

HPED would like to welcome the New Avenue Cafe to Haverford Township. The cafe is part of the New Avenue Foundation, and is managed by Jim Wurster, one of the co-founders. The New Avenue Cafe resides inside of The Kelly Center at 4 East Eagle Road and is set to have a grand opening in September.

Before starting this business, Jim was a software engineer who programmed for the financial industry. Ten years ago, he volunteered at Haverford Music Festival where he met Tom Kelly, who runs the Kelly Music for Life. Through his connection with Kelly Music, Jim started working for other non profit organizations by building and managing their websites.

In 2013, he started his own non-profit, The New Avenue Foundation, which is "a grassroots, nonprofit organization comprised of families who are interested in creating innovative programs and services for people with developmental disabilities and autism". Their mission is to help people with disabilities and provide them with socialization, employment, and housing opportunities by creating programs and services.

Through the New Avenue Cafe, which is Jim's first business, he hopes to provide opportunities for people with disabilities in the service, food, and business industry. He hopes that this cafe spreads awareness about disabilities especially for the younger generation. The purpose of community, according to Jim, is "to help out when there's need" and to educate others since education creates awareness, respect, and tolerance.

Be on the lookout for this eco-friendly, supportive cafe selling coffee, smoothies, and pastries inside The Kelly Center. For more information about The New Avenue Cafe, visit their website at: <https://newfdn.org/>