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1987 to 2012


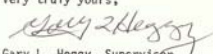


Celebrating

25

Years

of day service programming!!

 <p>STATE OF ILLINOIS DEPARTMENT OF MENTAL HEALTH AND DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES</p> <p>CENTRAL OFFICE 401 South Spring Street Springfield, Illinois 62706</p> <p>May 18, 1987</p> <p>Ms. Rosemary Lapertosa Executive Director Resources for Retarded and Autistic Families 426 North West Avenue Elmhurst, Illinois 60126</p> <p>RE: AGENCY NO. 658</p> <p>Dear Ms. Lapertosa:</p> <p>The Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities herein approves a grant award in the amount of \$51,635.00 for Developmental Training I effective May 1, 1987.</p> <p>Enclosed is a Grant Agreement. Please sign and return to Ms. Kay Scrogin, Division of Developmental Disabilities, 401 South Spring Street, Room 402, Springfield, Illinois 62706. After approval by the Department Agent, a signed copy will be returned to you.</p> <p>Very truly yours,  Gary L. Heggy, Supervisor Grants, Purchase Care and Rates Section</p> <p>GLH:smr Enclosure cc: Associate Director for DD</p>	<p>In The Beginning.....</p> <p>To the left is RRAF's first grant award letter.</p> <p>RRAF served five individuals,</p> <p>owned one van, and</p> <p>paid \$500 per month for a 500 square feet classroom.</p> <p>Twenty-five years later we are bigger and better, with much more yet to be done.</p>
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FROM THE PRESIDENT:

Congratulations RRAF on 25 Years!

There was a time when I wanted to hurry and grow up so I would be 25 and an adult. Then I started saying that each birthday I was going to be 25 once again. Now, in a few weeks, I will be able to say that I have worked with peers being served by this organization for 25 years. And RRAF can be proud to say that 25 years ago it received its first grant to provide developmental training services. A program we continue to be proud of.

My Survey Experience

The one thing that has been made very clear to me from the CARF surveys I have been able to be a part of so far is that the practices of disability funding decreases and regulatory increases is being seen by almost all organizations across the nation. The poor state of the economy in so many states means staff and leadership are doing more for less. Especially in small organizations leadership is being stretch to the max of their potential. Yet all are carrying on - doing their level best to keep salary levels and benefits as intact as possible for their staff. Keeping paychecks on time for staff - even if their own does not get cashed. And, most importantly, providing the number and expertise of staff at levels needed to fully serve individuals even when the state may not be paying the amount needed to do just that.

For so long I felt that we in Illinois

were lone rangers in this fiscal abyss. We are not. The struggle is nationwide. Not one of us can drop our advocacy efforts on behalf of those we love, know and serve. They need us now more than ever.

For those of us close to our own fear of assisted care or nursing care futures? Be even more afraid of what lies ahead for those of ours needing extra personal care. Will it be there? Only if together we make it so.

Update: The Van Accident

We are all continuing to heal - at various pathways, but healing. The court case also continues for the guy who hit us. The memories will continue for a very long time I am sure. Me? I may not be in high heels for this years Fall Benefit. But, I will feel very blessed in being able to be there at all.

*Thank you,
Marilyn Flanagan*

ANNOUNCEMENT - CONGRATULATIONS!!

The Board of Directors of RRAF is pleased to announce that it has elected Ms. Cassandra Young to the newly created position of Vice President of Organizational Development for RRAF. Reporting to the Executive Director, Cassie will undertake a number of tasks all aimed at growing RRAF as an organization, improving RRAF's delivery of services, and assisting the Executive Director and the RRAF Board of Directors as needed. Cassie will play a significant role in preparing RRAF for its upcoming survey by CARF, and generally in improving RRAF's policies and procedures. Cassie joined RRAF May of 2011 in the role of Direct Support Person. Cassie has an undergraduate degree in Psychology from Western Illinois University, and a master's degree in Social Work from Dominican University. In addition, Cassie recently completed a three month period working in South Africa with children with AIDS. Please join us in congratulating Cassie on this new position.

FY'12—The Highlights

- ⇒ RRAF raised \$49,462 through family generated contributions.
- ⇒ Community partnerships brought in total support of \$23,364. We were blessed to add new partners when extra help was needed to weather the van accident and the unexpected costs that brought us. Many thanks to Steve and Laura M. Reitman, The Beles Family Fund, and that Dawn Carol Foundation. All of these were made possible through our friends, the DuPage Community Foundation.
- ⇒ We were able to raise \$27,081 through fundraiser participation. Over \$21,000 came from our Annual Fall Benefit, \$3,500 from our Annual Silverado Grill Chili Sunday, and over \$2,300 from Jewelry Sales held throughout the year by our Jewelry Cartel.
- ⇒ We continue to maintain a strong budget with adequate cash reserves to help protect us from any unforeseen financial challenges.
- ⇒ Our Developmental Training and Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) programs were both found to be in 100% compliance when surveyed by the Illinois Department of Human Services for licensure requirements in May 2012.
- ⇒ Attendance levels for our day program averaged 85%.
- ⇒ The staffing ratio for our day program was one staff per 4.2 staff by year's end. Being able to hire additional staff was one benefit of the years of sacrifice to add to our cash reserves and to live within very balanced budget initiatives.
- ⇒ Our day program census level remains at 25.



