

Behind The Scenes

ASSOCIATION FOR THE DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED OF WOODFORD COUNTY

Spring Quarterly Newsletter



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Vocational

2 vocational program participants will soon be trained to be self-advocate co-presenters, in cooperation with DRS and The Self Advocacy Alliance! They will assist our DRS counselor with a career counseling presentation that educates all of our participants about competitive employment, and provides resources to pursue competitive employment.

* Wish list for the vocational program – If you happen to have any 10-gallon round plastic totes with rope handles sitting around, please consider donating them to our vocational program. We find them to be ideal for sorting our material. Ours take a lot of abuse and we are constantly replacing them.

Life Skills

* Our life skills area received extensive damage from a busted water pipe right after the new year. The participants were forced to relocate to a different and much smaller part of our building for about 2 months. However, due to the hard work and craftsmanship of our maintenance coordinator Tim Smith, the program is up and running once again! It has a fresh look with new carpeting, ceiling tiles, paint, and appliances, making it look better than ever! In celebration of the re-opening, we had a pizza party! We would like to thank the life skills staff and clients for their flexibility and patience.

* Life Skills has been spending time doing activity folders, learning new skills like counting money, and doing small crafts. In February, Life Skills spent time being kind. They made kindness tree's and hosted a Valentines Day party. In March, they are doing spring crafts, cooking activities, and St. Patrick's Day festivities. Life Skills also spent time out in the community.

- Our CDS team would like to welcome Faith! She has worked in our residential program for several years, and will now be supporting our participants in the vocational and life skills programs at the Moody site.

Heart House drop off



Ashley and Shannon with their King & Queen crowns from the Valentines Day Party.



Terry & Pam @ the Annual Prom

Residential making V-DAY boxes



Residential

Residential has been going out on some fun outings lately. Clients went to their annual prom night, they went to the Peoria Civic Center to the Harlem Globetrotters, and also went and saw the WWE.

CEO CORNER

As Spring approaches, we are reminded that this is a time often thought of for renewal. Although change is not easy, it brings upon growth. I am excited about the vision our staff has for ADDWC. ADDWC is not just a Social Service agency. We are a community partner that wants to give back and thank the community that supports us. The Community Day Services program is looking for opportunities to get individuals volunteering at local businesses, churches, or community groups. Our Leadership Team has developed a Strategic Plan that focuses on Community Integration, Staff Appreciation, Education, Safety, and Advocacy.

As the State of Illinois implements changes to the Settings Rule Guidelines for our programs, the focus will continue to be on client choice. The DHS DD system remains under funded, while the Priority List for individuals needing services grows. Individuals with intellectual disabilities have a voice and it needs to be heard. It is our responsibility as advocates to be that voice, and be active with our State Legislators to impact change.

Would you like to learn more or get involved with ADDWC? Consider being a volunteer in our programs, ask us to give a group presentation, come take a tour, attend one of our fundraisers, or make a financial contribution to help expand recreational, vocational, and educational opportunities.

I want to end by thanking all the dedicated staff at ADDWC. From supervisors to frontline staff, they are the ones that have a major impact in the quality of lives for adults with intellectual disabilities.

Tyler Rogers, President/CEO

“Change is inevitable. Growth is optional.”

UPCOMING EVENTS

Plans for our annual IFF (Italian Feast Fundraiser) are underway. It will be held at the Eureka Bible Church on Saturday, May 13th. It will be catered by Avanti's this year. We will offer eat-in, curbside, or carry-out.

The menu will consist of spaghetti or fettucine, bread, salad, and a cookie. We will have raffles during the dinner, and an online auction the week following the event. Stay in touch with ADDWC on Facebook for more details. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, making a monetary donation, or donating a basket/item for our auction or raffle, contact Roger Crow rcrow@addwc.org or call 309-467-3015 – 109.

Fitness Program

Participants have begun utilizing the gym at the Washington Recreation Center in cooperation with the Washington Park District. A crew will be going twice per week for various games and exercise. We plan on utilizing the facility September through May, then having outdoor activities during the summer months. There is a cost associated with the gym rental, but well worth it to provide activity and exercise to the participants. If you would like to support this program by making a monetary donation, you can use our PayPal account on our website at www.addwc.org or send a check payable to ADDWC.

Our address is 200 Moody St. Eureka, IL 61530

(write “fitness program” in the memo)

FUN FACT & THROW BACK

Did you know?

ADDWC has processed approximately 1 million lbs. of material on an annual basis for a decade.

THROW BACK
2011 Camp Big Sky



BIRTHDAYS

3/5	Justin S
3/5	Josh T
3/17	Justin H
3/26	Ashley W
4/08	Taylor A
4/28	Jeff D
5/29	Tony H

EMPLOYEE SERVICE ANNIVERSARIES

5 yrs	Tammy Punke
4 yrs	Chuck Wertz
3 yrs	Alexis Barnes
2 yrs	Amanda McGarvey
2 yrs	Sophia Stalter
1 yr	Joana Martinez



"Great things in business are never done by one person, they're done by a team of people."

Hiring DSP

2nd shift / Part-Time 20-30hrs with rotating weekends

Direct Support Person (DSP)

Provides individuals with developmental disabilities training and active treatment based on formalized programming of identified needs, goals, and objectives within their individualized plan. Assist in direct personal care including personal hygiene, dressing, and toileting. Provides for the care, welfare, safety, and security of all participants

Qualifications:

High school Diploma or GED, Valid Driver's License, & automobile insurance.
Ability to complete all state and agency required trainings.
Ability to lift 50lbs. from floor to waist height.

Any questions please contact
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MANY THANKS!!!

Do you have a special talent or skill that you would love to show to our clients? Maybe its gardening, a fun craft, or your famous recipe...if so please reach out to Rachel Groth(Office Manager) about volunteering.

ADDWC would like to thank the individuals, businesses, and in memory of contributions for December, January, and February. A total of \$22,398 was donated this quarter to support adults with intellectual disabilities in Woodford County.

A special thanks to Knights of Columbus for their annual Tootsie Roll Drive donation that will be used to purchase a AED for Community Day Services.

Volunteer Opportunities

