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Fall 2016

School Hours
 Tuesday-Wednesday-Thursday
 10:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

The Social and Learning Institute

WHERE SOCIALIZING AND LEARNING ARE KEY TO GROWTH

THE JAMES J. GUERRUCCI BUILDING

The Social and Learning Institute was filled with excitement during its End-of-Year Celebration in June. The students were recognized for their individual achievements, staff and volunteers were applauded, songs of summer were shared, treats were enjoyed, AND the designation of The James J. Guerrucci Building was displayed. The Board of Trustees chose to name the building in memory of Jim Guerrucci, honoring his 39 years as Executive Director and his legacy of raising awareness of the needs and abilities of the disabled population.



ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

The Social and Learning Institute has been serving the La Porte County area since 1976. Our knowledgeable leadership and staff are dedicated to providing an environment in which adults with special needs may enhance their abilities, share new experiences, learn important life skills, and recognize their worth through a structured balance of socialization and learning activities. **The Social and Learning Institute needs your support to continue to bring innovation and excellence to our program.**

In celebrating 40 years, SLI has established **The Key Sustainability Program**. This three-level membership program honors the **founding** members of our organization, those who have been **key** to our success, and the many **friends** we have made throughout the years.

The Founders Club The Key Club The Friends Club

We encourage you to review the enclosed program description and return your membership card today! **YOU** are **KEY** to our sustainability and growth.

Since the announcement of The Key Sustainability Program, the following individuals have generously made a commitment to support The Social and Learning Institute:

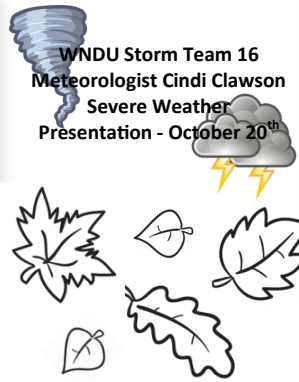
Thank You
Founders Club: Senator Jim & Lauren Arnold, Matt & Kellie Duncan, Joan Ganschow, Tabb Gesse, Katherine Gill, Norma Hapke, Dan & Kate Kaminski, Mary Lou Linnen, Al & Maryann Lopez, Tim & Mary Kay Mark, Debi Nabhan, Larry & Barbara Pinkerton, David & Monette Yetsko
Key Club: Sheridan Bell, Susan Breland, David & Lauren Farris, Scott Gesse, Dan & Sarah McNabb, James & Robyn Rice, Mike & Debbie Sellers, Brenda Wolff
Friends Club: Pat Kemiell, Christine Ringer, Patricia Smith

To become more familiar with our organization or to make a donation by credit card, please visit our website at www.socialandlearning.org.

FALL STUDENT ACTIVITIES



Visits to Michigan City Public Library
September 29th: Ahoy Matey!
October 20th: Michael G. Magician



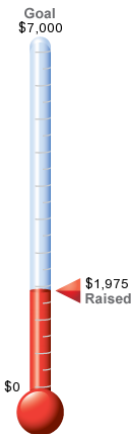
Indiana Stories - La Porte County
Symphony Orchestra's Education
Concert - October 12th



Zach Fillmore proudly displays his **Monthly Student Activity Book**. Each month, students create a personalized booklet highlighting their participation in activities. September's book included:

- **Rays of Influence** - Personal, removable and usable bookmark and photo of self to recognize each individual as a "ray of influence"
- **Fire Safety & Stop, Drop and Roll** - Origami Dog Representing "Sparky the Fire Dog"
- **Calendar** - 12 Months of the Year, 4 Seasons of the Year, Summer Turning to Fall and Leaves Changing
- **Bowling Scores**
- **Indiana Bicentennial** - Hoosier State Facts including tracing of the State of Indiana, location of Capital, State Flag, State Bird, and State Flower
- **Envelope of Love** - Written note to a loved one to Be Truthful, Be Responsible, Be Kind, Be Respectful

INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY



The Social and Learning Institute is working toward the enhancement of its program with the addition of interactive technology. For most, technology has become such a central part of one's workday and personal life that it is difficult to imagine life without it. Technology is also driving the way teachers teach and students learn. Interactive technology promotes a multi-sensory style of learning, utilizing online programs and a large touchscreen to link visual imagery to information that is often too difficult to comprehend through oral instruction or written text. For students with special needs, the incorporation of physical movement in the learning process not only supports gross and fine motor skills but also re-enforces social interaction skills. The integration of this technology will provide multiple ways for SLI students to be active in their learning and comprehension of concepts. The wide range of interactive programs available will allow the SLI teaching staff to personalize instruction and activities to the needs of each and every student. These programs also provide the opportunity for students to not only explore concepts in new ways, but learn safe and appropriate use of technology.

