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Spring Newsletter 2005

10th Annual Dinner Auction

April 16, 2005
“Roaring 20’s”

This year marks two very important moments for all of us at Family Advocacy and Community Training. This will be our 10th Annual Dinner Auction and the agency has been around for 19 years. This

event is our major special event fundraiser. Proceeds from this event allows us to keep fees for services affordable for families. We hope that you will join us in celebrating these milestones. The event is

taking place at The Stegton Banquet Center on April 16, 2005, from 7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m. This is sure to be a sell out; so buy your tickets early because tickets will not be sold at the door. We will be selling “balloons to pop” again this year for the chance to win a cash prize. We will also be holding a silent and live auction throughout the evening. If you would like to donate an auction item or to purchase tickets please call Jennifer Brooks at 636.949.2425 ext. 13. If you would like to place

an ad in the program book, please call Jeanie Adams at 636.949.2425 ext. 14. This year we are offering a price break on tickets if purchased before April 1; Individual tickets are 60.00 per person after April 1 the price will

be 75.00 per person. A table of 10 before April 1 is 500.00 and after April 1 it will be 600.00 per table. There are 3 levels of corporate sponsorships available; “The Big Cheese” is \$2,000.00 and includes a table for 10, full page ad and premier signage; “The Bees Knees” is \$1,000.00 and includes 4 tickets, half-



page ad and premier signage; “Hotsy Totsy” is \$500.00 and includes 2 tickets, quarter page ad and premier signage. All tickets purchased include dinner and an open bar throughout the evening. If you would like to reserve a table or individual seats please call Jennifer Brooks at 636.949.2425 ext. 13. You can also purchase tickets online at www.factmo.org. The evening is sure to be an entertaining one, we hope to see you there.

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Caribbean Car Wash

This is a wonderful way to raise money for F.A.C.T. Jeff Pawlik from Caribbean Car Wash & Lube has invited the agency to participate in this new fundraising effort. It's very simple: Anytime you need your car washed or your oil changed use one of the vouchers and F.A.C.T. will receive 20% of the sales. Jeff will send us a

check on a monthly basis. So, the more we spread the word and pass these coupons along to friends, family members, neighbors etc., basically anyone can use them. You do need to have the voucher for the agency to receive credit. Caribbean Car Wash is also having a drawing to win a weekend getaway to Branson. On the back side of the voucher there is a registration form for the

giveaway. Caribbean Car Wash has two locations: 6678 Mexico Road (1/2 mile east of Mid Rivers Mall Drive) and 1525 Jungermann Road at Hwy. 94 near Schnucks. The vouchers will be valid until 12-14-05. Please call Jennifer Brooks at 636.949.2425 ext. 13 if you have any questions or need extra vouchers.

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful committed citizens can change the world. Indeed it is the only thing that ever has.”
Margaret Mead

“Music of Our Hearts”

2005 will mark the 2nd Annual “Music of Our Hearts” karaoke event. The event last year was so successful and everyone who was in attendance had a great time! If you are not familiar with Karaoke (which means empty orchestra) you flip through a song book, choose your song and fill out a piece of paper with your name, song and song number. Then, you just wait for the Karaoke



jockey to call your name. We will also hold a live auction, Pot-o-gold and sell raffle tickets. The event will take place in the fall. The venue is yet to be determined. Be sure and check our website: www.factmo.org for updated information. So, start exercising your vocal chords and get ready for your debut premier.

The following is a little sample of auction items that will be available at the 10th Annual Dinner Auction on April 16, 2005.

- *Dinner Cruise for 2 on RailCruise America
- *KMOX Studio Tour with John Carney
- *Cardinals Tickets

- *Faberge Flutes
- *Autographed Dale Earnhardt, Jr. Baseball
- *Bose Wave Radio
- *Autographed Marshall Faulk jersey
- *RAMS Season Parking Pass
- *Autographed Stan Musial Baseball

- *Baccarat Crystal Necklace
- *2 Tickets to see the Producers at the Fox Theatre
- *Crystal bowl
- *Massages
- *PlayStation Games
- And much more!

STIPEND PROGRAM FOR INDIVIDUALS AND FAMILIES

This is a program supported and funded by the Developmental Disabilities Resource Board (DDRB). It is a wonderful opportunity to access funds for conferences and ongoing education for individuals and families.

