

# JCHAI Highlights

## February 2026

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## JCHAI Staff Spotlight: Member Leadership in Action

We are pleased to announce the kickoff of an exciting new series, **JCHAI Staff Spotlight Interviews**, highlighting our incredible staff and JCHAI member advocates!

JCHAI member advocates are stepping up into a leadership role to conduct an ongoing series of interviews in which JCHAI staff are featured and given the chance to share more about themselves and their work at JCHAI.

This initiative will serve a dual purpose, creating new opportunities to highlight and recognize our hardworking and dedicated staff, as well as for our member advocates to practice their leadership, communication, and production skills.



**In this interview, JCHAI member Alex L. asked JCHAI Educator Kathryn Adams about her hobbies and interests outside of work, her role and experience working at JCHAI, and more!**

**Check Out the Full Interview >>**

Upcoming interviews will be presented in a variety of formats, highlighting the unique strengths and skillsets of each of our member interviewers. Through feature articles, videos, bulleted lists, audio recordings, visual representations, or other creative possibilities, **our members' incredible storytelling will shine a spotlight on our amazing JCHAI staff.**

## **JCHAI Educator Training & Professional Development**

A growth mindset is the heartbeat of our organization, inspiring all of us to redefine what's possible each day. **JCHAI's one-of-a-kind staff are always finding new ways to do more for our members** so they can do more for themselves and for our community!

**Ongoing staff training initiatives** provide JCHAI Educators and AADD Facilitators a shared space for **relationship-building, professional development, collaboration, and resource-sharing.**

Educator trainings are held quarterly at the JCHAI Education Center in Bryn Mawr as well as at our Regency Towers office in Willow Grove, and are led collaboratively by JCHAI peer-educators and directors. Over the summer, we also offer virtual trainings to accommodate for flexible schedules!

**Some examples of recent training topics include:**

- Excellence in Member Navigation
- Crafting Actionable Goals & Objectives
- Empowering Member Self-Advocacy
- Advancing Member-Centered Best Practices

**Thank you to JCHAI Educator Jon Anderson for leading our latest staff training on S.M.A.R.T. Goals for Independent Living Skills! ▾**



## Member-Led Seasonal Holiday Celebrations

**JCHAI's Spiritual Affinity program creates opportunities for engagement across a wide array of religious and cultural backgrounds.**

In December, we hosted enriching and interactive Jewish and Christian affinity programs, **coming together to celebrate and explore the Chanukah and Christmas holidays.**

This programming **fosters cultural exchange and promotes inclusivity** within and beyond our immediate community, weaving a tapestry of shared experiences and mutual respect that underscores the universal humanity that unites us all.

Thank you to **JCHAI Member Advocates Susan, Cara, Lior, Lexi, and Trevor** (pictured L to R below) for co-developing and leading these recent Chanukah and Christmas programs alongside **JCHAI staff Shaheta Williams, Grace Lee, and Bess Alexander.**



## Upcoming JCHAI Community Events

**YOU'RE INVITED:** We hope you will join us at the following community events, including exciting opportunities for connection, education, and resource-sharing.

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[Learn More About JCHAI Programs & Register for  
Community Events ►►](#)

**[Inclusive Shabbat – Honoring Jewish Disability Awareness, Acceptance, & Inclusion Month \(JDAIM\) – RSVP Required](#)**

Friday, February 27, 2026 | 5:30 PM

Open to members of Aish Chaim, AADD, JCHAI, & JFCS

**[Vanguard's Neurodiverse Resource Fair](#)**

Saturday, February 28, 2026 | 1:00 PM – 4:00 PM

The Vanguard School – Activities Center

1777 North Valley Road, Malvern, PA 19355

**[JCHAI's Spring 2026 Virtual Open House – Registration Required](#)**

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 | 7:00 PM – 8:15 PM

Please register above to receive Zoom link

**[What's Next After College? Life with JCHAI Open House – Registration Required](#)**

Tuesday, March 31, 2026 | 2:30 PM – 4:00 PM

JCHAI Education Center

274 South Bryn Mawr Avenue, Bryn Mawr, PA 19010

## Inclusive Post-High School Resource Fair

**\*\*Postponed due to inclement weather - new date TBD\*\***

Greater Philadelphia Convention Center  
Hall A, 100 Station Avenue, Oaks, PA 19456

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## About JCHAI



*Celebrating Decades of Independent  
Living Innovation Since 1987*

JCHAI is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit, nonsectarian organization in the Greater Philadelphia region that inspires and empowers individuals with developmental differences or disabilities to imagine and fulfill their life aspirations and be valued contributors in the community.

We rely on funds raised by generous donors like you to support the vibrant array of programs and services benefiting our 300+ members, helping them reach their personal goals and achieve their life aspirations.

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Check out JCHAI's nonprofit profiles on [Charity Navigator](#) and [Candid](#) to see the great work we do in our community. We want to make sure you have the progress updates you need to confidently support our work with trust and assurance.



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