Dear Friends of ANDRUS,

We have had another busy and exciting season here at ANDRUS. The end of summer brought us some exciting events that furthered our mission to serve children and families. Our corporate volunteering has taken off, with Dannon, Mercer, Eastchester Rotary Club, Levitt-Fuirst, and Children’s Hope Chest partnering with us on a variety of projects. With their help we not only have a revitalized community garden, we also ensured that every single child at ANDRUS had a fully stocked backpack to start the school year. We also began a vital classroom expansion project that will see our youngest residents learning in classrooms closer to the Orchard School. With this expansion we are poised to serve more children and families than ever before.

Our annual gala is also fast approaching! We hope you are able to join us on Friday, November 3rd, at the Ritz-Carlton in White Plains for an evening of celebration to support the transformative work we do here. At the end of this newsletter please find more information on the evening and how to register.

On a more somber note, I am sad to write of the passing of one of our longest serving supporters and friends, Andy Malcolm. Please read the tribute to Santa Andy in this newsletter as we remember an amazingly caring and dedicated person.

We all know the work that we do at ANDRUS is challenging while also being transformative. To each and every member of the ANDRUS team from employees to supporters: thank you for choosing to devote yourself to this important mission.

Gratefully,

Bryan

**VISION & MISSION**

ANDRUS nurtures hope in children by providing care that empowers them to succeed and by promoting innovation and standards of excellence in the care of children in our community and beyond.

ANDRUS nurtures social and emotional well-being in children, families, and communities by delivering a broad range of vital services and by providing research, training, and innovative program models that promote the standard of excellence for professional performance in and beyond our service community.
ANDRUS’ corporate volunteers have been imperative to our mission. Volunteers from different organizations around Westchester, New York City, and Connecticut donated their time and resources to beautify our campus and prepare the children that we serve for the school year. We thank all of our amazing corporate and civic partners for their efforts in assisting ANDRUS to ensure every child receives a fully stocked backpack and has a safe place to go to when they may be having a bad day.

We especially thank:

- Levitt Fuirst for helping us create an active community garden
- Dannon for putting together over 200 backpacks for our different divisions
- Mercer for putting together over 100 backpacks of supplies
- The Eastchester Rotary Club Foundation for putting together over 100 backpacks
- Children’s Hope Chest for putting together over 300 backpacks and supplies
- Morgan Stanley for creating over 100 weighted animals for our mental health division

With winter and the holidays around the corner, we are working hard to ensure every ANDRUS child receives a coat and toy this season. If you or your team would like to assist with these drives, please contact Rodolfo Moran at 914-965-3700 ext. 1317 or rmoran@jdam.org.
ANDRUS is on the verge of classroom expansion!

This summer we broke ground on our brand new expansion to the Orchard School. Four new modular classroom buildings are going in just behind the Orchard School, and are set to be completed on November 1. The initial goal of the expansion is to bring ANDRUS’ youngest residents from Griffith Hall, who currently have learning space within their cottage, closer to the Orchard School for their classes. As ANDRUS looks to expand even more in the near future, this extra classroom space will be vital in serving as many children and families as we possibly can.

A TRIBUTE TO ANDY MALCOLM

On September 4, 2017, at the age of 88, we lost one of ANDRUS’ most beloved alumni, supporters, and friends in Andrew Malcolm. For the last sixteen years, Andrew was best known to us as Santa Andy, returning each year to give back to our children during the holidays. He put big smiles on the kids faces with his authentic and heartfelt display as Santa. When Santa Andy was coming to ANDRUS, everyone got excited and wanted to say hello and thank you to our dear friend. Andy taught English for 29 years at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf at RIT. He also served on the Zoning Board of Appeals in Henrietta and IRT Theater Board in New York City, and was active in the IEEE and STC. In addition to ANDRUS, he also volunteered his time around the holidays to Hansen Nature Center and the Hochstein School of Music. The world has lost a truly great man with the biggest heart. Thank you to Andy for creating beautiful and lasting memories for our children. Our thoughts are with Andy’s spouse Kathleen and their family at this time.

The project begins! A few ANDRUS Board Members and executive leadership pave the way forward for our classroom expansion.
Please join us for a celebration of family to benefit ANDRUS on Friday, November 3rd.

For more information and to register, please visit:

www.andrus1928.org/event/andrus-gala-2017