



Stacy (pictured far left) with her friends at the Woodhull home

This story was shared with us by our Day Habilitation Assistant Program Administrator, Denise Giordano.

Bohemia Day Habilitation was blessed when staff member Stacy Berman joined their team. Stacy quickly became part of the AHRC family. She arrived each day early, prepared, and with an infectious smile. Individuals in our Day Habilitation Program were immediately engaged by Stacy's upbeat, good natured attitude. They loved to go on adventures and volunteer sites with Stacy. On March 17th, Stacy reported to AHRC's Woodhull home to provide Day Habilitation services offsite to the residents, since day programs were closed. Again, Stacy arrived with a positive attitude, giving off wonderful vibes to the individuals, assuring them that all will be okay and together we will come through this very difficult time.

On March 23rd, Stacy became ill and was no longer able to work. Within a week she was diagnosed with COVID-19. Stacy experienced many of the symptoms of this virus, but being Stacy she continue with a positive attitude and pushed through. Every day, Assistant Program Administrator Denise Giordano checked in with Stacy to make sure she was getting better, knowing that Stacy was just as concerned for the individuals she worked with as she was for her own health. On April 13th, Stacy called to say she was able to return to work and asked if she could please return to the Woodhull home, which now was a COVID positive residence. Even after having dealt with this awful virus, Stacy was ready to put herself back out there to help others.

AHRC Suffolk has many heroes as we know, and Stacy has truly shown how she is a true hero. Thank you, Stacy, for being that person that makes such a difference in all of our lives.