

# Helping change Lives Heart *by* Heart



2021  
FALL/WINTER

## HANNAH & KELLY IN HORSE HEAVEN



*Pictured with Lilly the horse is Hannah and Kelly (l to r) at their favorite farm.*

Hannah loves being at the horse farm and introduces her best friend Kelly to every horse. Hannah says excitedly with an infectious smile, “Lilly, the painted horse, is my favorite!”

Hannah can often be found at Calm Acres at Meadow Creek Farm, an equine assisted learning facility in Carroll County, Maryland. Under the watchful eye of owner Teresa Perrera,

Hannah is able to work one-on-one with Lilly. Teresa partners with Bello Machre’s Personal Support Services Program to offer sessions in equine therapy for individuals with special needs.

This was Kelly’s first visit to Meadow Creek Farm, and Hannah gave her an hour-long, hands-on master class on how to care for Lilly. She showed her everything: brushing, walking, petting, and the best part: hand-feeding Lilly yummy treats. *Continued on page 3*

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## MISSION

To provide a lifetime commitment of *loving care, opportunity, and guidance* for people with developmental disabilities in Maryland.



*As the year comes to a close, I find myself taking a trip down memory lane. Did you know that 2022 is Bello Machre's 50th Anniversary?*



*Dr. Robert T. Ireland*

I recently spoke with a mother of one of the founding families. In 1972, her son, who had extremely challenging disabilities, moved into one of the first campus homes.

She told me stories of how she, along with other moms and dads, drove to Annapolis to petition state officials for funding. She described the many challenges trying to raise funds for the first buildings and homes. A dedicated and committed group of families did it all, from meetings with county and state officials to bake sales and raffles. They worked day and night to realize their dream for their children. Like many of the other moms and dads, she knew the only other option was to place her son at Rosewood Center — a horrendous state institution which housed almost 3,000 people. She knew in her heart that there had to be something better.

As I reflect over the past 50 years, I am filled with gratitude to see our growth and stability. From accessible homes in the community, to people working in real jobs in the community, to all the people we support living life to its fullest — together, we're truly making a difference.

Our donors and friends over these 50 years have continued to make this possible.

To all of you — **thank you!** As we enter the coming year and celebrate this important anniversary, please know that your commitment and generosity make a profound difference in the lives of those we support, their families, and our community.

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## HANNAH & KELLY CONTINUED

Hannah and Kelly met through the Personal Support Services Program offered by Bello Machre in Carroll County. Their friendship has flourished and grown into an especially trusting one. Kelly was a little nervous about Lilly at first. “I rode a horse when I was six years old. That was the last time,” Kelly tells Teresa and Hannah. Hannah replies, “But you’re excited, right?!”

“Oh, yeah!” she says with bright eyes, as Lilly nuzzles her.

Hannah and Kelly’s entire morning was spent chatting and giggling while petting and brushing a very happy Lilly.

Thanks to the doors that were opened by Bello Machre, *Hannah and Kelly are truly enjoying life to its fullest.* 🌻



## PROGRAMS AND SERVICES

**Bello Machre** means *Home of My Heart* in Gaelic.

We provide a lifetime commitment of loving care, opportunity, and guidance for people with developmental disabilities in Maryland. The people we support will live in one of our 50 safe, beautiful homes or receive personalized care in their own home by trained and compassionate caregivers. Each person served by Bello Machre will have the opportunity to experience a meaningful day based on their needs and desires.

### **The Jesse and Hertha Adams Ray of Hope**

**Program** — We provide assistance to help meet the needs of individuals and families: from specialized summer camp to physical therapy and adaptive equipment expenses — Bello Machre will help families with whatever challenges they may face. Our Respite Care services provide support during family hospitalizations, emergencies, and vacations — 24-hours a day, seven days a week.

**Community Services** — We understand the daily challenges faced by many families. Together we develop a plan identifying needs and finding resources. Whether planning for a child just entering pre-school or needing in-home care for a family member who is aging, our dedicated and trained team helps every step of the way. The program also provides personal assistance including, but not limited to, helping families care for their children, providing transportation, purchasing and administering medication, initiating and navigating state funding, and buying medical accessories and equipment. Bello Machre also helps families through the application process — providing education about the ins-and-outs of the system. Our support services team provides case management including referral services, resource coordination, and advocacy.

**Meaningful Day Services** — We provide vocational and community-based adult day services, supported employment, and/or recreational, educational, and social opportunities for people with developmental disabilities. Our focus is to enrich the lives of those we support through activities within the community that promote the individual’s personal and/or professional growth. This may include supported employment, job development and training, career development resources, community-based day services, and skills training and communication resources.

**Residential Services** — We care for people in homes where they feel safe and loved. A live-in caregiver guides and helps those we serve so they can grow and develop and live life to its fullest. As those we serve continue to age and develop more complex medical needs, their homes will be available for a lifetime of care.

**Share Your Life** — Contact us today to find out how you can develop a meaningful connection and have a direct impact on the people we serve.

*Bello Machre, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization registered with the Maryland Secretary of State. It serves children and adults with developmental disabilities without regard to race, religion, gender, or national origin.*

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# LIVING THE BEST LIFE...



These photos speak volumes. The people we support are living life to its fullest, enjoying the community in which they live and work. Whether it's meeting Mom for lunch after the first week of college, visiting Hershey Park with friends, racing go-carts at the speedway, getting ready for a local art show, supporting the beloved Ravens football team, or getting ready for the Halloween parade, smiles of friendship, joy, and pride tell the story.



