

## What's Happening ...

Fall 2017

### IMPLEMENTATION OF INTERACTIVE TECHNOLOGY

In June the \$6000 fundraising goal for interactive technology was reached and some exciting additions were made to the program at the beginning of the school year. Students now utilize the JTouch touchscreen and News2You program, which provides a curriculum that is based on current topics. The students create their own weekly newsletter using News2You. Please view the most recent work on the SLI Facebook page! This new technology has truly enhanced interaction and maximizes the learning experience for each student. SLI is extremely grateful for project funding that has been received from **Michigan City Community Enrichment Corporation** (\$1500), **Unity Foundation of La Porte County** (\$950), **B.R. Foundation** (\$500), **NIPSCO Community Investment Program** (\$500), and additional donations from **private donors** in the amount of \$2550.



Dunes Learning Center  
Chellberg Farm & Bailly Homestead

### OUT AND ABOUT

SLI is on the move! Engaging students in the community encourages self-efficiency, self-reliance and bolsters self-esteem. SLI is fortunate to have the opportunities for continued participation with the following community organizations:

- Broken Wagon Bison Ranch**
- City Lanes Bowling Center**
- Garwood Orchard**
- Dunes Learning Center**
- La Porte County Symphony Orchestra**
- La Porte County Historical Society**
- Lubeznik Center for the Arts | Special Arts Program (Duneland Health Council)**
- Michigan City Public Library**
- Washington Park Zoo**



Garwood Orchard



Broken Wagon Bison Ranch



La Porte County Historical Museum



### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

SLI students are thrilled to welcome some exciting friends back to the school for future visits. These programs are currently offered thanks to the caring community partners that bring these unique educational experiences to the school.

- Equine-Assisted Therapy | **Reins of Life**
- Health | **Purdue Northwest College of Nursing**
- Money Skills | **First Trust Credit Union**
- Music Therapy | **Dennis Brittain**
- Nutrition Education Program | **Purdue Extension**
- Science & Nature | **Dunes Learning Center**
- Yoga | **Dancing Feet Yoga**





**IT'S THE MOST WONDERFUL TIME OF THE YEAR!**  
Please join us for our Christmas celebration!

**December 21, 2017**

Doors open at 11:30AM

Student Christmas Program begins at 11:45AM

Food and fellowship will follow!



## BOARD OF TRUSTEES ANNUAL MEETING

On October 23rd the Annual Meeting of the Board of Trustees was held. A financial and program review of the 2016/2017 year were presented. Additionally, those in attendance were treated to an informative demonstration of the new technology by Amy Armstrong, along with the assistance of SLI students Chris DeCola and Tonya Pinkerton.

Nominations of trustees took place for the upcoming year, with the election of officers being at the November 15th board meeting. The 2017 Social & Learning Institute Board of Trustees is as follows:

Mari Chapala, **President**                      Tabb Gesse, **Treasurer**  
Ann Metcalf, **Vice President**              Chris Wheeler, **Secretary**

### Trustees

Susan Angelos	Amy Hammoud	Roger Potratz
Karen Donah	Kristin Lange	James Rice
Joan Ganschow	Amber Poff	Chris Yagelski

## Supporting The Social & Learning Institute

### RECENT GRANT AWARDS

The **Duneland Health Council** has granted money (\$2235) to SLI for the purchase of an Automated External Defibrillator (AED). This portable device is used to treat sudden cardiac arrest. It will be available at the school and will also accompany students on community outings. SLI staff members have all been trained on the use of the AED as part of their CPR and First Aid certification process through the American Heart Association.

Through generous awards from the **Unity Foundation of La Porte County**, students will continue to enjoy Music Therapy (\$600) and Science & Nature Exploration with Dunes Learning Center (\$1050).

Once again, SLI is grateful to receive funds (\$10,000) from the **Barker Welfare Foundation** to help cover operating expenses.



### KEY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

As a privately funded organization, The Social and Learning Institute relies on the kindness and support of generous individuals and organizations to fulfill its mission. Donors are key to the sustainability and growth of the Institute. The Institute is grateful for the commitment of those who advocate our mission and financially support the programs we provide. Please see the enclosed information regarding our annual membership campaign, the Key Sustainability Program.

