



CEO Update

...a periodic newsletter for
"special friends" of
Wendell Foster's Campus

"Empowering People...Realizing Dreams"

Building "Social Capital"

When Kentucky Wesleyan College called asking what kind of volunteer work their incoming freshmen class could do "for" Campus residents, it was suggested that they look instead for activities they could engage in "with" the individuals. It was explained that in order for people served by WFC to be accepted as valuable citizens of our community, they needed to be seen as making a contribution, and not just as recipients of charity. In response, KWC students invited WFC residents to participate with them in car washes at KWC and WFC. What a great experience for all!



Sensory Park Phase One on Target

Excitement mounts as sidewalks are poured and grass takes root at WFC's new sensory park and garden. Looking closely, you can find the outline of the fish pond and the sites of various interactive sculptures and garden areas. Contractor Hazex Construction says that phase one of the park is on target for completion by October 31. Donations for phase two are still needed.



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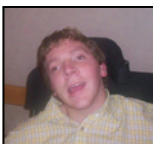
Newsletter Spotlight

A "sold out" house raised \$74,000 for WFC's Sensory Park at the Campus' annual benefit dinner and auction held Sept. 6 at the Owensboro Sportscenter. This amounted to a new record for the event, coming in a year when auctioneer Hugh Miller says most charity auctions are down. Thank you to everyone who helped to make this year's gala event a huge success!

Ike Damage Minor



Thank goodness for dedicated staff and generators! WFC survived the recent 70 MPH winds with only minor roof and soffit damage.



In Memorium Brandon Strode

Family Day Oct. 4
Wendell Foster's Campus' annual Family Day will be held Saturday, October 4. Beginning at 10:00 a.m. with a meeting of the WFC Family/Friend Support Group, lunch will be served in the Young Meeting House at 12:00 noon. Following lunch, everyone is invited to the Green Therapy Pavillion for a variety of games and events for the entire family, including the annual cake walk, a pie eating contest and dunking booth.

Nat'l Direct Support Week

Policy makers call it a growing crisis and advocates call it a crying shame. As the number of people who are elderly, or who are disabled and living with elderly parents increases, the number of potential care givers and support workers declines. Part of the answer has to be in elevating the importance that we place, and the wages we pay, people who are willing to do the tough work of supporting vulnerable people in their daily lives. As part of this effort, WFC celebrated National Direct Support Professionals Week from Sept. 8-12 with a variety of activities aimed at telling our DSP's how important they are!

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Board Studies Issues

As part of its monthly meetings, the WFC board listens to presentations by Campus Vice Presidents and other program leaders on a variety of topics important to WFC and its service recipients. Below, Chairman Steve Johnson comments on a presentation made by Outpatient Services Vice President Kelly Turnham.

