

There is a wonderful, MYTHICAL LAW OF NATURE THAT THE THREE THINGS WE CRAVE MOST in LIFE (HAPPINESS, FREEDOM, PEACE OF MIND) ARE ALWAYS ATTAINED BY GIVING THEM TO SOMEONE ELSE.

The Campus offers several opportunities for you to express your support of people with disabilities at Wendell Foster's Campus. Although cash donations or a donation of your time and skills are popular and valued choices for those wishing to give, there are several other options to increase your giving and further your impact on children and adults with disabilities. We invite you to discuss planned giving options, In-Kind donations, charitable gift annuities and other ways you can create a legacy of hope for people with disabilities.



DEMPSEY



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JOHN

THE JOY OF BRIGHTENING OTHER LIVES, BEARING EACH OTHERS' BURDENS, EASING OTHER'S LOADS AND SUPPLANTING EMPTY HEARTS AND LIVES WITH GENEROUS GIFTS BECOMES FOR US THE MAGIC OF CHRISTMAS.



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Aggressive Technology and Therapies Open Doors

Amy is just one of the residents on Campus who has found a new way to spend meaningful time with her loved ones through the use of web cams. Using webeam and internet phone service, residents are able to see their loved ones while they converse. For people who cannot speak, this option allows them and their loved ones to feel closer and more connected no matter the distance between them.



AMY

Michael is a flirtatious 14 year-old who loves batting his eyes at girls almost as much as he loves playing computer games. Michael's cerebral palsy made decisive arm movements, and computer gaming, practically impossible. That is, until occupational therapist Bonnie Todd began training Michael with assistive technology that allows him to operate a mouse with his head by way of infrared controls. Michael simply dons a small reflective dot on his forehead through which the computer can track what he looks at and rests his gaze upon to control browsing. This device has opened the world of technology to Michael and has allowed him to do one of the things he loves best—playing games!



MICHAEL

Kris Sandefur, of Western Kentucky Assistive Technology Center, has the occasion to meet and uplift families across the state on a regular basis. Recently, Kris visited a mother and son in Henderson. The young man was losing his vision and, as a result, was unable to continue use of his computer. His family had been considering a screen magnifier but feared he would not benefit from its use for long when Kris suggested focusing on his other abilities, specifically his hearing. She introduced the family to a screen reading software that would prompt the computer to vocalize contents shown on the monitor. When leaving the house, Kris was stopped by the mom who told her emphatically "This is the first time I have had hope since my son became ill."

Donor support allows the Campus to stay on the cutting-edge of superior technology and therapeutic practices so that children like Michael can enjoy the things they love most and gain skills through therapy and training. Your continued support will give the Campus the ability to expand its library of equipment that improves capabilities and taps into hidden potentials. Overwhelmingly, the use of technology can open doors for persons with limited physical or cognitive skills by accessing their available abilities and building upon those to enhance their lives.



ERIC



DENISE

WFC Residents Are Active & Involved In Community

For adults with disabilities, the chance to find volunteer and civic opportunities that interest and inspire them represents more than just the occasion to give back to the community, but also the ability to give back and practice new skills. Volunteers receive immeasurable encouragement and positive self-esteem when given the chance to fulfill meaningful community roles. Take a look at some of the ways these volunteers are giving back:

Robby volunteers at the Owensboro Museum of Science and History scanning member cards, answering phones, assembling birthday gift bags, assisting with gift shop transactions and greeting everyone with a big smile! Robby loves volunteering and says his favorite parts are meeting new people and talking on the phone.



ROBBY

Gary, from cop shows to badges and uniforms, Gary's aspirations have always been set on becoming a police officer. In 2007, Gary got a chance to live his dream when he began volunteering at the Owensboro Police Department. He spends time at the station tidying up the break, weight room, and lobby areas and chatting with the officers.



GARY

Jimmy, a music-lover, volunteers at the International Bluegrass Museum maintaining the gift shop and greeting museum patrons at the entrance. Jimmy loves greeting people with his friendly "Hi!" while enjoying the sounds of Bluegrass.



JIMMY

You can help grow and sustain this program by volunteering to accompany individuals in the community as they lend their helping hands! We still have several residents who are seeking volunteer opportunities and ways to give back in the community. Occasionally, staffing ratios and limited transportation present challenges to getting these folks to their locations. We are in search of people willing to accompany an individual with a disability to their volunteer position. This opportunity can give the men and women we serve a chance to truly make a difference and develop positive self-esteem and leadership skills. Contact Jim Payne at 683-4517 for more information on volunteering in this and other programs.

Outpatient Success Stories Abound Here On WFC Campus

Zane, a precious 5-month-old, came to Wendell Foster's Campus for a brachial plexus disorder which restricts the use of his left arm. When he began therapy he had no movement in his elbow or shoulder and doctors told his family to prepare themselves to put Zane through an extensive surgery procedure. After four months of therapy, Zane is now able to reach out for toys, bring both hands to his mouth, flex and extend his elbow and hold weight on both arms. His doctors were so astounded and thrilled by his progress that they postponed his surgery... indefinitely! With continued therapy, little Zane will be able to play using both hands with ease.



ZANE

Zach began therapy with very few skills and little hope. His difficulty sequencing the movements necessary for meaningful speech prevented him from communicating with others. Unable to speak, he could not play with his peers or make friends. After beginning therapy, Zach began to make progress and was soon able to play with others and begin talking in one-word sentences to other children his age. Zach's amazing progress has continued and he is now forming two- and three-word sentences with multi-syllabic words. This skill, although seemingly small, is a giant feat for Zach as he now can describe his needs, desires, goals, fears, and feelings to his family and his new friends. This ongoing growth and progress will allow Zach to build deeper relationships and express himself to the world.



ZACH

Your generosity has provided the foundation for the progress that Zane and Zach have accomplished. With your support, the Campus can provide progressive therapy with innovative technologies and equipment that enhance successful treatment. With your help, we can continue to provide the best resources for individuals with disabilities for opportunities, growth, and a full and meaningful life.



Terry Brownson, CEO

Terry's CEO Corner

Thanks For Your Part In Another Great Year

As we enter this holiday season, we are overwhelmingly grateful for the donors, volunteers, board directors, employees, family and community members who give of their time and resources to keep this organization and the people it serves thriving. Hopefully, this newsletter will offer some insight on just how much of an impact you all make. You are each an essential piece of our mission and your involvement allows us to change the lives of people with disabilities. In this issue we've included some personal stories that highlight some of the wonderful ways that your support enables us to empower people to realize their dreams. You will also find information on how you can continue to help.