As will most areas of program enhancement, funding must first be secured. The equipment and software required to add interactive technology to the SLI program will cost nearly \$7,000. Multiple grants have been submitted and corporate and individual donations requested. SLI is grateful to Unity Foundation of La Porte County, B.R. Foundation, and NIPSCO Community Investment Program for granting a combined \$1,975 toward this project. Continued grant awards and contributions toward this project, along with a successful Annual Membership Campaign could allow for the implementation of this program by the conclusion of this school year. If you would like more information about SLI's interactive technology plan, please contact Debbie Sellers, Executive Director.

CELEBRATING THE JOY OF CHRISTMAS

The Social and Learning Institute Christmas Celebration will be held on Thursday, December 22nd at 11:30 a.m. in SLI's Potratz Hall. This eagerly anticipated event brings students and extended SLI family together to share the joy of the season. **All are welcome to attend.**

The always generous SLI family will provide a variety of side-dishes and desserts to accompany our student-prepared turkey donated by Dr. Tom Galouzis, Indiana Surgical Associates. Following food and fellowship, the students will present their Christmas Program.



December 22nd
11:30 AM (CST)



**The
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Institute**

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Key Sustainability Program

The Social and Learning Institute derives its name from two of life's activities responsible for the personal growth of each individual: **SOCIALIZING** with other people and **LEARNING** about the world we live in. These are skills we must all learn in order to successfully navigate through our daily lives.

The Institute's mission is to simply provide a physical and emotional environment in which adults with special needs are allowed to grow personally, socially, and academically with the support of professional and caring staff.

The Social and Learning Institute has relied on the kindness and generosity of many individuals and organizations to fulfill this mission. These individuals are **key** to the sustainability and growth of the Institute. During the span of the past 40 years, the Institute has built relationships with hundreds of supportive individuals who continue to support our mission and the programs we provide.

In celebrating our 40th Anniversary, The Social and Learning Institute has updated its annual membership campaign and established **The Key Sustainability Program**. This three-level program was developed to honor the **founding** members of our organization, those who have been **key** to our success, and the many **friends** we have made throughout the years.

The Founders Club

Donors at this level are celebrated for their dedication to continue and sustain the mission of the original founders.

With a generous donation of \$40.00 per month or \$480.00 annually, Founders Club members will be honored with the following:

- Gift of Appreciation
- Invitation to Founders Club Reception

Membership Campaign Goal
50 Founders Club Members
\$24,000

The Key Club

Donors at this level are "key" to the sustainability and growth of the Institute.

With a generous donation of \$20.00 per month or \$240.00 annually, Key Club members will be honored with the following:

- Gift of Appreciation

Membership Campaign Goal
100 Key Club Members
\$24,000

The Friends Club

These donors are recognized for the significance of each contribution in allowing for our continued ability to offer new experiences to the special needs adults within our community.

Friends Club members support the Institute with a donation of \$10.00 or more annually.

Membership Campaign Goal
Friends Club Contributions
\$5,000

Contributions to **The Key Sustainability Program** may be made online at www.socialandlearning.org
Donors may also complete and return the printable donation card with a check made payable to The Social and Learning Institute.

Members at each level will have voting privileges at the Annual Membership Meeting and Board of Trustees election held in October 2017.

The Social and Learning Institute is a 501(c)3 organization. Your donation is tax deductible.

2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN GOAL = \$53,000

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KEY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

2016 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

Name _____
Please provide name as you would like to be recognized on gift acknowledgement and donor list.

Street Address _____ PO Box _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Telephone _____ Email Address _____

I/We prefer our giving to be ANONYMOUS and request that my/our name(s) NOT be included on donor lists published by the Institute.

KEY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM



Founders Club
\$40/month - \$480 annual

Key Club
\$20/month - \$240 annual

Friends Club
\$10+

SECURE CREDIT CARD DONATIONS
MAY BE MADE ONLINE AT:
www.socialandlearning.org

Amount Enclosed _____

I am interested in leaving a gift of property, securities, or other financial assets to **The Social and Learning Institute**.

I am interested in sponsoring a student by providing scholarship funds to **The Social and Learning Institute**.

I am interested in volunteer opportunities with **The Social and Learning Institute**.

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Questions?
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