

FY 2009-2010 Annual Report

Message from the Board President, 2007-2010



Larry Davis, Board President 2007 - 2010

Community Link has been a part of the Davis family since 1978—when my brother, John, first enrolled. Over the past years, he has achieved breakthroughs in adult learning and living on his own, has found a good job that he enjoys, and has made long-term friends to expand his social circle beyond his family.

Our family has seen first-hand how John has grown to become happy and fulfilled at Community Link. That's why

I agreed to serve on the Community Link Board of Directors. Later, I was selected as Board President for three fiscal years, ending June 30, 2010.

During those three years, we transitioned to a successor executive director. This past year, especially, we also focused on board development to improve our effectiveness and help lead the agency to an even higher standard of excellence. Together with the administrative staff, we facilitated the revitalization of a support group for program participants' family and friends. Fiscally, we survived ongoing state payment delays and the elimination of state funding for certain services; throughout that ongoing financial challenge, the United Way of Greater St. Louis provided us with stable funding, one-time grants, and numerous strategic resources. Dedicated staff found new and different funding sources—and enhanced life-skills programming "on a shoestring." Meanwhile, community businesses, organizations and individuals stepped up to the plate with additional charitable contributions. This combined support made it possible for Community Link to serve 549 individuals—341 adults and 208 children—on an ongoing basis in the past fiscal year, plus hundreds more through case referrals, developmental screenings, and a dental clinic.

This Annual Report, for the fiscal year ended June 30, 2010, is full of interesting statistics. It's also filled with pictures and stories of people—like you and me—who are trying to better their lives

and give back to the community. As challenging as their lives might be, Community Link program participants always have the desire to help someone else!

So, after my father passed away, our family didn't hesitate on how to distribute some of the estate. We agreed we wanted to put up a marquee at Community Link's main building, so everyone who passed by on Old Route 50 would notice the good work being accomplished and would become more aware of ways to get involved.

If you have any questions about what's in this report, or if you'd like to volunteer with one of the programs or at a fundraising event, or if you're thinking of making a legacy gift as our family did, I—along with the newly elected Board President, John Lengerman—would be glad to talk with you. Please contact us through Community Link, *info@commlink.org*, (618) 526-8800, toll-free (800) 310-8511, or send a letter to P.O. Box 157, Breese, IL 62230.

We appreciate your ongoing support in transforming disability into possibility.

Larry Davis

P.S. On behalf of the past and present Board of Directors, as well as the Administrative Team, I want to congratulate Renae Donohoo, a 10-year staff member at the Highland small-group home. She was honored in May 2010 by the American Association on Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (AAIDD) as one of the Top 10



Renae Donohoo

direct-support professionals (DSPs) in Illinois—another sign of excellence at Community Link!

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helps people with developmental disabilities and other difficulties

- achieve learning breakthroughs
- find a job
- live in a home of their own, and
- make friends



Consumer Advisory Councils offer input on programming. Above, the 2009 council and board/staff facilitators representing Breese-based consumers: (seated) Joe Peters and Kathy Wempe; (standing, from left) Brenda Von Hatten, Mike Hogg, Alvin Hacker, Tina Holtmann, Jan Wilburn and Barb Nelson.

Right: The 2009 council members representing Fairview Heights Metro consumers (from left): Sarah Harr, Lorrie Cooper and Paul Garner.



Community Link values...

DIGNITY - RESPECT - CHOICE - SELF-DETERMINATION - CARE - FAMILY

EDUCATION - WORK - INTERDEPENDENCE - ADVOCACY

SELF-EVALUATION - STEWARDSHIP - FISCAL RESPONSIBILITY



FINANCIAL REPORT

Community Link is pleased to present the following unaudited statement of activities for the Agency's Fiscal Year 2009-10, ending this past June 30. For a copy of the completed audit, please e-mail *info@commlink.org* or call (618) 526-8800.

