

The William M. BeDell Achievement and Resource Center Newsletter

ANNUAL DANCE AND AUCTION

We all look forward to the annual dance, an arc tradition since 1980. The event will be held on November 5, at the Godfrey Knights of Columbus Hall from 7:00 to 11:00 pm. Chicken, soda and beer are included and all are welcome to bring appetizers, side dishes or desserts. Entertainment will be provided by DownRight DJs. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the door, online at www.bedellarc.com, or by calling 618-251-2175. Auction items are greatly appreciated.

Many thanks to our event chairs, John and Kirstin Hamilton!



John and Kirstin Hamilton



The Family Support Unit clients, staff and friends had a great summer with outings to the Madison County Fair, St. Louis Aquarium, The Muny, Cardinal Baseball games and more. Above, seated left to right: Adam, Anita, John, Alice, Tammy, Brooke and Amanda Nesbit. Back row: Andrea Robertson, Lisa Lucker, Stephanie, Alex, Charlie, Mark, Jacob Hilkey, Carla Crawford and Kirsten O'Donnell. The trip to the Fair was sponsored by the Highland Knights of Columbus.



Our residents enjoyed preparing for and competing in the Special Olympics of Illinois Bowling Competition. Above left to right: Megan, Claude, Tony, Desi, Andy, John, Steve, Danny and Keith. Congratulations to Desi who won the gold! Megan and John took silver, and Andy and Danny earned bronze. Claude, Tony, Steve and Keith earned ribbons for their participation.

Below, left to right: Residential staff, Dexter Clay with John, Megan Feeley, RN, and Becky Chester, RN, with Keith enjoying Cardinal Baseball. Thanks to the Cardinals Care Charitable Foundation for donating 60 tickets to arc. The organization has been very generous to our agency for many years.





SMILES ALL AROUND

As much as we like an adventure and spending time in the community, we don't have to leave the grounds to find joy. Left, Self Direction Assistant, Marcie Boyce, with Margie who recently threw a pizza party because she likes spending time with her friends and meeting new people. Below left: Katie DeNardo, Certified Occupational Assistant, spreading cheer with Andrea who has a smile for everyone she meets. Below right: Michalyn enjoying a stroll on a beautiful day with Melissa LaCroix, Physical Therapy Assistant. If you are seeking employment and would like to be part of this environment, visit www.bedellarc.org or email vdavis@bedellarc.org.



WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

Carson Bailey, School • Rachel Bull, School • Cindy Fensterman, School • Rhonda Nemsky, School • Flonnie Nizinski, CDS • Melissa Lucker, ICILA • Samantha DeVore, School

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR PERFECT ATTENDEES

May-Rianna Kenshalo, School

June-Stephen Hobbs Residential

July— Angel White, Residential

August—Stacy Lewey, Residential

Thanks to the Rotary Club of East Alton for the generous donation to improve our School Sensory Room. Pictured below, left to right: Mark Speciale, Lindsey Herron, Robin Karpan, Principal, Jessica Walton, Mark Vaughn and Brad Pulaski.



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Mission Statement:

To provide the highest quality of services to children and adults who have a developmental disability, who reside in Madison County, Illinois.

Serving individuals with a developmental disability since 1957. arc is a non-profit organization as stated under Section 501 (c) 3 of the IRS Code. Donations are tax deductible and memberships are \$15.00 annually.

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