Purpose: The DDRB values the strengthening of supports for individuals with developmental disabilities and their families. Individuals and family members are encouraged to participate in conferences and educational opportunities, which are designed toward enabling an individual with developmental disabilities to progress toward normal living or to develop his or her capacity, performance, or relationships with other persons. The Conference Stipend program gives individuals and family members the opportunity to attend trainings and seminars that they might otherwise not be able to attend.

Eligibility: The applicant must be an individual with a developmental disability or an immediate family member of an individual with a developmental disability. Agencies requesting stipends on behalf of a group of individuals need to contact the DDRB office.

Event: Conferences must be sponsored by a professional organization and/or be a presentation by a professional recognized in their field and directly related to the individual's and/or family member's developmental disability.

Amount: The individual pays the first \$25.00 for each conference. The DDRB will pay the remaining registration fee, up to a maximum of \$500.00 per year, per person. Travel, lodging and other expenses are not covered.

Approval: Approval is given by DDRB Executive Director based on available funding and compliance of the policy. Waiver of the \$25.00 co-pay (based on need) and policy exceptions require DDRB Board approval. Applications are considered on a first-come-first served basis. The fiscal year end invoice deadline is not applicable.

Completed applications are to be submitted to the Executive Director of the DDRB. A brochure or copy of brochure from the conference/event must be attached. Application and evaluation forms can be downloaded from DDRB website www.ddrb.org or call the DDRB office at 636.939.3351 to request forms.

Reimbursement: Requests must be made within 90 days prior to or after the event. Upon approval of the Executive Director, there are 2 ways to receive DDRB stipends (payment) for the event:

- The DDRB will write a check payable to the organization hosting the event and send it to: the individual making the request who will in turn send the check along with other registration materials to the conference organizers or directly to the conference organizers on behalf of the person requesting the stipend.
- The DDRB may send a check payable to the individual requesting the stipend. A paid receipt from the event organizers must be received by the DDRB prior to payment. The DDRB must receive the receipt within 30 days after the event.

Evaluation follow-up required: Individuals receiving stipends are required to complete an evaluation of the event vs. expectations. Evaluations are to be submitted to the Executive Director of the DDRB. Additional stipends will be contingent upon receipt of evaluations.

TEAM CENTRAL GYMNASTICS

Team Central Gymnastic Academy is a 22,000 square foot not-for-profit gymnastic training center unique to St. Louis. This spectacular center offers in-ground double trampolines, foam pits, cargo nets, swinging and climbing ropes, tumbling floors, bars, beams, vaults and a variety of gymnastic and modified equipment for all ages and levels. Team Central offers a special gymnastics and movement program endorsed by medical staff and physical therapists called "Cardinal Power Kids" for developmentally delayed or physically challenged children. This unique program has received financial support from the St. Louis Cardinals organization, "Cardinals Care". Physical therapists have assisted with the selection of special equipment and development of individualized curriculum to enhance the physical and emotional progress of each special child. They are a certified Special Olympic Gymnastic Training and Meet Site. 314.291.0101 for more information

To enhance the opportunities and quality of life for children and youth with disabilities.



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Executive Director's Corner



There are hints of spring in the air. It is such a refreshing and rejuvenating time of the year. There is fun in the air around the office as many people are working to put together our annual fundraising event. This year's event Chairperson is Kathy Conard. The Roaring 20's theme will lend itself well to an evening of fun and celebration. I hope you will all be able to join us. We will be honoring the Advocate of the Year. This year's award will be presented to Captain Michael Townsend. Michael has served for several years on the Developmental Disabilities Resource Board. He is a proud father of three children including a young daughter with disabilities. He has shared his many talents and his compassion with our community and we look forward to honoring him at our event.

We are also beginning to prepare for our strategic plan for the next 3 years. We will be seeking your input through a survey this spring. This is your opportunity to tell us how we're doing and to share your ideas on how we can improve our services to you.

As the end of another school year approaches take time to make sure that a well written IEP will be in place for your child in the fall. This is also a good time to consider whether your child's IEP should include extended school year services (ESY) for this summer.

Many of you may be considering recreational or camp opportunities, so have fun whatever your summer holds.

Denise Gould-Executive Director