger at Chip.Riddleberger@kencrest.org.

HOW DONORS AND VOLUNTEERS HAVE SHAPED KENCREST

KenCrest has transformed lives for 120 years through donor and volunteer individuals of all abilities.

By Sydney Kerelo

Often, we find ourselves in awe of the sheer power of generosity — how a single act of giving can ripple through time, shaping the future in ways we never imagined. At KenCrest, we witness this every day. The kindness and commitment of our donors and volunteers have not only sustained our mission for over 120 years, but have propelled us forward, enabling us to expand and innovate in ways that continue to change lives.

Our story began in 1905 when Sister Maria Roeck's idea for the Kensington Dispensary emerged from the need to offer medical services to fight tuberculosis to the underserved. Over the next two years, 300 volunteers gave their time, services, and financial resources to ensure the Dispensary's success. Three women's auxiliaries formed, bringing together 257 members who dedicated themselves to ensuring the dispensary could continue its vital work.

During an interview with the Times Herald years ago, William J. Nolan, KenCrest Centers' Executive Director, spoke about Sister Maria's success in raising money for the organization. "When she ran out of money to buy supplies, she would shut the dispensary down and walk through the neighborhood raising money. She put together a board, then reached out to other communities to recruit people to work with her — not just Lutherans — to raise money."

Time and time again, the generosity of the community ensured that the Dispensary could continue its life-changing work.

As we grew, so did our mission. River Crest was established in 1913 to care for children and families suffering from tuberculosis. By 1925, we had cared for more than 2,000 children. But we knew we had to do more. The demand was overwhelming, and expansion was the only option. It was then that our Board of Managers and the River Crest Committee came together, determined to build a new facility. This space would offer specialized care, access to fresh air, better medical treatment, and a chance at a healthier future.

Raising funds for such an ambitious project was no small feat. With a goal of \$200,000 — equivalent to \$2 million today — KenCrest launched the "Give Us a Place in the Sun" campaign. Volunteers spread out across the city, speaking directly to donors and sharing the faces and stories of the children who needed their help. On the campaign's final day, 350 workers gathered at the Bellevue-Stratford Hotel, anxiously awaiting the results. When the final number was revealed — \$232,395 — cheers erupted. It was a testament to the power of community, proving that when people come together, there is nothing they cannot achieve.

This spirit of giving is the very foundation of KenCrest. Today, just as it was over a century ago, our donors are the reason we can continue expanding our mission. Their generosity fuels our ability to innovate, to offer new programs, and to ensure that those we support have the tools they



Photos from over the past 120 years of KenCrest

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- Lifesharing opportunities that pair individuals with welcoming families to foster inclusion and independence.
- Supported Independent Living programs that empower adults to live self-sufficiently while receiving necessary assistance.
- Community-Based Programs that integrate individuals into their neighborhoods and provide vital social and vocational opportunities.
- Enabling Technology initiatives that provide assistive devices and smart home solutions to maximize independence.
- Early Intervention and Early Learning services that support young children with developmental delays, setting the foundation for future success.
- Transitional Care Homes for Medically Fragile Children that provide a nurturing environment for children with complex medical needs.



And many, many more. These programs exist because of the generosity of people like you. We stand here today, looking back at 120 years of impact because of the people who have invested in our mission. To our donors — past, present, and future—you are the reason KenCrest thrives. Your support is more than a donation; it is a legacy, a promise that together, we will continue to create a world where everyone has the opportunity to flourish.

Because of you, KenCrest is, and always will be, a place in the sun. 🌻

t with multiple clients we served. // Photos by KenCrest



KENCREST'S COMMUNITY

**WEDNESDAY SEPTEMBER 10TH, 2025
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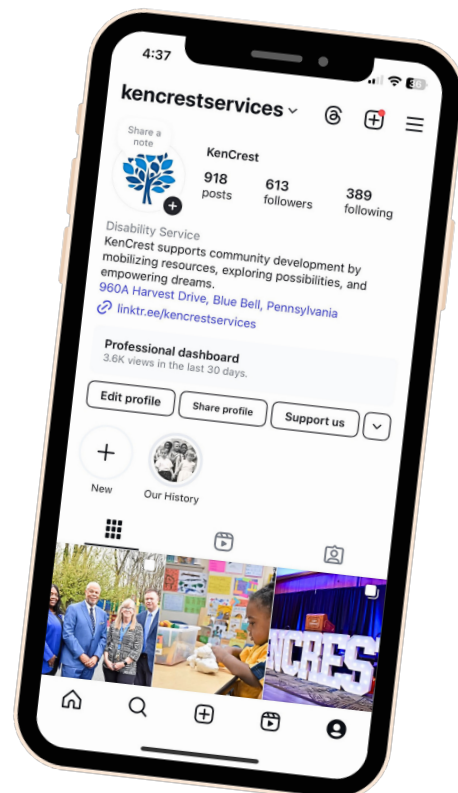
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