SUPPORT & REVENUE Support		REVENUES
Government Grants	724,009	FY 2009-10
Foundation/Corporate/Community	203,378	_ Production
United Way	205,845	4%
Annual Appeal	35,373	Support 3% Corporate/
Special Events	26,750	3rd Party/ \[\begin{pmatrix} 50 \\ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \ \
Total Support	1,195,355	Private Pay 6%
Revenue	1,193,555	
Government Fees for Service	4,862,152	
3rd Party / Private Pay Fees	383,183	Government 81%
Production/Contract Revenue	299,440	
Investment Income	3,517	
Other Revenue	•	
Total Revenue	79,333	
Total Revenue	5,627,625	
Total Support & Revenue	6,822,980	
		EXPENSES
EXPENSES		FY 2009-10
Salaries, Benefits, Taxes, Contractual	5,067,381	Other Depreciation
Occupancy-Related	514,652	Operating Expense
Other Operating Expenses	956,152	Expenses 2%
Depreciation	144,677	Occupancy
Total Expenses	6,682,862	Related Expenses 8% Salaries,
Change in Unrestricted Net Assets	140,118	Benefits, Taxes & Contract Staff
Unrestricted Net Assets, July 1, 2009	1,395,872	76%
Prior Period Adjustment	69,366	
Unrestricted Net Assets, June 30, 2010	1,605,356	

Community Link's \$6-million budget flows back into the surrounding communities, through salaries paid to employees and the purchases from local vendors.



First Step helps families with kids 0-21 achieve breakthroughs



What a cute baby posing amid the pumpkins at Eckert's Orchards. First Step organized a family field trip there, so babies could experience shapes, colors, textures and aromas, and parents could learn how to plan low-cost, educational, fun family outings.



A First Step mom introduces her baby to apple-picking. Wise food choices and economical food sources are part of the First Step Early Head Start health-andnutrition curriculum.



First Step encourages father involvement with an annual fishing derby at Carlyle Fish Hatchery, as well as trips to minorleague baseball.

First Step Early Learning & Family Support programs are designed to enhance the physical, social-emotional and intellectual development of children, to support parents' efforts to fulfill their crucial role as the child's first and best teacher, and to help families move toward school readiness and self-sufficiency. Families may be eligible for more than one of the programs: Early Intervention, which the Agency pioneered in Southern Illinois in 1978, and Children's Waiver case coordination, both funded



by DHS; Early Head Start, federally funded for children pre-birth through age 3 from lowincome and other at-risk families; Infant & Family Mental Health Services, and Happiest Baby classes, generously funded by United Way of Greater St. Louis, to enhance family bonding and coping skills for 50+ families this past year; and Prevention Services, which provided developmental screenings for 100+ children. For more information on any of these services, e-mail TKE@commlink.org, or call (618) 526-8830.

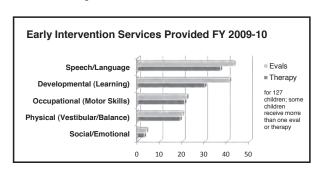
EHS bolsters family literacy, health, nutrition

A Hispanic mom memorized a story in English so she could "read" the book to her baby, and in the process learned to read English herself. ... A junior high school girl learned to juggle school and parenting and graduated with high honors as a result of the support received. ... A single mom, once timid and insecure, attended a Head Start state conference, then shared helpful information with other families at the EHS parent-child play groups and Policy Council. ... A couple, who adopted a fragile child born to a drug-addicted mother, learned coping techniques and health-and-nutrition strategies. ... These are just some of the breakthroughs achieved by the 91 enrolled EHS clients this past year; some 50-plus children are enrolled at any one time. More than one-fifth—22 percent—of the enrolled families speak Spanish or are of Hispanic descent; they are assisted by a bilingual home visitor. For a copy of the EHS Annual Report, with additional data, e-mail *RobinT@commlink.org*, or call (618) 526-8830.

Early Intervention identifies and resolves many issues

When 127 local children were evaluated this past Early Intervention & Prevention year, therapists found 74 percent eligible for therapy. During the same year, 30 percent of the eligible children turned 3 years of age and moved on to other preschool programs, while 10 percent met all goals before age 3.

Moreover, all the families said the EI services helped them deal more effectively with the needs they identified—including coping with the social-emotional challenges that can affect the entire family system when a child faces special difficulties.



Ages of Children Served FY 2009-10



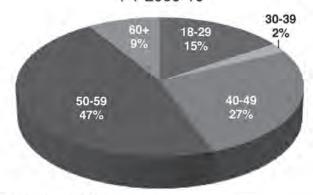
Families Receiving El Service, by County FY2009-10		
Clinton County	38%	
Marion County	31%	
Washington County	11%	
Madison County	6%	
Bond County	2%	
Coles County	2%	
Jersey County	2%	
Effingham County	1%	
Jefferson County	1%	
St. Clair County	1%	



Community Living Programs support life at home-sweet-home

Community Integrated Living

Ages of Residents FY 2009-10



CILA small-group homes: six (6) Sites: Aviston, Breese (2), Carlyle, Germantown, Highland

