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A Message from the Executive Director

Last year, through the support of Community Services Foundation, two of our member agencies, CTF ILLINOIS and Southwest Community Services, began the process to formally unify with one another, becoming the new CTF ILLINOIS. April 1, 2017 marked the one year anniversary of the merger between the two agencies, and, what a year it has been!

Looking back, I am amazed at the hard work that was done and the progress that was made in such a short period of time. Staff members should all be very proud of the accomplishments that have been made so far to advance the mission of CTF ILLINOIS. Some highlights include: creating new mission and vision statements that better define all programs and services; creating a set of core values that identifies the purpose and the ideals by which the agency works to achieve its goals; combining all finance operations and improving its efficiencies; teaming up with CSF and other funders to open new programs like the Painted Turtle and the Champaign Advocacy Center; opening two new CILA homes; and receiving a new National Accreditation from CQL.

If it wasn't for such an amazing team of individuals, CTF ILLINOIS might not have been able to overcome the obstacles that organizations often face during a merger. Rather, leadership and staff members have embraced the change, settled in, and are ready to take on the challenges of this industry. CTF ILLINOIS begins its second year with the planning of new programs, the diversifying of current facilities, and by focusing on growth in the Southern Illinois area.

I would like to thank all of the staff members at CTF ILLINOIS for your hard work, the Board of Directors for your guidance, and, particularly, the individuals supported and their families for your patience. I am looking forward to the great things CTF ILLINOIS is sure to accomplish in year number two!

Sincerely,

Mary Pat Ambrosino

2016 Make A Match Success

The annual Make A Match Campaign has been hosted by Community Services Foundation since 2002 and, every year, our community supporters have shown us immense generosity and commitment to our member agencies. This year, we were even more grateful that The Coleman Foundation selected CTF ILLINOIS to participate in their #IL-



GIVE Matching Grants Program, which took place on Giving Tuesday, November 29, 2016. With this collaboration, any donation received by CTF ILLINOIS on this date was not only matched by CSF, but also by the Coleman Foundation. Thanks to the contributions you made through the Make A Match Campaign, our 2016 campaign was the most successful to date. Together, with your donations, CSF's matching dollars, and The Coleman Foundation's matching grant, CTF ILLINOIS and LifeStyles Academy received \$57,784.00 to be used to advance the programs and services available to individuals with disabilities.

The annual Make A Match campaign provides the opportunity for our community members, friends, and family, to not only have the chance to personally help raise funds for individuals with disabilities, but, since its implementation, has been driven by the honored tradition of matching donations. To demonstrate our commitment to both the individuals supported by the agencies, as well as our friends who give, every donation received is matched, allowing our supporters to see their contributions make an even greater impact on our member agencies.

This year, the fundraiser was promoted through CSF's fall edition of Foundation Focus, which included Make A Match donation envelopes. CTF and LSA also worked hard to promote the campaign through individualized mailings, posting on social media and websites, and by sending out emails inviting community supporters to contribute. Through the contributions received, CTF was able to make program enhancements and utilize funds for consumer trips. LSA used their donations to make transportation improvements.

From everyone at CSF and our member agencies, thank you to everyone who helped make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities by donating to our 2016 campaign and a special thanks to those who donated on Giving Tuesday. We look forward to continuing this tradition later in the year with another successful campaign for 2017! Again, a warm thank you to all of the donors from our 2016 campaign:

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The VOICE Program at CTF ILLINOIS

In the fall of 2016, Community Services Foundation helped CTF ILLINOIS procure a one-year grant from The Department of Human Services (DHS) for the new, community-focused employment program, VOICE (Vocational Outreach for Integrated and Competitive Employment). The VOICE program is designed to help individuals with disabilities gain employment in the community, working closely with each participant every step of the way to uncover talents, passions, and goals. Services include job assessments and matching, on-the-job training, financial security and health benefit education and information, transportation information and assistance, and more. So far, the VOICE program has been extremely successful, helping more than 20 individuals with their goal to gain community employment and fostering strong business partners within the community. For instance, CTF has partnered with CBC Specialty Beverage in Chicago, who has hired four individuals from the VOICE program. Collaborations with local businesses like CBC not only help to foster integration, but exemplify just how successful individuals with disabilities are in the workplace.



Family Shamrock Station at The Painted Turtle



On Sunday, March 19, 2017, The Painted Turtle hosted the Family Shamrock Station as part of the Tinley Park Irish Parade off of Oak Park Avenue. Families were encouraged to stop by the Painted Turtle to shop Irish-themed artwork and there was a coloring station for children to utilize. Live music from Pete Stillwell played while community members browsed the studio. The Painted Turtle would like to thank their event sponsors: Simply Serve Meals, Nothing Bundt Cakes, MaMa D's, KIND Snacks, Parties by Garrett Balloons, The PrivateBank, Short & Sweet Tasty Treats, and Cooper's Hawk Winery and Restaurant.

The 2nd Annual ACT Bowl

On Sunday, March 5, 2017, Advocates Coming Together (ACT) held their 2nd Annual ACT Bowl, where community members and individuals with disabilities alike came together for a fundraiser benefitting programs of CTF ILLINOIS. This year, the ACT Bowl had over 200 bowlers, including more than 50 individuals with disabilities who were sponsored for the event, allowing them to participate regardless of their ability to pay. ACT would like to thank the sponsors for their first annual Bowling Fundraiser. ACT volunteers on behalf of CSF and their member agencies in order to host events for the individuals they serve and to encourage all members of the community to join in. We are looking forward to future fundraisers and outings for the individuals supported by CSF's member agencies! For more information on ACT, sponsorship and volunteer opportunities, and upcoming events, email actforcsf@gmail.com or call Shelley at (708)429-1260, ext. 2202.



