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JVS ATTENDS WHEELS FOR WISHES 2010



Pictured above: Grace Flannery calls out winning raffle tickets for the many prizes given away at Wheels!!

Despite a foreboding morning, on Saturday, April 24, 2010, the clouds ran dry, the sun peeked out, and then the Fifth Annual Wheels For Wishes was held at the lovely Beech Acres Park in Anderson Township. It was a lovely day with friends and family from all over the greater Cincinnati area. There was the Summit Elementary School choir (lead by Mrs. Moyer) performing from their recent musical. There was cornhole, facepainting and dogs performing tricks - it was once again a spectacular event! As always, the Community Ambassadors Resource Alliance (CARA) put on the event to raise funds for people in Hamilton County with disabilities who need to purchase items to help them better integrate into their community. This part was the usual success, but CARA also strives to raise awareness of all the great people with disabilities living in our communities, and in 2010, for the first time ever, we got to distribute CARA/Wheels For Wishes literature to the Forest Hills Elementary Schools—all six of them—Wilson, Ayer, Summit, Mercer, Maddux and Sherwood. That reached over 4,000 children in the area and their families. It was a great 2010, and we thank all who participated in Wheels For Wishes this year! Thanks to CARA President, Kate Hawkins, and all the agency members who helped make Wheels For Wishes a success!!



Hillary Hammond gets her face painted at the face painting activity. You can't see it yet, but it will be an American flag.

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CINCY ZOO VISITS ADULT DAY SERVICE



Pictured above left: The Zookeeper presents a nice python amongst the thrilled spectators in ADS. Pictured above right: He doesn't give a hoot about posing for pictures!

Jewish Vocational Service was thrilled to host a visit from the Cincinnati Zoo and some of its friends. The participants of Adult Day Service and Supportive Home Service got to see a python, a hissing cockroach, the wise old owl and the world's oldest armadillo at age 17 (Most only live 6 years). Some pet the python, some touched the hissing cockroach and all laughed to see the armadillo run around ADS! Thanks to Mark Smith for setting it up and thanks to all our friends at the Cincinnati Zoo!

JVS OUTINGS

In the workshop at Rossplain, we now have a group that works, but also does some non-vocational recreation activities. They have a great time at JVS doing activities, but they also do outings. They have visited the Skyline Chili factory, Krispy Kreme Donuts, and, pictured right, is the trip to the Blue Ash Airport. Pictured are Staff Leigh Lockwood, Faith Chatman, Deborah Druffel, Staff Christine Crites, Matt Cromer and William Pettis. They got to sit in some planes and handle the air controller equipment. Thanks to our staff Christine Crites, Leigh Lockwood, and David Shell for all their diligent work to create fun days and exciting outings for the group! If you have an individual who wants to work but also do some more fun activities during the day, please call Keith Hammond at 347-1528 or khammond@jvscinti.org, and we can set up a tour of this group.



NEW STAFF FOR JVS WEST



JVS is pleased to announce our newest employee at Social and Therapeutic Recreation, Erin Knecht. Erin works at our West Side office providing non-vocational services to all the people in the program. She started 3/29/10, and had worked at a similar place in Northern Kentucky with adults with disabilities. A lot of this is old hat to her, and we feel fortunate to have her with her experience. She reports to Christina Seabolt and Virginia Gilbert. Welcome Erin!!!

WHAT'S NEW AT JVS?

*** JVS will be hosting a summer program for area students this June 7-August 6, but space is almost full. It is at our Rossplain Road workshop.

*** JVS is looking to hire a full-time Registered Nurse for our Rossplain Road site/programs.

*** JVS is participating in the Northstar Advantage program, in order to learn better and best practices in behavior support. Nicole Boreing serves as our Behavior Specialist and Mai Glover serves as our Staff Mentor, and we appreciate all that both ladies do!

*** JVS has four day programs at area YMCA's, and is looking to start a new one downtown at the Central Parkway YMCA in late May.

*** JVS does have more room for participants in our Supportive Home Service program right now. Call Sue Buenavides or Virginia Gilbert (985-0515).



YOU'RE INVITED TO AN OPEN HOUSE

as Jewish Vocational Service celebrates its 70th anniversary. We'll show off our newly renovated Blue Ash building and rededicate it.

For 70 years, JVS has made a real difference in people's lives. We've helped thousands of people with vocational and educational services and related programs. Now, it's time to thank you and the community for supporting us.

When: Thursday, May 6, 2010

11 AM - 5 PM, *Open House, Tours and Refreshments*

Noon, *Rededication Program, including Ribbon Cutting*

Where: Jewish Vocational Service, 4300 Rossplain Rd, off Plainfield Rd., just south of the Hunt Rd./Plainfield Rd. Exit off Cross County Highway, Blue Ash.

You're also welcome to join us in the evening when social media expert Michael Loban talks about using social media. At 7 pm, we'll have a Dessert Reception and Networking; at 7:30 pm, we'll have Welcome and Anniversary Remarks; and at 8 pm, JVS presents Michael Loban.

Space is limited, so please RSVP by May 3, 2010 to Vicki Strole: vstrole@jvscinti.org or 347-1555.

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IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

Jewish Vocational Service will be open each weekday in May, with the exception of Monday, May 31, 2010, in observance of Memorial Day. Please call 985-0515 if you have questions about our programming schedule!

CONDOLENCES

All the staff at JVS wish to extend their condolences to the family and friends of the following individuals who have recently passed away:

Dennis Lanier (see right)

Margaret Brockman

Both individuals were a privilege to know, and will be greatly missed!



REFERRAL INFORMATION

We are looking for new participants for any of the following:

Keith Hammond can answer all Work Adjustment/Work Center, Enclaves, Mobile Work Crews, and the YMCA Day Array and student/summer questions at 513-347-1528 or khammond@jvscinti.org. He also gives tours of the facility at Rossplain Road.

Virginia Gilbert manages the Adult Day Service, West Side Therapeutic Social and Recreation Services, and Supportive Home Service programs. If interested, contact her at 513-347-1585 or vgilbert@jvscinti.org.

Chrissy Perkins manages Assessment, Evaluation, Academic Services, Job Development, Job Coaching, and Follow-Along services and will respond to queries at 513-347-1511 or cperkins@jvscinti.org.