



# JUDGE ROTENBERG CENTER

*A behavioral school for children and adults....*

## Newsletter

**Fall 2012**

### **From the Director's Desk**

The Judge Rotenberg Center has had another fun filled year and continues to grow. Today we have approximately 230 residential students in 37 homes and apartments, along with nearly 1,000 employees.

For the past 41 years JRC has had tremendous success serving students with a wide variety of disabilities from Developmentally Delayed to Emotionally Disturbed. JRC accepts those that have been rejected from numerous programs and for many is literally a last resort. JRC gives many parents hope that their children will learn and grow to their full potential, and we have many testimoni-

als that attest to that very fact. Our goal is to continue to provide the best education and treatment possible to ensure continued success into the future.

During JRC's Graduation/Culmination ceremony, the Director of Pupil Personnel Services from Middleboro (MA) Public Schools handed a well deserved Certificate of Completion to one of her students who completed his education at JRC (see photo below). This year we also had several students leaving with their high school diplomas and are now going off to college or trade school! We wish them much success in their future endeavors.

We are very excited to inform you that in the upcoming year we will begin to offer workshops to fellow educators dedicated to treating the difficult student. We will focus on the unique learning, social and behavioral challenges that this population possesses. We hope to see you there!

The following pages show some of JRC's students enjoying field trips, rewards, Special Olympics and so much more. We invite you to stop by JRC for a tour and see first hand our unique and innovative school.

Glenda P. Crookes  
Executive Director



# What is the Judge Rotenberg Center?

## A Residential Program...



- 37 beautifully-decorated group homes
- Located in suburban and semi-rural communities
- Swimming pools, play grounds, and recreation rooms
- Community outings to stores, movie theatres, and more
- Behavior-determined residence ladder
- Live monitoring and digital recording systems
- Well-trained and supervised staff

- ABA therapy
- 10 or 12 month program
- Transportation provided
- Extended school day option

## A Day Program...



## A Respite Program...



- Safe, behaviorally-structured, temporary placement
- Available 365 days/year 24 hours/day
- Nursing available 24/7

# JRC is an Educational Program



## Typical classroom has:

- 1 computer per student
- Reward areas in classroom
- JRC-designed learning software
- Group instruction
- Precision Teaching

## Educational activities:

- Book Fair
- Science Fair
- Community outings
- Group learning games
- Vocational training



## Rich Reward Program:

- Reward Stores
- Internet Cafe
- Contract Store
- Hair Salon
- Movie Cinema
- Teen Lounge

## Fun, Fun, Fun:

- Themed field days
- Parties
- Dances
- Holiday celebrations
- Unique Yellow Brick Road
- Field trips



# The Judge Rotenberg Center is...

## ...A Program Serving the Developmentally-Delayed Population



Mini-golf anyone?



Summer fun!



Tysheen enjoys the classroom reward store



Ilya and Shamdu visit Mrs. Crookes



Gilly loves basketball!



Special Olympics



Michael and his turtle "Rosie"

# The Judge Rotenberg Center is...

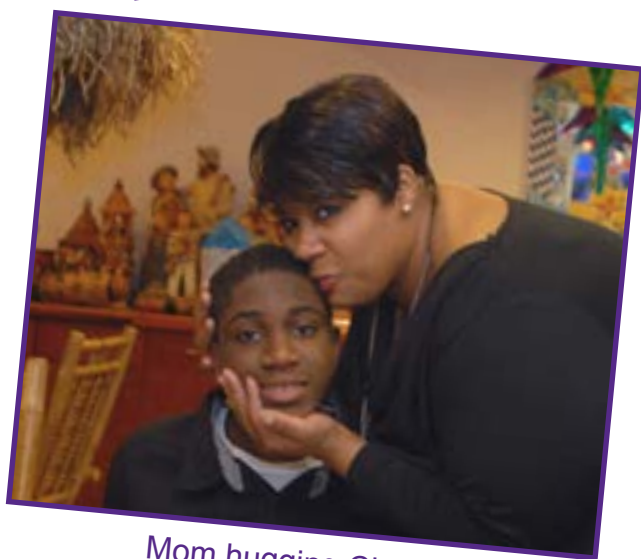
## ...Hope to Many Parents



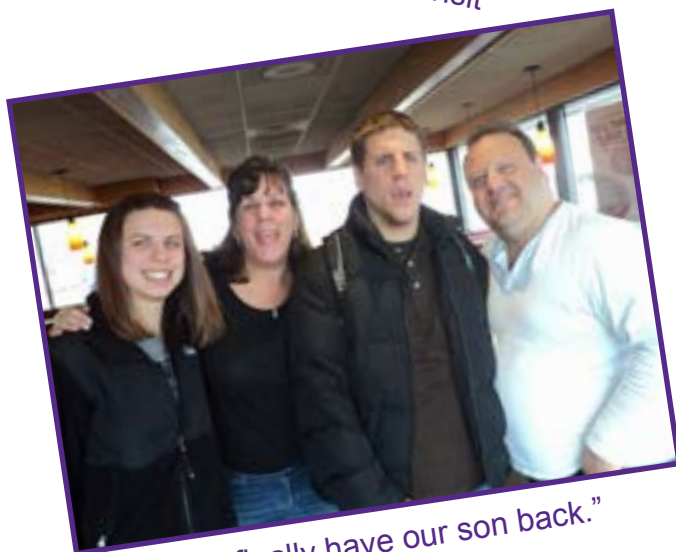
Edrick with Mom & Dad



Joshua going on a home visit



Mom hugging Charles



"We finally have our son back."



