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ABiLITY Connections

DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES OF FRANKLIN COUNTY, INC.

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Notes from the Executive Director

Covid 19 Vaccinations

We are coming up on a year now since we first had to shut down due to concerns for safety over the Covid 19 virus, the lack of personal protective equipment and sanitization supplies. During that time and throughout the past year, **ABiLITY staff did not waver in their dedication to our mission!** We are very hopeful that the Covid vaccine will be a turning point. Therefore, I highly encourage anyone that is able to get the vaccine to do so. Please use these resources to help educate yourself on the vaccine .

showmestrong.mo.gov/faq

cdc.gov/vaccines/covid-19/hcp

If you have any questions regarding whether the vaccine is right for you, please contact your medical professional to help guide you.

Once you have decided to get the vaccine, accessing it is the next step. It is recommended to sign up with more than one vaccinator site

covidvaccine.mo.gov/navigator

mercy.net/forms/vaccinations

fcmohealth.org



Lori Schaedler
Executive Director

In addition, I would like to express my sincere appreciation to

St. John's Mercy Hospital in Washington.

They worked hard to supply vaccinations to the individuals we provide services to and employees that were in the phase 1A for vaccine distribution.

Thank you!

ABiLITY Mission

ABiLITY is committed to enhancing the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities through education and supports that foster social growth and opportunity.

What's Happening at ABiLITY

Move to St. Clair - Thank You Farmers and Merchants Bank!

The date is approaching quickly! We will be moving our Administrative office to 530 South Main St. in St. Clair and plan to be open for visitors by March 15th. Our phone number will remain the same so that people can continue to access us with a familiar number.

We are looking forward to being a bigger part of the St. Clair community than we have been in the past. We have been attending the St. Clair Chamber of Commerce meetings and have been made to feel so welcome! We look forward to continuing to fulfill our mission from this new location.

We especially would like to acknowledge the huge role that

Farmers and Merchants Bank

has played in creating a trajectory of growth and accessibility to our services to the St. Clair community by donating their former downtown bank location.

We plan on using it well!

Reaching for the Stars!



The date has been set for July 31st in the hopes that we will be well past the pandemic and can come together for a night of fun and giving!

Thank you for your interest and stay tuned for other opportunities to support ABiLITY in fulfilling it's mission.

Who's Who at ABiLITY

- Lori Schaedler, MS, BCBA. Executive Director
- Larry Ley, Associate Executive & Financial Director
- Teresa Barylski, Director of People Operations
- Dennis Kramme, Community Relations Coordinator
- Tom Beck, Director of IT and Facilities
- Grace Garlock, Director of Support Services
- Angie Smallwood, Assistant Director of Support Services
- Clara Wilson, Director of Early Intervention

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ABiLITY Spotlight

Pauline Millsap has been supporting people at ABiLITY for years in the Behavioral Support Program. During the ups and downs that we have all experienced with Covid, Pauline has been a stable influence. In addition to working in BSP, Pauline has been extremely flexible to provide services in other programs as needed. We love that attitude and feel that Pauline's willingness and flexibility deserves a shout out!



Thank you , Pauline!

Tin Man Award



ABiLITY has established an award called the "Tin Man Award" to recognize individuals who go beyond the norm to provide services to persons with developmental disabilities in Franklin County.

The inspiration for this award was the Tin Man in the film "The Wizard of Oz". This award has been presented to ABiLITY staff for their dedication to their consumers, co-workers, or community. If you know anyone who has gone above and beyond for you or your family please let us know so we can recognize them.

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Tin Man Award A Testimonial for an ABiLITY Good Deed Doer

The trees at Sullivan House group home had become over-grown and were touching powerlines. Ability reached out to Craig's Tree Service for an estimate to have them trimmed. Craig's Tree Service came out and gave an estimate of over \$2000, but then informed Ability that they would do the work for free, as a donation to the clients of the group home. In October of 2020, Craig and his crew performed the work, trimming back several trees include two large Oak trees.

Because of Craig Small and his tree service, the Sullivan House yard looks much better and is safer for the residents. Their generosity and great work is very much appreciated. Due to the integrity and thoughtfulness of Craig Small, he is worthy of the Tin Man Award.





Anniversaries

- 1/2; Christina Fogg, 2 years*
1/3 Clara Wilson, 13 years
1/7; Betty Sanders, 1 year
1/18; Mary Helfrich, 27 years
1/18; Jane Shepherd, 15 years
1/31; Raylene Breuer, 2 years
2/1; Teresa Barylski, 11 years
2/9; Meredith Breuer, 15 years
2/10; Judy Lack, 16 years
2/10; Cassandra Medlin-Clark, 1 year
2/15; Dennis Kramme, 4 years
2/18; Eric Prinzi, 7 years
- 2/23; Alexis Klenke, 3 years*
2/27; Teresa Gerlemann, 9 years
3/4; Sarah Smith, 2 years
3/6; Deanna Wirt, 8 years
3/7; Kathryn Gaither, 5 years
3/14; Anne Feuerborn, 5 years
3/15; Kathy Melton, 8 years
3/22; Dawn Waters, 5 years
3/23; Donna Lakey, 12 years
3/23; Michelle Straatmann, 1 year
3/29; Lawrence Ley, 8 years
3/30; Amanda Stout, 6 years

Birthdays

- 1/3 Kathy Melton*
1/4 Sherry Clark
1/5 Teresa Gerlemann
1/13 Bridgett Sanders
1/18 Amie Magruder
1/23 Julieanne Campbell
1/23 Debra Shaw
2/4 Annie Feuerborn
2/12 Euletia Beagle
2/14 Nicholas Walker
2/18 Vicki Nantz
2/19 Christina Fogg
2/20 Jamie McGowen
2/24 Shawn Sullentrop
2/28 Keerstin Mason
- 2/28 Cassandra Medlin-Clark*
3/2 Sherry Schneider
3/2 Alexis Klenke
3/6 Skilok Wall
3/8 Clara Wilson
3/10 Lawrence Ley
3/11 Angela Eilts
3/17 Katelin Bossaller
3/18 Debbie Scharff
3/20 Lisa Hudson
3/21 Cynthia Wedemeier
3/22 Jane Shepherd
3/28 Sandra Yarbrough
3/30 Christine Bays