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Supporting over 40 Years of Excellence in Community Services

February 2008

2008 Scheduled Events

The Foundation has a multitude of activities and events scheduled for 2008, with others under consideration. The purpose of these events is two-fold:

- 1) To raise funds to help support the services provided by Sunflower to infants/toddlers, children and adults with DD in this five-county area;
- 2) To raise awareness among the citizens of this area about the importance Sunflower plays in the lives of persons with disabilities and their families.

We try to offer fun activities that people in the community will enjoy, and in the process provide an opportunity to become a "partner" in meeting the special needs of others. Just a few of the events already scheduled for 2008 include:

- Texas Hold'em Poker Tournaments every other month, with one recently held January 27th and the next ones scheduled for March 16th and May 4th;
- 3rd Annual Charity Gala on March 8th;
- PAWS in the Park on April 20th, in conjunction with the **Golden Belt Humane Society**;
- Annual Chris Cakes Pancake Feed on September 18th.

Sunrise Campaign

The Foundation's Sunrise Campaign is its annual fall campaign that includes the Chris Cakes Pancake Feed followed by direct solicitations and an appeal letter. The 2007 Campaign was extremely successful, raising a total of \$9,858 in support of agency programs and services. We are very grateful to all who supported this campaign in any way.

Quality Staff Make a Difference

As we worked on budget for 2008, we became even more aware of the number of staff who have been with Sunflower for a long time. Of the current employees, 48 have been with the agency for 5 years or more. Even more notable is that of that 48, 25 have been employed 10 years or more, and of that number, 10 have been with Sunflower 15 years or more. At a time when local businesses are truly in need of qualified, dedicated workers, Sunflower is proud that so many of its staff have made a long-term commitment to the persons Sunflower serves. This is so important because the quality of services available to persons with DD depends on the skills and experience of our staff.

Physical Therapy

Krista Smith is one of the many consultants that the Early Education Center utilizes in its early intervention services. Krista is a registered physical therapist who assists with children in need of developmental services in the gross motor domain. She begins services for a child with a physical therapy evaluation to determine the degree of delay and the potential services needed. Based on identified needs, she works with the child, parents and staff to carry out a therapy program that addresses those specific needs. (See the following story on Isaac as an example.)

Spotlight On...

Isaac was born 6 weeks premature, and was first evaluated when he was almost 5 months old. Isaac's physical skills at that time ranged from 1 to 1½ months.

At 10 months, Isaac was wearing a custom fitted helmet 23 hours per day due to a diagnosis of plagiocephaly and sticky suture syndrome. Through EEC's case management assistance, the parents were able to purchase the modeling helmet with funds donated by Children's Miracle Network and Kansas Society for Crippled Children.

Isaac has made tremendous accomplishments. He has developed age appropriate skills, including throwing a ball into a box, climbing into an adult chair and turning around to sit, kicking a ball, squatting to play, and now, walking independently on an 8" balance beam! At 21 months, Isaac is accomplishing skills ranging from 19 to 22 months, and is physically on target for a toddler his age.



Home based services with Isaac, his mother and Krista Smith.



Autumn recently moved from her family's country home and into a place of her own in Great Bend. She and her roommate maintain a lovely, comfortable home of which they are very proud. Being in town provides more opportunities for Autumn to develop and enjoy her social life. She enjoys attending many community events with her boyfriend or other friends, and is proud of the hard work she does to support her new home and lifestyle.

You might like to know...

- 231 children and their families receive one or more of the services offered by the Early Education Center in 2007
- 145 adolescents and adults received one or more services from Sunflower in 2007.
- 69 individuals received residential and Supportive Home Care services in 46 different locations, reinforcing Sunflower's commitment to assist persons in renting homes of their own in the community.
- Of the 101 people served in Sunflower's day services, 85 spend all or part of the work week in employment programs
- Sunflower's First Step Recycling Center processed 2,810,600 pounds of material in 2007 and currently provides pick-up services to 214 businesses that recycle in this area.

Contributions

October 2007 through December 2007

The following individuals and businesses have contributed to the support of Sunflower's programs and special projects. Dollars received by the Foundation are gifted on a quarterly basis to supplement local, state and federal funding.

Our supporters and partners are very important to us, and we appreciate the involvement of each and every one. If you know of anyone we have missed, or if we need to update our information, please let us know.

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