***6TH Annual***

***HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASHUP***

***GHOULISHLY PRESENTED***

***BY THE***

***CLINICAL SERVICES/MAINTENANCE***

***(BLOODY)DEPARTMENTS***

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 22, 2018**

**VFW HALL 600 WASHINGTON AVENUE, MANVILLE, NJ 08835**

**FROM 5:30PM-8:30PM**

**IT IS A FREE COSTUME PARTY!**

**PIZZA, CHIPS, CAKE,**

**CARICATURES, PHOTO BOOTH,**

**And other SPECIAL GUESTS!!!**

**PRIZES FOR BEST COSTUME**

**BEST GROUP HOME and BEST STAFF COSTUME**

**YOU MUST CONTACT CLINICAL SERVICES AT**

**(908) 725-8544 or EMAIL, IF ATTENDING**

**Rain date: WED October 24th**

**STAFF: PLEASE if your resident needs special requirements for their meal (example: sharper knife to chop, blender to puree or thick-it for their drink) please bring it with you for their meal**

**HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASHUP: AN ORIGIN STORY**

**Directed by**

**the clinical services and maintenance departments**

**Two** distinctly different departments – **clinical services and maintenance** joined forces to start a unique vision – **THE MASHUP.**

**B**etter known now as the **HALLOWEEN MONSTER MASHUP**, this annual fall event was created through the collarborative efforts of six founding members (Jason Scheib, Roy Lawrence, Bob Hulit, Sharon McClellan, Suman Paul, and Felicia Demel) and the ARC OF SOMERSET COUNTY.

**I**ts origin began in **May 2013**, when the Maintenance Department contacted the Clinical Services Department with an idea to use the funds they generated in being the ARC’s annual walk leading fundraisers (Ilene Court Craftsmen) for a fun activity involving The ARC’s consumers.

**I**nitially, the mashup team brainstormed many different plans that ranged from a Bowling party to a Barbeque to a Carnival before we settled on a free night of pizza, music, and fun!

**A**fter months of tireless preparation, The first Mashup was Born on Tuesday, Nov 19th, 2013 at the VFW in manville. Over 100 people attended the event and it was viewed by the consumers and The ARC as a resounding success.

**I**t was due to the tremendous feedback that both departments agreed to continue this as an annual event. With the ARC’s support and months of preparation the group decided to go with a Halloween Theme for its next one in October 2014.

**O**ver the last five years, the Halloween Monster Mashup has grown, not only in attendance (178 people attended in 2017), but also in donations (free herrs chips) as well as volunteers (Finance Dept, Administrators) to provide a rich, fun experience. Some of the highlights have included a Photo Booth, Costume Contests, Caricatures, Pizza, Sparky the Somerset Patriots Mascot, as well as a DJ and other surprise activities/guests.

**Our MASHUP MISSION each year is to provide our consumers with a shared experience that fosters person-centered approach that unites The ARC, its different departments, and its consumers. It is one that promotes unity, social bonding, dancing, music, celebration, and more importantly, a great time!**