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NOV. 1, 2017

8th Annual Jerry Meyer Golf Classic

This summer, Community Services Foundation (CSF) is proud to host the Eighth Annual Jerry Meyer Golf Classic on July 21, 2017. Last year's Golf Classic was a huge success, raising over \$36,000.00 for children and adults with diverse disabilities. CSF is honored to continue a tradition that began in 2010 and was named for a man who believed in and supported our mission to provide services to individuals with diverse disabilities. Jerry Meyer helped us obtain the funding to open our doors in 1983 and remained a dedicated supporter until his passing in 2012. The annual golf classic is our honor to Jerry, his family, and his legacy. The classic will take place at a new location this year: Midlothian Country Club. Golfers can choose to participate in games such as the Chip-In Challenge, Longest Drive, and will have the chance to win a car on a Hole-in-One challenge. After they finish their round, golfers will enjoy a 19th Hole Par-Tee, where they will be able to purchase tickets for raffle items and place bids on silent auction items. All proceeds will benefit CTF ILLINOIS, a member agency of CSF that provides services and programs to individuals with disabilities. For more information, please feel free to contact Kelli Cody at (708)429-1260, ext. 1236 or kcody@csfil.org or visit our website at www.jerrymeyergolfclassic.myevent.com.



Golfers at last year's Classic get ready to hit the course

New Advocacy Center for CTF ILLINOIS

Community Services Foundation (CSF) is proud to announce the opening of a new Advocacy Center in Champaign, Illinois. The Advocacy Center is a program of CTF ILLINOIS (CTF), which focuses on helping adults with disabilities learn to advocate for their rights and gain writing, communication, typing, and more transferable skills that will optimize development and independence. At the Advocacy Center, individuals will participate in campaigns, host events for the community, and, overall, learn how to self-advocate for their rights and their own, unique wants and needs. The Advocacy Center is a great example of person-centered supports, and CSF is excited to see what the future holds for the center and the advocates. CTF is currently accepting enrollments for the Advocacy Center and is open to the community, so be sure to stop by and check it out!



CTF ILLINOIS Gains New Accreditation From CQL

Community Services Foundation (CSF) is excited to announce that CTF ILLINOIS (CTF) has officially been approved and has received the Quality Assurance Accreditation from The Council on Quality and Leadership (CQL). CTF underwent their Quality Assurance Review from April 25 through April 28 and, subsequently, received their official accreditation. CQL is set apart from other accrediting agencies as it has a greater focus on the individuals we support. CQL is driven by Personal Outcomes Measures, which, as opposed to looking at the quality of the service being delivered, look at whether or not our supports are having desired results and outcomes that matter to the person. CSF is proud that CTF has taken this step toward ensuring higher-quality, more person-centered supports.



MISSION STATEMENT

To develop and create opportunities for individuals with disabilities that will support and inspire independence.



2016 A Year in Review

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to **develop**...

Last year, Community Services Foundation purchased two new homes in Olney, IL which were **developed** into four-bedroom Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) Homes. Individuals who resided in a single, eight-bedroom home were able to move into the two new homes, where each person was able to have their own room as opposed to sharing one with a roommate. By making this shift to smaller homes, CSF is helping to further the mission of CTF ILLINOIS to empower each individual to live the life they want to live.

and **create** opportunities...

Through funding received from the CSF Grant Department, CTF ILLINOIS was able to **create** a brand new program in Tinley Park: The Painted Turtle. The Painted Turtle is an art studio where individuals with disabilities are able to attend during the day, learning new techniques and skills that highlight their **creative** side. All of their work is displayed in their storefront, which is open to the community, and individuals make 100% of the profit from their art.

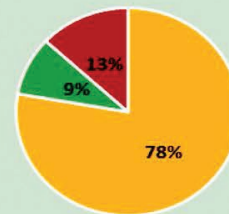
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In February 2016, CSF hired a Director of Development to head a new branch of CSF focused on special events and fundraisers. The aim of the Development Department is to help **support** member agencies by planning and executing all special events while raising funds for programming. With this addition, CTF ILLINOIS will not have to utilize limited staffing resources and, rather, will be able to rely on the **support** of CSF as the primary fundraising department.

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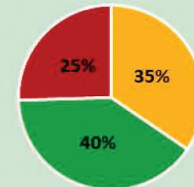
In October 2015, CSF established Advocates Coming Together (ACT), a group that brings young professionals and adults with developmental disabilities together. ACT hosts events and outings that promote true community inclusion. The group aims to **inspire** greater **independence** for individuals with disabilities by ensuring they are an integral part of the decision-making and planning process for all events.

Revenue



Program Services Fundraising Investments

Expenses



Operations Grants/Contribution Property Depreciation

A special THANK YOU to our 2016
Make A Match supporters! It was our
most successful year yet, raising
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your continued support in November
for our 2017 Campaign.



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inspire independence.

Legislator of the Year: Senator Hastings

Last fall, Community Services Foundation (CSF) and CTF ILLINOIS (CTF) had the pleasure of presenting Senator Mike Hastings with the Legislator of the Year award, an honor given to Senator Hastings for his continued support of CTF. While many individuals have vocalized their support of CTF, Senator Hastings has consistently shown his commitment to CTF through his actions. Not only did Senator Hastings receive a plaque designating this achievement, he was honored at CSF's first annual Sip 'n Swirl in November. CTF and CSF would like to, again, thank Senator Hastings for his belief in our work, purpose, and mission. Our organizations are truly better places because of your support. Thank you, Senator Hastings!



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