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Living Inclusively for Everyone, Inc.

The Primary Mission of LIFE is to improve the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities in Broward County

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SUMMER RESPITE SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS AVAILABLE

Spring is here which means that the easy days of summer will soon be upon us. For most families the summer is a time to relax and enjoy time off. Unfortunately, for families with a child with a developmental disability the summer can be a time to dread. The school year comes to an end and many Broward County residents with developmental disabilities (DD) are left with nothing to do during the day.

With this in mind, LIFE's Board of Directors has decided once again to fund summer respite activities to both ease the burden on family members and to ensure that individuals with DD do not languish at home but are out in the community as active participants in all that Broward County has to offer.

If you or a loved one are in need of assistance in order to participate in a meaningful summer activity please request an application by sending an email to lifeflorida@gmail.com. Deadline for submission is May 1st.

Applications may be submitted via fax, email or regular mail but must be received no later than May 1st at the following location: LIFE, 350 NW 84th Ave, Suite 211, Plantation, FL 33324 or via email at lifeflorida@gmail.com or via fax to 954-236-5071 (fax).

The scholarship awards will be paid directly to the respite or program provider.

WISH LIST

Adult -size bicycles
Gas barbecue grill
Outdoor shed
12 person van
Leaf blower
Sprinkler system

WHISPERING OAKS NEWS

Great things are happening at Whispering Oaks — LIFE's adopted group home for adults with developmental disabilities located in Davie, Florida.

The first phase of renovations at Whispering Oaks is now complete. All six bathrooms have been renovated as well as the hallways, living room, dining room and TV room. The residents also now have a dedicated game room equipped with a PlayStation 2, a Nintendo system, computer and flat screen TV/DVD player.

Plans are being developed to start phase two of the renovations which will include remodeling the kitchen and laundry areas to make them more accessible to the residents. Funds being available, it is our hope to complete phase two in 2010.

On the social side, several of the Whispering Oaks residents have joined the Davie Pine Island Community Park gym and are going on a regular basis to exercise. In addition, our volunteer program is flourishing. In the last six months we have participated in Motorola Global Service Day, Church of the Nazarene Service Day and Give-a-Day-Get-a-Disney.



Church of the Nazarene
Service Day 2009
Whispering Oaks

2010 Major Benefactors

- Ruby Acosta
- All Florida Scrap Metals
- All Inclusive Business Solutions
- Robert Bekoff
- Sandra Blanco
- Dade Scrap Iron and Metal
- Paul Drucker
- Ann Eisner
- Federal Metals
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- Dr. Linda Groene
- Dr. Marcelo Helguera
- Arliss Hill
- Stanley & Joan Hinden
- Ivonne & Miguel Juraidini
- Teresa Kanis
- Johnny Kavouklis
- Dr. Mark & Joann Kaylin
- Margarita Lopez.
- Dr. Martin Lessor
- Loving Support Care
- Blanca & Carlos Mercado
- Motorola
- Terri & John Osman
- Park Shore Pharmacy
- Laura Prado
- Rapid Metal Recycling
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- Milton Schwartz
- David & Ethel Sommer
- Dr. David Steiman
- Esther Steiman
- Lisa Steiman
- Mercedes Tamerian
- Dr. Victor & Angela Toledano
- Ruben Valle
- Sylvia Vencill
- Jack & Dorothy Weiss
- Marc & Linda Weiss
- Bob Wessels
- John K. Wessels
- Dr. & Mrs. Wissam Zakko
- Dr. Kenneth & Laura Zelnick

UPCOMING LIFE EVENTS AND ACTIVITIES

April 24th	FAN Club Wings-n-a-movie outing, Weston
May 1st	Spring BBQ at Whispering Oaks, Davie
May 15th	FAN Club Wings-n-a-movie outing, Weston
June 26th	FAN Club Wings-n-a-movie, Weston

For more details email us at:

lifeflorida@gmail.com

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL

Excerpt from the President's 2010 Gala Speech

Many of you out there work in small personal businesses. You and your clients see the value of personalized and experienced assistance. We all remember the small family owned hardware stores, toys stores, book stores, shoe stores, etc and we see the difference when we shop at their large corporate replacements. One family member of a prospective resident commented that he loved the concept and feel of our facility, but he worried about our small size and long term viability. He asked, "What would happen when we were gone? Who would run our facility?" To him, a larger organization offered much more security.