# SPECIAL GIFTS MAKE A DIFFERENCE!

*We are proud to announce two very significant gifts to Bello Machre*

## Phillips Charitable Foundation

Bello Machre is pleased to announce the award of a \$116,500 grant from the Phillips Charitable Foundation. This funding will be used as the down payment for Bello Machre's next state-of-the-art, fully accessible home. Eileen Gross, founder and president of Phillips Charitable Foundation, says, "Bello Machre is the gold standard in delivering services to children and adults with developmental disabilities. Phillips Charitable Foundation is honored to be an engaged partner by funding a variety of programs Bello Machre provides. Funding *The Phillips Home* in honor of my dear friend Howard W. Phillips, Jr. provides a living tribute to his generosity and is a great honor for all of us at the Foundation. We wish the future residents of *The Phillips Home* nothing but happiness living there."



*Dr. Ireland; Alexandra Crowley, Phillips Charitable Foundation Board Member; Tracy Lynott, Bello Machre Development Director; Eileen Gross, Phillips Charitable Foundation President, Board Chair; Jennifer Good, Phillips Charitable Foundation Vice President, Board Member (l to r)*

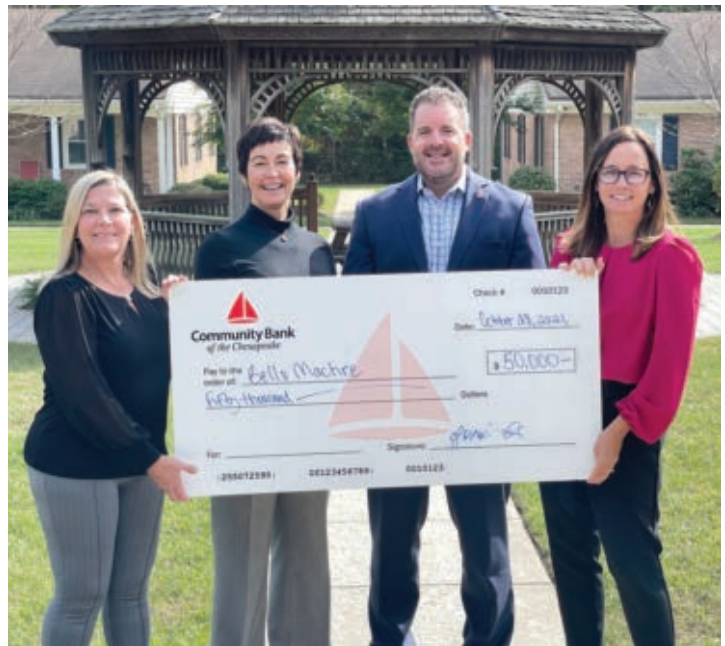
Located in Hanover, MD, the property will be the forever home for four adults in critical need of accessible housing. An open house and dedication are forthcoming in Spring 2022. 🌻

## Community Bank of the Chesapeake

Bello Machre is pleased to announce a \$50,000 charitable giving commitment from Community Bank of the Chesapeake (CBTC), payable over the next three years. CBTC's gift to Bello Machre is the latest in its four-year giving history to the organization. When this latest commitment is completed, CBTC will have contributed nearly \$90,000 since 2017, in support of Bello Machre's Every Step Counts, Golf Tournament, and 50th Anniversary Celebration. 🌻



*Bello Machre's Central Lane Home financed by the Community Bank of the Chesapeake.*



*Julie Provan, Bello Machre Vice President & COO; Tracy Lynott; Patrick Pierce, Community Bank of the Chesapeake Executive Vice President and Chief Banking Officer; and Diane Hicks, Community Bank of the Chesapeake Senior Vice President & Director of Marketing and Communications (l to r)*

# GOLF TOURNAMENT GIVING REACHES \$115,000!

As the sun shone over Queenstown, we all celebrated “A perfect Fall Day!” is how Dr. Bob Ireland described the weather for Bello Machre’s 37th Annual Golf Tournament, which took place on September 15, 2021, at Queenstown Harbor Golf Course. The beautiful breeze contributed to the idyllic day for golf and giving. The extraordinary generosity and the energetic spirit of our family of supporters made this year’s fundraising event a colossal success! Predictably, our famous Sausage Stop at the 9th hole continued to be a triumph — and our volunteers served up over 300 sausages! We want to thank everyone — our sponsors, players, and volunteers — who made our 37th annual tournament a celebratory success! 🍌

We hope to see you on **Wednesday, September 14, 2022**, for our 38th Annual Golf Tournament!



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**2022** will be a time of celebration for Bello Machre, marking 50 years of caring and changing lives — heart by heart. We invite you to celebrate with us and pave the way for the next 50 as we celebrate our staff, donors, volunteers, and the people we love and support — THEN AND NOW.



1972



2021

From the first campus home to living life to its fullest.

## upcoming events

# 2022

*A year to Celebrate*

Mark your calendars!

DINNER CELEBRATION  
AT MARYLAND LIVE  
**OCTOBER 21**

EVERY STEP COUNTS  
WALK • BIKE • RUN  
CELEBRATORY EVENT  
**JUNE 11**

38TH ANNUAL GOLF  
TOURNAMENT  
**SEPTEMBER 14**



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