Number of CILA residents: 35 total (5-7 per home)

Number of bed nights provided past year: 12,625

Germantown CILA renovations



Alvin Hacker demonstrates the accessible, walk-in bathtub/shower—part of the extensive renovation to two bathrooms at the Germantown CILA, thanks to a major donor. The second bathroom features a roll-in shower with built-in seat. Other enhancements include a wheelchair-accessible wall-mounted sink, longer counters for grooming ease, and extra space for maneuverability, as well as replacement flooring and updated decor

Highland CILA ramp and deck



Lorraine Cousino appreciates the front-door wheelchair ramp, added this year thanks to a major donor and the Highland Area Community Foundation. The ramp provides a second egress for mobility-challenged residents, and it includes a spacious deck, especially enjoyed by a visually-impaired resident.

'Wish you were here' Residents enjoy outings with peers

Thanks substantially to donated tickets and gasoline vouchers from individuals and organizations (combined with careful budgeting) Agency program participants enjoy a wide variety of outings in the evening and on weekends. This past year, outings included *Attractions:* Amusement parks, St. Louis Science Center, and St.

Louis Zoo; *Events:* Bingo, Clinton County Advocates for Recreation gatherings, local picnics and street fairs, restaurant meals, and shopping trips; *Participatory Sports:* bowling, fishing, golf, Health Plex exercise sessions at St. Joseph Hospital in Breese, Special Olympics games, and Wii-Fit games especially during inclement weather; *Performing Arts:* movies, rock music concerts, Clinton County Showcase, Looking



Sharon Fisher poses with the Little Richard impersonator from Legends in Concert 2010 during a group out-oftown vacation to Branson, Mo.

Glass Theatre, and the Muny Opera; *Spectator Sports:* local league and high-school games, and Gateway Grizzlies and St. Louis Cardinals baseball games; and *Worship* at each resident's congregation of choice. Annually, certain CILA, Intermittent CILA and Family Support Unit participants budget for and select a destination for an out-of-town trip—this year, Branson, Mo.

Making friends . . . FUSION participants grateful for volunteer organization hosts

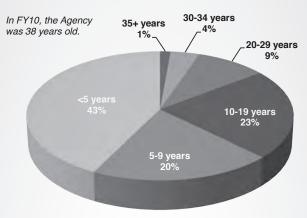
FUSION stands for Finding Unique Services by Individualizing Opportunities and Needs. FUSION host organizations welcome Community Link participants as active members and/or volunteers. This past year, host organizations included the following:

- American Cancer Society, Highland
- Breese Jaycees
- Breese Junior Women's Club
- Chakota Therapeutic Horse Ranch
- Clinton County Humane Society
- Highland Animal Shelter
- Kernel Nut Club
- Knights of Columbus, Carlyle Council #1382
- Retirement, Nursing & Rehabilitation Centers:
 - Aviston Countryside Nursing Home
 - Faith Countryside Manor, Highland
 - Hitz Memorial Home, Alhambra
- U.S. Army Corps of Engineers



Developmental Training brightens consumers' days with experiences

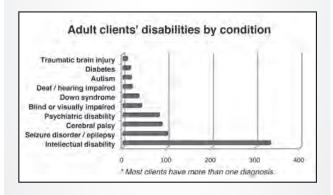
Adult Day Programs FY2009-10 Participants - Total Years of Service



Note: Large influx of participants in past five years reflects opening of new Day Training facility in Fairview Heights, serving 80+.

Total hours of day services provided, past year: 342,398 Total days of service provided, past year: 242

Total Adult Day participants, past year: 312
Total participants enrolled in classroom only, past year: 152
Total participants enrolled in work programs, past year: 192
*Some are dually enrolled in classroom and employment programs.



Adults Receiving Services, by County FY2009-10		
500/		
56%		
32%		
8%		
1%		
1%		
1%		

OUR OWN OLYMPICS:

At Breese West Developmental Training, staff member Carolyn Porter introduces a program participant to shuffleboard as part of Community Link's Olympics. The Games began in late January as



preparation to help clients enjoy watching the 2010 Winter Olympics televised from Canada. During Community Link's Opening Ceremony, the Olympic Torch was passed from room to room on its way to the lunchroom. Then the games continued Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Events included basketball, hockey, bowling, and shuffleboard. Gold medals were awarded to all participants during closing ceremonies.