↑ Our raffle prize list usually has over 200 prizes.
What is your guess for this year?



↑ **“The Kids Raffle”**
A game, stuffed animal,
or treats inside. Don't peek!



← Baskets
always make the
raffle prize table
look pretty ... but
they also mean lots
of goodies inside.



→
**Kids.
Candy.
Popcorn.**

**Oh, to be
a kid again!**

**What will we
count this year?**



↑ **Table Prizes and Treats to Boot!**
What will be in the middle of
your table this year?

**Were you a part of last year's Fall Benefit ???
Remember the prizes you could have (or did) win ???
Remember the fun, the good times with family and friends ???
Mark your calendar for October 7th - you could win a prize from a place listed below.
And the list keeps growing.....)**

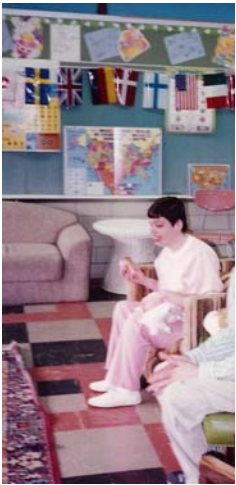
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Barone's, Glen Ellyn
Casey's Restaurant, Lombard
Central DuPage Foot and Ankle
Assoc.
The Cheesecake Factory, Chicago
The Cheesecake Factory, Oak Brook
The Cheesecake Factory, Old Orchard
Chicago Rush Football
The Chicago White Sox
Chicago Zoological Society
Epic Buffet, Hollywood Casino
Francesca's Amici, Elmhurst
Glendale Lakes Golf Club

Harley Davidson, McHenry
Home Depot, Carol Stream
Hub 51, Chicago
Dr. Huyvaert, D.C.
Improv Comedy Showcase
Lake Lawn Resort, Delavan, WI
Las Palmas Restaurant, Westmont
Lombard Dairy Queen
Lombard Roller Rink
Lou Malnatti's Pizzeria
Lynfred Winery, Roselle
Lynfred Winery, Wheeling
Naper Settlement
Paris Club, Chicago

Potbelly, Elmhurst
Real Time Sports, Elk Grove Village
Shedd Aquarium
Target, Glendale Hts.
Tasting deVine Cellars, Naperville
Tasting deVine, Wheaton
US 99.5 Radio Station
Village Tavern & Grill, Carol Stream
Wal-Mart
Westin Hotel, Lombard at Yorktown
Zanies Comedy Nite Club, Chicago
Zigfield Troy Golf, Woodridge

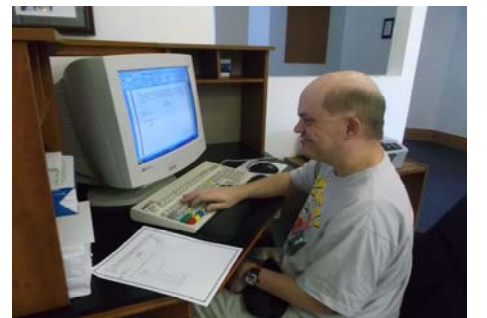
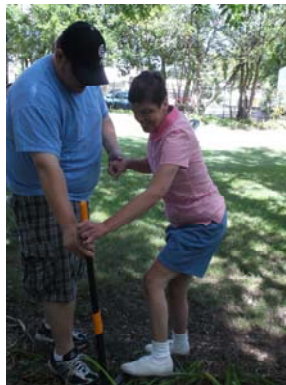
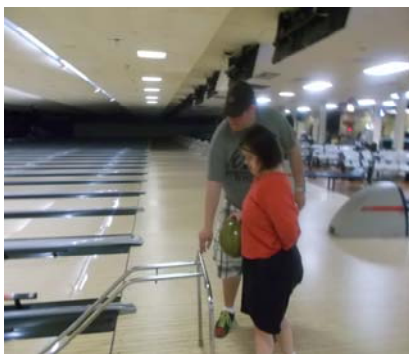
(And what about \$1,000 Cash ?!)

The Beginning - 25 Years Ago



How proud we were of our one small room and our van with a tape deck!

