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SPECIAL PEOPLE. NEW FRIENDS. REBUILDING TOGETHER.

On Saturday, September 15th we were blessed to have a group of volunteers do a day of primping and repairs and yard work for RRAF. There must have been 40 or more teens and adults that spread out through our facility - inside and out - and just “got to work.” It was an amazing day. And, an amazing effort to watch.



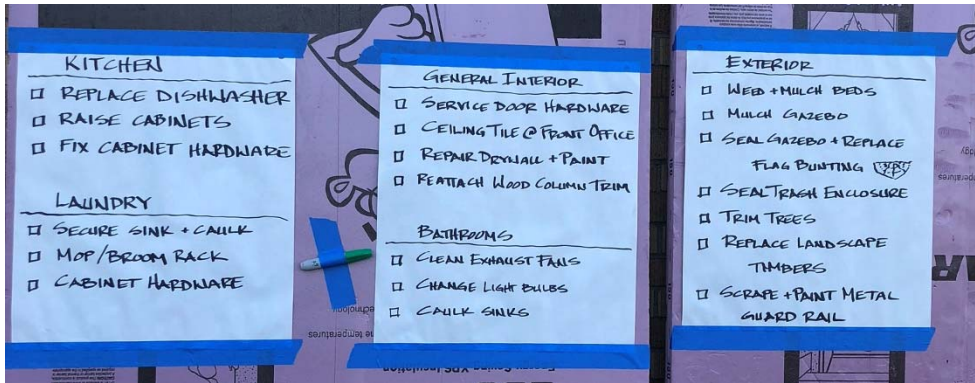
One day, we just got a phone call out of the blue. We referred the caller to Sally Mullan. That one phone call morphed into a coordinated effort led Chad Ruckauf, Program Manager of Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago. He worked with an anonymous donor and others a part of Rebuilding Together to come up with a plan of projects to be done, a budget, and a shopping list.

On the next page are additional photos of the day.



Thank you to all at Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago!! It was amazing!!

Pictures of "Rebuilding Together Metro Chicago" and Volunteers



OUR THREE YEAR CARF SURVEY

We have now gone through our eighth accreditation survey. Our first was in 1997. It is always so nice to get an outsiders perspective of CARF. And, to have someone review all of our documents and practices to be sure we are current, doing things as efficiently as possible ... and that we aren't forgetting anything that we need to be doing!!

There was a lot of good discussion. A lot of good ideas shared. And, a special thank you to those families and board members that shared their time and input with our surveyor. She even heard from a residential provider that works alongside of us.

As any good CARF surveyor should do, she found ways that we can improve ourselves. And, saw the strengths that we have. She also looked at our systems in place here in Illinois and how they are working for us ... as her extensive career has included teaching special education in the school, working at non-profits, and now many years working for her state in its Department of Rehabilitation.

Her formal recommendations within the report will address the main concerns we all share. Needing more staff. And, needing more community integration. She also felt that transportation requirements should be appropriately funded by the state. And, she thought community integration should be an objective, as appropriate, in all individual plans developed, if only to formally track our inability to do so for state funders.

She was very complimentary of our employee job descriptions and annual performance evaluations, our measurable objectives and detailed Implementation Strategies, our ongoing performance measurement and management process with meaningful targets, accurate data, and ongoing and realistic analysis, our staff, and our working collaboration among all of us a part of RRAF.

She had many suggestions for us, as well. Researching ways to provide more adaptive technology (I-Pads, etc.), writing grants for technology equipment, seeing if volunteers and interns could be utilized, possibly those needing community service hours. consider a Go Fund Me page, and continuing our discussions as to how to better utilize the 619 building.

Her report will now be handed off to editors and CARF corporate. In about six weeks we will get the formal report. At that time we will all be able to read her recommended changes, suggestions, and strengths. It will be placed on our website for everyone to read.

In the meantime, it is time to get back to work doing what we do best!

*Recap provided by,
Marilyn J. Flanagan, QIDP
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CARF Surveyor*

What is Accreditation?

Accreditation is a process that demonstrates a provider has met standards for the quality of its services. CARF International establishes these standards to guide providers in offering their services and also uses the standards to evaluate how well a provider is serving people and how it can improve.

Things to know:

- HBS families: The monthly and annual service maximum amounts will raise on January 1st. For adults this amount will increase from \$2,250 to \$2,313 per month; the annual maximum being \$27,756.
- For everyone State funded: Independent Service Coordinators will be doing a new discovery process as part of the annual Personal Plan process. After the Personal Plan is complete, RRAF will sign a provider agreement and complete an Implementation Strategy outlining our services.
- HBS families will also need to complete an Employer of Record plan. The employer can do this themselves, or Marilyn can do this with the family as part of the Self-Directed Services she can provide.
- Private pay families: We will do a conference and Plan at your annual review date.

**The Fall Benefit held September 30, 2018 netted.....
over \$11,000.00 !!! Every dollar will go to enhance the services
provided to RRAF adults with intellectual disabilities. Thank you all !!**

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FY'18 - Ending June 30, 2018**

INCOME:

State Funding	\$158,305.32
Private Pay	18,544.40
Contributions	71,902.40
Fundraising (Net)	<u>21,165.60</u>
Total	\$269,917.72

EXPENSES:

Consultants	\$ 995.00
Supplies	7,174.86
Employees	158,869.98
Transportation	31,443.74
Occupancy	30,225.28
Program	3,222.29
Depreciation	21,670.24
Interest	<u>14,662.20</u>
Total	\$268,263.59

NET INCOME \$ 1,654.13

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