

OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

CTF is an Illinois based not-for-profit organization dedicated to empowering individuals with developmental and intellectual disabilities through services and programs that help them reach their potential in an environment that fosters respect, dignity, and success for each individual.

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Autism Awareness Month at CTF



In honor of Autism Awareness month in April, The Autism Program at CTF participated in the Festival of the Young Child, sponsored by the Spirit of Illinois Association for the Education of Young Children. The festival provided information to families while the children enjoyed hands-on activities. The Autism Resource table provided visuals for families and professionals and an outreach to the community. The kids had a great time creating superhero masks!

Festival of the Young Child



Olney Resource Center



The Autism Program (TAP) at CTF celebrated its grand re-opening of the Olney Family and Community Resource Room with an Open House on April 24, 2013. Thank you for making our Resource Room Open House a success! If you are in the Olney area, please feel free to visit the Resource Room during the hours of Monday–Friday, 9:00 am–4:00 pm. There are many free visual aids and tip-sheets available. The TAP staff can also create customized visual supports.



C-U Autism Walk at Hessel Park

CTF joined the C-U Autism Network at its annual autism walk on April 29th at Hessel Park in Champaign. Hundreds of people visited the resource tables, walked around Hessel Park, and enjoyed other activities! The Autism Program at CTF was a sponsor and offered supports to the community with free visual aids and handouts. Many YAC and Teen Connect members and their families participated in the autism walk. It was a great day!



For more information about The Autism Program at CTF, contact :

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9 Muses Art Program



DONATE NOW

In each CTF Newsletter, we enclose a remittance envelope for contributions. Please take time to fill out this envelope and send it to us now. We appreciate any gift. We thank you in advance your kind donation!



LOVELY BY KRISTINA



BEAUTIFUL BY MARY JO

WAVES OF HUE COLLABORATIVE WORK



ABSTRACT FACES BY JIM



FLOWER GARDEN BY APRIL

The 9 Muses art studio is an art therapy program for individuals served at CTF. This new program is designed with a specific purpose in mind: to educate each individual in many artistic mediums, including painting, drawing, pottery, jewelry, candle making, stamping, sewing and furniture restoration. The individuals not only have the opportunity to engage daily in their passion, but the products they create will become a source of income for them. Each of the products created will be sold at community events, the studio storefront, and the CTF website, all of which will allow retail and marketing experiences for the artists.

The current artists have

participated in several community events where they have displayed and sold art to community members. After only two events, all of the artists have sold at least one piece.

To learn more about the 9 Muses program, or if you would like a tour of the art studio, located in Charleston, you may contact Amanda Luksander, Administrator of Operations, Charleston Day Training Program

at amandaluksander@ctfillinois.org or by phone at (217) 348-8798.

Please support the artists at the upcoming Mattoon Art Council Event at Peterson Park on June 15, 2013. Current artwork will be displayed and be available for sale.



President's Message

The recent celebration of Autism Awareness Month has caused me to reflect on how our Autism program has changed over the years. Our program started in 2010. At that time we had a Director and a Resource Coordinator.



Our service center was located in Coles County and the core programs included our Charleston Family and Community Resource Room, trainings, social skills, screenings, case management and parent and educational consultations.

Since that time our services have expanded to include outreach centers in Effingham, Champaign and Richland County, while continuing to serve Coles County. To serve this expanded area, we added a Resource Coordinator, YAC/Teen Connect Coordinator and YAC/Teen Connect Group Leader. This has expanded our services to include a Community and Family Resource Room in Olney and a resource area at the Helen Matthes Library in Effingham. We have increased programs to include a sibling support group and cooking classes, as well as expanded the service area of our core programs. We also have two social groups in Champaign County including The Young Adult Club (YAC) for high school students and Teen Connect for middle school students.

Although the Autism program is a relatively small portion of our budget, we feel very strongly that it is important to continue to advocate for these families and their children to provide the supports they need.

Just as we have sought ways to improve the lives of families through our Autism program we have made some changes in our residential and day-training programs to improve the lives of those we serve.

We will soon be officially opening the doors to our 9 Muses art studio in Charleston to the public. This art program is designed for individuals to express their creativity through art and have the opportunity to benefit from the sales of their products, as well.

On the residential side, by the end of this fiscal year we will have replaced three of our older homes over the last 16 months. The new homes are in great neighborhoods and have many amenities that allow our residents to enjoy themselves while at home. We also will be opening a new home in June that will give six individuals the opportunity to enjoy community living.

We are driven by our mission statement and will continue to seek ways to improve the lives of the individuals we serve.

Dennis Carpenter
President/CEO



Making a Difference



Thank you
to Cellular One of
Olney for their
generous donation
of \$500 to the

Olney Day Program. The money is making a difference by providing a projector for our Wii system. This will help us to improve social interactions for the individuals attending this program.

Our appreciation to Preferred Health Care, LTD for their kind donation of \$1000. These funds are making an impact at the Homewood location by purchasing new OT and PT equipment for our motor movement programs. This generous donation allows CTF to continue quality programs and excellent care to the individuals we serve.



HOW YOU CAN HELP

Financial support—

CTF would not be able to provide such excellent care without monetary donations from individuals and organizations. Gifts of any amount are appreciated

Volunteering—

Time and talents are invaluable to CTF. There are a variety of volunteer opportunities. For additional information contact 217-352-1557

WE INVITE YOU TO PLAY GOLF...AND PAR-TEE!

The 10th Annual CTF Golf Outing will take place on Friday, June 7, 2013 at the Bent Tree Golf Course in Charleston, IL.

All proceeds from the outing go to improving the lives of the individuals receiving services from CTF.

In addition to a round of golf, free lunch and dinner, complimentary beverages, gifts and prizes throughout the day, participants can take part in a silent auction.

To best accommodate all participants, the 10th Annual Golf Outing has a wide variety of sponsorship levels to choose from:

INDIVIDUAL GOLFER - \$100

FOURSOME - \$400

HOLE SPONSORSHIP - \$100

Includes recognition at tee box

BRONZE BIRDIE - \$500

One complimentary foursome, plus recognition at the golf outing and in the event's programs

SILVER PAR - \$750

Includes the Bronze Birdie benefits plus recognition on CTF website

DRINK SPONSOR - \$1000

Includes Silver Par benefits plus benefits plus sponsor identification of beverage coolers and carts, drink cups, and coolers

TOWEL SPONSOR - \$1250

Includes Silver Par benefits plus identification on golf towels and an additional foursome

GOLDEN EAGLE - \$1500

Includes Silver Par benefits, plus sponsor identification on golf carts

Please join us for a day of golf. The schedule of events begin with

registration and lunch at 11:00am, the Shotgun Start to the scramble is at noon, and ending the day with awards, dinner, giveaways, and the silent auction at 5:00p.m.

The rain date is scheduled for Monday, June 10.

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☐ DRINK SPONSOR - \$1,000
☐ TOWEL SPONSOR - \$1,250
☐ GOLD EAGLE SPONSOR - \$1,500
☐ I CANNOT ATTEND BUT WISH TO DONATE

TOTAL AMOUNT DUE

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NAMES OF GOLFERS:

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GOLFER # 2

GOLFER # 3

GOLFER # 4

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