*Today - 25 Years Later
Family, Community, Social, Work Skills, Life Skills - It's all RRAF!!*



The Future - What Lies Ahead ??? Join us in that Partnership

UNRESTRICTED CONTRIBUTIONS: (May 16, 2012 through August 15, 2012)

IN MEMORY

Charlene Anderson
Peggy Anderson

Lewis Balseiro
Marianne Black
Bruce and Nancy Brockmeier
Ray, Genie, and Mary Urick

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Roger and Sandy Davis

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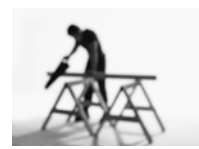
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Roger and Sandy Davis

Tracy Faye Rathnaw
Elite Growers, Inc.

Herb Sturz
Barbara Sturz

Lisa Vetter
Rita Vrona



Both our
613 and
619
buildings
could use

some gentle attention for
needed repairs. Could you help
with time or materials?
Some examples:

- New cedar shake shingles
- Rebuilt porch columns
- Wall patching and painting
- Wood furniture repair and strengthening
- Brick walkway installed to our Eagle Scout gazebo
- Seal coat and striping
- Exterior painting
- Flower beds nurtured
- Tuck pointing
- Fence repairs and painting

Call to visit and walk thru to see how you can help.

IN HONOR

Kara Altman
Amy Altman

Jack Buckingham
Kathy McGinnis

Beth Carpenter
David and Diane Carpenter

Brooke Davis
Roger and Sandy Davis
Barb Kennedy
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Pete and Lori Sylvester

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Roger and Sandy Davis

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Ron and Lynn Samuel

Steve Stojanovic
Al and Judi Stojanovic
Stacy Stojanovic

Elizabeth Vrona
Rita Vrona

GENERAL

Friend (\$10—\$49)
Bill and Eileen Mueller

Sponsor/Centurian (\$50—\$499)

Benefactors (\$500 and above)
The Dawn Carol Foundation of the
DuPage Community Foundation
Knights of Columbus, #15296,
Clarendon Hills



Our Three Year CARF Accreditation Survey is Right Around the Corner !!

We will soon welcome two CARF surveyors - October 11th and 12th will be the dates.

- ◆ On our first survey in 1997 we achieved a Three Year Award - the longest possible.
- ◆ Then, in 2006, CARF offered Board Governance standards for the first time. Our Board conformed to the expectations in every area.
- ◆ Now, six years later we are not only going for our renewal in the areas of Community Integration and Board Governance, we are also asking to be surveyed in two additional areas. First, in the area of Supported Living, which covers our funding received through the state in Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA). The second will be in the area of Family Services, which correlates to our Home Based Support services. Wish us luck!

Stay tuned. Although the results will not be known when we get together for our Fall Benefit - they will be relayed in our next newsletter.

JEWELRY !!

Wonderful job Jewelry
Cartel and buyers!!

The Elmhurst Garden
Walk Jewelry Sale
held July 8, 2012
raised \$1,283.75.



JEWELRY !! JEWELRY !! JEWELRY !!

Join us November 3, 2012, at the American Legion, Post 187,
Annual Craft Show in Elmhurst, IL. (310 West Butterfield Road)

The sale hours are 9 am - 3 pm

Our "Jewelry Cartel" will have its usual grand display of
refurbished costume and antique jewelry available for sale.

JEWELRY !!

Thank you to our
recent jewelry donors:

Pat Kreibich
Kathy Sweeney
Marianne Wachholz

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Please accept my donation in the amount of:

_____ Benefactor, \$500 _____ Centurian, \$100 _____ Sponsor, \$50
_____ Friend, \$10 _____ Other

This donation is in memory of: _____

honor of: _____

Please send acknowledgement to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Please make checks payable to RRAF and mail to 613 South Main Street, Lombard, IL 60148-3341. RRAF is a 501(c)(3) not-for-profit organization. All donations not exchanged for goods or services are tax deductible to the extent allowed by IRS regulations. Should you wish a copy of our certified financial audit, please request it in writing to address above.

Newsletter, August, 2012

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**ACCREDITED BY THE
REHABILITATION
ACCREDITATION
COMMISSION (CARF)
THROUGH DECEMBER 2012**

**KEEP US IN YOUR THOUGHTS AS WE
WORK TOWARDS OUR ANNUAL FALL
BENEFIT. RAFFLE PRIZES ARE ALWAYS
WELCOMED - AND NEEDED.**

**ITEMS FROM GIFT CARDS TO LOCAL
ATTRACTION TICKETS TO HOTELS AND
RESTAURANTS - AND BEYOND - ARE
WON AND APPRECIATED WITH MUCH
HOOPLA AND FANFARE.**

**ANY HELP YOU CAN GIVE TOWARDS
THIS ANNUAL RAFFLE EXTRAGANZA IS
ALWAYS SO APPRECIATED.**

**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR NOW!**

**Our Annual Fall Benefit
will be
October 7, 2012,
11:30 am - 3:30 pm
at the Empress Banquets,
200 East Lake Street,
Addison, IL**