I wanted to say to him what do you tell people who used to shop at Woolworths, Bradlees or Gimbels...who got their mortgages from Indy Bank or invested with Lehman brothers...who flew on Pan Am or Eastern Airlines?.

I prefer to think of us as something like The Martin Guitar company from Nazareth, Pennsylvania. In case you are unfamiliar, Martin Guitars makes the finest acoustic guitars in the world since 1833. Growing up in the 1970's, it was and I'm sure still is the dream of any aspiring teenage guitar player to own one of these beauties. Small and family owned, the CEO Chris Martin IV, is the great-great-great grandson of the company's founder. The company maintains a close and personal relationship with its employees who are treated like family.

I hope 170 years from our inception and beyond that Whispering Oaks and LIFE will continue to provide a peaceful and harmonious environment for those with developmental disabilities the way Martin Guitars continues to manufacture guitars that make peaceful and harmonious melodies for their musicians and audiences.

Sincerely,

David M. Steiman, M.D.
President
LIFE

Third Annual American Dream Gala Raises Over \$49,000

The third annual American Dream Gala held on February 27th at the Weston Hills Country Club was an enormous success. It raised over \$ 49,000. Participants included professionals, sponsors, friends, and individuals with developmental disabilities all of whom came together to raise money for a worthy cause. Dr. David Steiman, as President of LIFE, gave the opening speech "Small is Beautiful". Motorola generously donated a multi-media presentation, emphasizing LIFE's current programs and goals for the future. Attendees enjoyed a wonderful dinner and dancing to a live band as well as a silent auction and Chinese raffle.



The money raised will be used to fund projects supporting Broward County individuals with developmental disabilities in seeking independent living, locate jobs, and actively assimilate into their communities. As always, your participation and contributions were sincerely appreciated. Thank you for making this year's Gala such a success.

We look forward to having you join us at our 4th Annual American Dream Gala on Friday, February 25, 2011 at the Jacaranda Country Club in Plantation, FL. Already, our host committee is hard at work planning our signature event. If you would like to help please feel free to contact us via email at lifeflorida@gmail.com or by calling Laura Prado at 954-817-4742.

FAN CLUB NEWS!

The FAN Club and its members have been keeping busy. During March alone, 16 members attended the play, Brigadoon in Pembroke Pines. Eleven members enjoyed going out to lunch and seeing the movie, "Alice in Wonderland". It is great to see how these young adults have blossomed and are getting to become friends. Another six members attended "Disney on Ice" in Sunrise.

The FAN Club is always interested in suggestions for outings. Don't be shy, step forward and help us to make the FAN Club fun for all. The FAN Club is geared toward young adults with developmental disabilities. It provides families with support groups to foster friendships for both the family member with a developmental disability and their parents through social and recreational activities. LIFE subsidizes the majority of the cost of the activities with participants contributing a nominal amount so that no one is precluded from these activities.



FAN Club goes to Disney on Ice



March Birthday Party at Whispering Oaks Group Home

THANK YOU FOR SENDING A GENEROUS DONATION TO-DAY! A copy of the official registration and financial information may be obtained from the Division of Consumer Services by calling toll free within the State call 1-800-435-7352. Living Inclusively for Everyone, Inc. (LIFE) is a corporation registered as a public charity under section 501 (c)(3) of the IRS Code.

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I would be pleased to assist and make a difference in the full community integration of individuals with developmental disabilities. Enclosed is my tax-deductible contribution.

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LIFE
350 NW 84 Avenue, Suite 211
Plantation, FL 33324

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