### FOUNDERS CLUB RECEPTION

As part of our Key Sustainability Program, members of the Founders Club are dedicated to sustaining the mission of the original founders. In October these members were invited to a reception to discuss the current state of the Institute as well as a detailed plan for its future. The generosity of the Founders Club directly impacts the program and students at SLI, and it is an honor to recognize the members for their continued support.

### CORPORATE SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

For over 40 years The Social & Learning Institute has served the community by providing a day program for adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities. New this year, SLI will expand its search for support to the business community in an effort to take the program to the next level. More information will be available in January 2018!



## SHARE THE GIFT OF CHOCOLATE!

**TREAT YOURSELF!**

**December 14, 2017 | 8AM-9PM**

South Bend Chocolate Café located in Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets, Michigan City is hosting a Community Give-Back Event to support The Social & Learning Institute.

Qualifying Purchases include:  
Pre-Orders for Holiday Gifts  
& Gift Certificates

Don't Forget! Enter raffle  
to win a \$40 gift basket!

Featured Items: Gourmet Chocolates, Coffee, Ice Cream, Carmel Corn, Fudge, Chocolate Covered Pretzels, Malt Balls, Nuts, Cookies, Soups, Salads & Sandwiches

**THE SOUTH BEND  
CHOCOLATE  
COMPANY**

**Community  
Give-Back  
Event**



**December 14, 2017 | 8AM-9PM**

**South Bend Chocolate Café**

Lighthouse Place Premium Outlets | Michigan City

**20% of Total Sales  
Donated to Support**



PRESENTATION OF COUPON REQUIRED

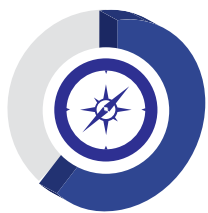
# KEY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

**SOCIALIZING** with others and **LEARNING** about the world in which we live are two life activities responsible for the personal growth of all individuals.

The Social and Learning Institute provides day services for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The Institute's primary objectives are: 1) to provide opportunities for students to engage with their peers, expand their talents and abilities, practice important life skills, and explore our community with the support of professional and caring staff, and 2) to provide respite and resource services for families and caregivers.

As a privately funded non-profit organization, we rely on the kindness and support of generous individuals and organizations to fulfill our mission. We are grateful for the commitment of those who advocate our mission and financially support the programs we provide. Donors are key to the sustainability and growth of the Institute. As our annual membership campaign, the **Key Sustainability Program**, offers three levels of giving developed to honor the **founding** members of our organization, those who have been **key** to our success, and the many **friends** that support our mission.

## FOUNDERS CLUB



**GOAL:**  
50 Founders Club Members  
(31 to Date)

**62%**

### 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
- Annual Founders Club Reception

## KEY CLUB



**GOAL:**  
100 Key Club Members  
(15 to date)

**15%**

### 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

## FRIENDS CLUB

October 2016 through September 2017



**ANNUAL GOAL:**  
\$5,000  
(2016-2017: \$3,150)

**63%**

### THE FRIENDS CLUB

Donors are recognized for the significance of each contribution in allowing for our continued ability to offer new experiences to adults with intellectual disabilities within our community.

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

We need your help to reach our goals!

**MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN GOAL = \$53,000**

Secure credit card donations may be made online [www.socialandlearning.org](http://www.socialandlearning.org) or you may also complete and return the membership form below.

*The Social & Learning Institute is a 501(c)3 tax-exempt not-for-profit organization. Your donation is tax deductible. Members can be assured that donations to the **Key Sustainability Program** will be spent carefully to enhance life-long learning and enrich the lives of the individuals served.*

**Thank You! You are the key to our sustainability and growth!**

## KEY SUSTAINABILITY PROGRAM

 **FOUNDERS CLUB**  
\$40/MONTH - \$480 ANNUAL

 **KEY CLUB**  
\$20/MONTH - \$240 ANNUAL

 **FRIENDS CLUB**  
\$10+

**AMOUNT ENCLOSED:**

PLEASE PROVIDE NAME AS YOU WOULD LIKE TO BE RECOGNIZED ON GIFT ACKNOWLEDGMENT & DONOR LIST.

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.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_ PO Box \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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