

OCTOBER 2020

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE



empowering people with developmental disabilities

MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

HELLO FALL

Clients and staff from the Community Supports Program took a trip to Jonamac Orchard to kick off the season. They enjoyed strolling around the orchard while snacking on apple cider slushies and apple donuts.



It's feeling a little spooky here at OH. The Day Services Program goes all out for the fall season! Every year the DT staff set up festive decorations throughout all the classrooms.





Five Favorite Things About FALL

Five clients share what they like most about fall.

COLORFUL LEAVES

"My favorite thing about fall is when the leaves change colors. My dad used to take me for car rides in the country when the leaves changed colors. He would call it, a blanket of many colors. I love listening to the leaves rustle in the wind. The sound of nature is very soothing." -Spring

THANKSGIVING

"My favorite thing about fall is visiting my family for Thanksgiving. I like to eat turkey and pie." -Diane



TASTY TREATS

"My favorite is the pumpkin pie and halloween candy, especially reese's peanut butter cups." -Kris



PUMPKIN PATCH

"I like going to the pumpkin patch and picking out a pumpkin. I also like going for hay rides." -Janet

JACK O'LANTERNS

"I love seeing the different carved pumpkins in front of all the houses." -Jason



HALLOWEEN PUNS

Where do fashionable ghosts shop for costumes?

Boo-tiques

How do you repair a broken jack o' lantern?

Use a pumpkin patch



What was the witch's favorite subject in school?

Spelling



Why did the ghost go to the bar?

For the boos

Why didn't the ghost dance at the Halloween party?

Because he had no BODY to dance with

Where do ghosts learn to become pilots?

At fright school





FALL THROWBACKS



Roasting hotdogs over a warm bonfire.



Kim and Mary Jo, painting mini pumpkins.



David, leading the way through the corn maze.



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



TIM
10/6



LAUREL
10/12



SPRING
10/15



JANET
10/15



SHEILA
10/20



ERICA
10/21



JOHN
10/26

DSP WEEK



Every year, OH celebrates the DSPs during the third week of September. The special week is dedicated to thanking the DSPs for the care, safety, support, and so much more that they provide to our clients.

To kick off the week, the DSPs were surprised with a video of OH clients thanking them for all that they do. Many of the DSPs were emotional hearing the kind words of their clients. Check out our YouTube channel to view the video!

The DSPs were also gifted a OH t-shirt, a smores goodie bag that read, "we want to thank you s'more," and a picnic blanket with the OH logo stitched on the front. The Recognitions and Rewards Committee selected these gifts since most activities are taking place outdoors.

EMPLOYEE WALK OF FAME



Jill once entered a squirrel photography contest. Her photo of a rare squirrel who she named "BlackBeard" was featured in the Washington Post.

Something that most people don't know about Jill is her love for wildlife. She calls herself the "crazy squirrel lady" because every morning there are squirrels at her front door waiting to be fed. Jill has been feeding wildlife outside her home for 6 years now. At night she feeds a skunk, raccoon, and a possum. In the morning, she feeds squirrels, blue jays, and cardinals. The squirrels became so familiar with her that one even ran up her leg. Jill grew up on a farm, so she has always loved animals.

"You can take a girl out of the country, but you can't take the country out of a girl."
- Jill Michels

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR DONORS

Each year, the DeKalb Corn Fest Board selects a local nonprofit to raise money for. The Corn Fest Board kindly selected to raise money for Opportunity House by selling "Canned for 2020" t-shirts.

The Corn Fest Board presented Opportunity House with a check for \$3552.00 from the Corn Fest "Canned for 2020" t-shirt sales. Jim Doherty, owner of OLT Marketing who designed and sold the shirts donated another \$1000 making the total donation \$4552.00!

Thank you DeKalb Corn Fest Board for selecting Opportunity House for this year's recipient. We are extremely grateful for everyone who bought the shirts to help make this happen! We can't thank Jim Doherty and OLT Marketing enough for the generous donation and for creating the popular shirts.



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As a not-for-profit organization we rely on the support from donors, employers, board members, and volunteers to help make our mission possible. **Together** is how we make our mission possible. By donating to Opportunity House you can support the services that meet the need of adults with disabilities. **Any donation large or small makes a difference.**

ABOUT US

OH is a not-for-profit 501 (c) 3 organization providing services to disabled adults since 1963.

Our mission is: "To help people with developmental disabilities work, live in homes of their choice, and enjoy community life."

We offer a wide variety of services including residential, day program, supported employment, recreation, and Special Olympics.

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ANNUAL APPEAL

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Upcoming Events

Dine to Make a Difference
Gladden Hill Grill & Catering
Thursday, October 8
& Friday, October 9

Columbus Day
Opportunity House Closed
Monday, October 12, 2020

Drive-Thru Trunk or Treat
Wear your costumes and trunk or treat from your car!
Saturday, October 24, 2020 4:00pm-6:00pm
Kishwaukee Family YMCA Parking Lot

OPPORTUNITY HOUSE, INC.

WE ARE HIRING!

Direct Support Professionals

- DeKalb/Sycamore area
- Full-time, Part-time, Substitute

Looking for caring and compassionate people to provide support and supervision to individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities

VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO LEARN MORE!
 DOWNLOAD AN EMPLOYMENT APPLICATION AT
[HTTP://WWW.OHINC.ORG/WORK-FOR-OH/](http://www.ohinc.org/work-for-oh/)



DINE TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE

Generosity just got tastier!
 Order from Glidden Hill Grill & Catering October 8th-9th and 10% of your bill will be donated to Opportunity House, Inc.



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