

Message from the President

Dear Friends of the Lifespire Family:

Thank you very much for being a part of our vision to work together for a better tomorrow. We have enjoyed this past year immensely, and truly appreciate everyone who plays their part, whether it be through their time or their dedication to helping us succeed. The past year has been a difficult marketplace for us all—and Lifespire has made a commitment to continue to invest in our staff, the consumers, and the future of our programs.



In 2011, we have successfully been able to leverage our services to create a greater community benefit within our resources, and within the next three months, we will be moving to a new location. We have been able to increase awareness about the programs and services we provide, launch a new website, and celebrate our 60th anniversary. In the New Year, we will be true to our mission, continue to share information, and look to work together to create profitable ventures for the community at large.

Thank you for being part of all that we do. We wish you and your family the very best for the holiday season, and a year of health, happiness, and prosperity.

Sincerely,
Mark van Voorst
CEO and President
Lifespire, Inc

Lifespire, Inc. Moves to New Offices the beginning of 2012

2011 proved to be a difficult year for many organizations—there was a large decrease in funding, and a sharp increase in demand for services. However, organizations such as Lifespire, Inc. found themselves thinking outside-of-the-box for ways to redefine, rebrand, and continue to meet the demand of their constituents without downsizing. Starting the New Year in a new building, Lifespire, will be moving from their current location at the Empire State Building, to the 9th floor of 1 Whitehall Street.



While many nonprofit organizations are finding themselves closing their doors or merging to keep their programs alive, sought to cut costs and maintain their programs without decreasing staff. The renovated 24,000 square foot location will provide the organization's entire administrative staff with new offices and new savings.

Free Mammograms for women



"On Friday, November 18, BOLD and the American Italian Cancer Foundation sponsored free mammograms for women in our community. We tried to make the event "festive" to encourage participation and diminish fear some of the women had. It was a wonderful success!!"



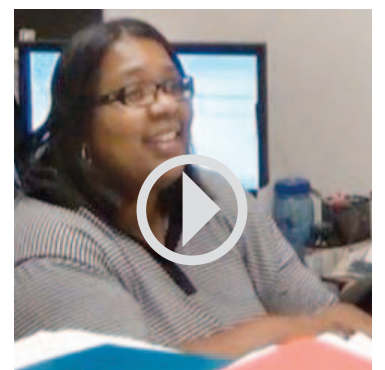
New Website:

Lifespire launches their new website with their new logo.

Log on to read more about the programs, meet the staff, and be a part of the mission by making a donation. Remember to find us on Facebook!.

Lifespire Video:

Specializing in nonprofit video production, Vibrant Media works with organizations such as Lifespire who are dedicated to serving the developmentally disabled. Currently, they are providing an online opportunity for directors of these agencies to discuss the current challenges they face and how to overcome them. The video can be seen on the website www.lifespire.org



Lifespire Contracts to Provide Uniforms to the New York City Housing Authority

The climate for many nonprofit organizations and businesses is the same: cutbacks, decreasing profitability, and shrinking funding/income. As the recession continues many entities are finding that there is hope, hope through collaboration. Organizations such as Lifespire, Inc., are currently working to provide products and services to organizations and businesses without the resources they need.

Contracting for \$1.9 million with the New York City Housing Authority, Lifespire will be providing uniforms to the employees of the housing authority. Not only does the partnership provide caps, trousers, jackets, etc, for the employees of the Housing Authority, but it provides employment for individuals with disabilities.



"Not only does this partnership benefit the employees, who continue to receive their uniforms at no cost to them, but it creates new job opportunities and skills training to our consumers," said Paul Oddo, Executive Vice President of Lifespire. "The Housing Authority was very pleased with our service and we look forward to providing their employees with uniforms for the winter."

New Immediate Care Facility

Construction of the new 8 bed facility at 315 James Street in the Town of Connelly New York is making progress. This new facility is designed to provide both a residential opportunity as well as an "in home" day programming for 8 individuals presently being served in an OPWDD Developmental Center. This facility is intended to be operational in Spring, 2012.



Annual Coat Drive— Lifespire Sunset Park 1 CSC will join forces with 98.7 kiss fm in participating in their Annual Coat Drive. If you would like to donate a coat, please bring all coats to:

213 48th Street Brooklyn, N.Y., 11220 (718) 439-8000

All coats must be in good condition and must be in by Dec. 9th, 2011



(212) 741-0100
www.lifespire.org

SPAN Participant Saves A Life



Larry Reed

While on his way to his SPAN Enclave job at an ice cream factory, Larry came across a man on the sidewalk bleeding profusely from his back as the result of a stabbing. Larry immediately called 911 on his cell, gave the police the address of his location, and then comforted the man while they waited together for an ambulance and police to arrive. "It was a lot of blood," Larry said later, but he knew it was important

to keep the victim calm and repeatedly told him he would be okay. Larry's heroism was no surprise to SPAN staff. Larry was employed as a SPAN peer advocate in 1998 after learning valuable work and living skills in the CDT program. In 2004, he climbed the ladder again, beginning employment through the SPAN Enclave program at an ice cream factory in Long Island. Always eager to assist, Larry still volunteers to help in any way he can at SPAN and this recent event further solidifies his status as a role model for other program participants.