



CEO Update

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

"Empowering People...Realizing Dreams"



MERRY CHRISTMAS!



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For the first time in several years, WFC residents (and Daniel the therapy dog) decided to have a float in the Owensboro Christmas Parade, one of the largest parades in the state. It was a cold night, but everyone had a great time! Thanks to all who helped!

Support Group Elects New Officers

At its annual meeting in November, the WFC Family and Friend Support Group elected new officers. 2009 office holders include President Pat Humphrey, Vice President Cheri Lolley, Secretary Nancy Barber and Treasurer Karen Gotzy. Rev. Orion Bell is Immediate Past President and Bill Rector will represent the group on the WFC Board of Directors. Everyone is welcome to join the group, which provides fellowship and assistance to families and supports Campus programs including special recognition activities for WFC employees. Annual dues were set at \$10 individual, \$20 family.

Advocacy Needed

Serious cuts in the WFC's funding are possible if the KY Legislature does not pass a proposal that would balance the state budget similar to the one proposed by the Governor. Please ask your legislator to keep full funding for Medicaid.



Newsletter Spotlight

Miracle Dancers at WFC

The Diane Moore Dance Academy's Miracle Dancers troupe from Louisville visited Owensboro on Dec. 13 to perform at Wendell Foster's Campus. The mixed group consisted of over 40 dancers, many of whom used wheelchairs or had other disabilities. Dancers in a variety of beautiful costumes twirled and jumped and offered various dance interpretations during their special holiday program at WFC. Well known in Louisville, this was their first Owensboro visit.



ABOVE: Trees and light poles are starting to sprout up in WFC's Sensory Park.

Autism Survey

The Autism Support Network in Owensboro is working with WFC to survey the need for current and future community residences and supports for people with Autism Spectrum Disorders. For a copy of the survey call WFC or obtain it online at:

www.wfcampus.org. (Click on "Autism Survey.")

University of Kentucky PT Students Adopt Us

When former WFC employee Keisha Embry went off to the University of Kentucky to pursue a graduate degree in Physical Therapy she promised to stay in touch and involved with the Campus. Keeping her promise, Keisha convinced her fellow PT students to adopt the Campus' residents for Christmas. In the picture at right, Keisha turns over the over \$950 worth of presents and gift cards collected by the U of KY Physical Therapy Department to Maggie Price and Terry Brownson. The gifts will be under the trees on Christmas morning in various Campus residences where individuals reside, ready to open by people who are not able to be with family on this special day. Thank you UK PT students!



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