Shafr and family during recent visit



Andrew and Mom

# The Judge Rotenberg Center is...

## ...A Program Serving Emotionally-Disturbed Individuals



Jabar looking sharp!



Chess Club



Timothy graduates and goes off to trade school.



A group lesson in a classroom



Basketball is a favorite after-school activity



Julie working in the kitchen



Many students hold in-school jobs as part of their "Transitional Training."

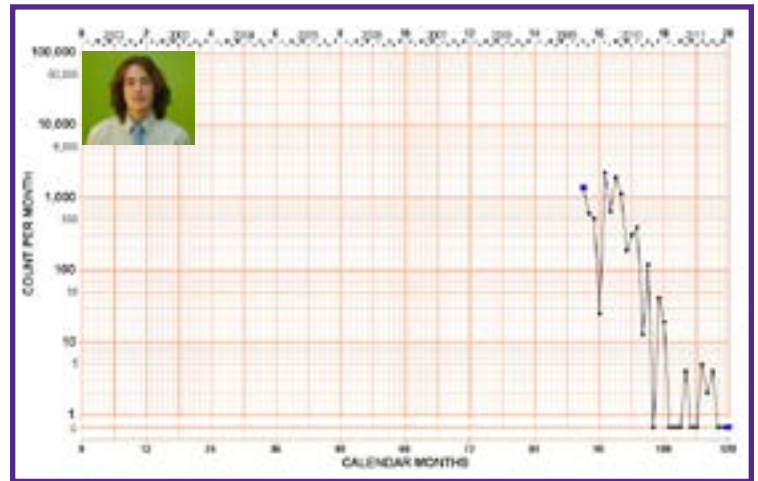
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## ...Many Success Stories



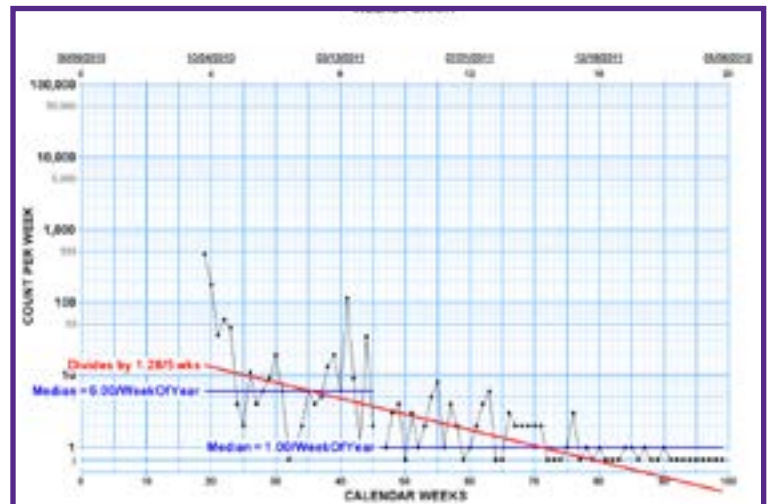
He has increased his grade level in every subject and is now at a 12.2 grade level equivalency in mathematics. Felix also passed his New York State Integrated Algebra Regents exam with a score of 80, and he has started an in-school job, which he loves: tutoring other students in mathematics!

Felix came to the Judge Rotenberg Center at 15 years old. The last grade he had completed was the seventh. He had a reported 123 absences, was frequently going AWOL from home, and had a history of extremely violent and dangerous behaviors. However, with the structure and guidance provided by JRC over the last two years, Felix has thrived.



After the implementation of his behavior program, Muhammad was successfully able to reduce all of his behaviors to less than one occurrence per week. Muhammad has also been able to obtain an in-school job. Muhammad plans on looking for employment within the community in the near future and to continue making behavioral improvements.

Muhammad was admitted to JRC in October 2010 and for the first 6 months of his enrollment Muhammad exhibited over 1400 total inappropriate behaviors and over 800 major behaviors, which are categorized as aggression, health dangerous, destructive, noncompliant and major disruptive.



# The Judge Rotenberg Center is... ...Home to Many!



**Clients in our Workshop Activities Center pose for a group photo.**

A member of our staff would be pleased to present our capabilities to you or your agency. If you are interested, please email Julie Gomes at [j.gomes@judgerc.org](mailto:j.gomes@judgerc.org) or call a member of our Admissions Staff at 1-888-575-9375. Information on admissions and referrals can be obtained Monday-Friday, 9:00 a.m. - 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time.

We also welcome parents and agencies to tour JRC's beautiful and unique school and residential facilities at any time.