PERSONAL APPEARANCE COURSE: Beginning in April, Breese West Developmental Training began offering a course in personal appearance and hygiene. Topics included hand-washing, dental care, basic grooming, and appropriate clothing choices for the weather. Course participants also could make an appointment on Fridays to have a hair styling, manicure, or, for the women, nail polish or make-up. Participants received an Appearance Award for completing the month-long course. Above, Megan Brefeld gets a new hair-do during one of the Friday sessions and learns what a difference it can make!



at Breese West Developmental Training, a 12-week cooking class was offered by staff member Tina Schleper, with

COOKING CLASS: Also

member Tina Schleper, with the help of habilitation assistants Lisa Renshaw and Jeanne Kueper. Program

participants learned about the food pyramid, kitchen safety, measuring basics, table etiquette, and how to plan and prepare simple recipes. As a class graduation exercise, the clients prepared a meal for family and friends. Above, from left: Lynette Keeven, her niece Kelly Keeven, and Kathy Wempe enjoy the graduation meal of salad, pizza, strawberry shortcake, and freshly squeezed lemonade.



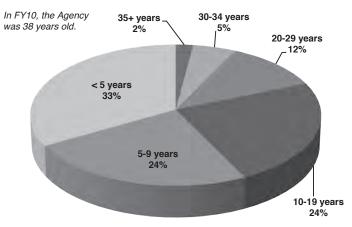
EDUCATIONAL GARDEN: Fairview Heights Metro Developmental Training broke ground on an educational flower-and-vegetable garden. At harvest, the vegetables will be used in cooking classes that are part of Community Link's life-skills curriculum. Spearheading the project were four communications-dynamics students from Southern Illinois University Edwardsville, who donated bedding plants, brought tools, and helped clients participate. Left: Program participant Jessica Merrick hands a bedding plant to group organizer Bridget Nelson.



Program participants find fulfilling jobs in varied settings

Employment Programs

FY2009-10 Workers - Total Years of Service



Total workers in all employment programs: 192
Total workers in production workshop: 172
Total unduplicated workers in contract janitorial crews: 20

Total workers in community-based employment: 12
* Some individuals participate in more than one work program.

Among production-workshop participants:

Combined years of service for workshop participants: 1,803 Average years of service: 10.5

Combined gross pay for the past fiscal year: \$167,593.97

Average length of work day: 5 hours

* Some individuals work fewer than 5 days per week.

Pay is piecework, based on each individual's productivity.

In community-based supported employment:

Average hours of work available per person per week: 15

Recycling Center diverts 275 tons!



Chamber supports recycling enter-

prise: From right, Community Link Board President Larry Davis gratefully accepted a \$1,000 check for the Recycling Center from Breese Chamber of Commerce officers Brandon Wade, Patti Sellers and Mark Rakers. John Foppe, left, stresses that the enterprise employs adults with developmental disabilities. Community Link helped divert more than 275 tons of municipal waste from landfills in FY 2009-10. The Recycling Center collected 2.08 tons of aluminum, 12.02 tons of plastic, 4.1 tons of white copy paper, 16.38 tons of mixed office paper, 106.42 tons of newspapers and paperbacks, and 135.64 tons of cardboard, for a

total of 276.64 tons of recyclables. The drop-off Recycling Center at 1665 N. Fourth St., Breese, is open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. weekdays and employs adults with developmental disabilities.

In Appreciation for production jobs from



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Ten Pin Bowling Alley, Carlyle

Selections from our Wish List

Signage for Breese West

Extending concrete on east side of Breese East building, for wheelchair access to load an additional bus

Hatch "kid-friendly" computer and work station for Centralia playgroup

Fatherhood Involvement activity: game/race tickets

Dental coverage for clients who have no family or means (donated service, cash gift or insurance premium paid)

Aviston CILA: New flooring for bedroom; treadmill and other exercise equipment

Breese 245 CILA: Cabinet for garage; addition of two rooms to back of house

<u>Breese 555 CILA:</u> Garage; ceiling fans

<u>Carlyle CILA improve-</u> <u>ments:</u> front accessible porch; deck rehab; landscaping

Germantown CILA: Landscaping

Production Workshop:

- Weight-counting scale (digital)
- -Shrink-wrap machine
- Electric pallet jack
- Automatic doors

Breese West: Painting several of the classrooms and hallways

Fairview Heights Metro:

- —Vinyl flooring for entry
- Privacy screen with ceiling track
- Sensory-stimulation items such as a bubble column and/or a shapes projector
- Outdoor sensory items: wind chimes, bird bath, raised planters
- -Gazebo and/or awning

Recreational items:

- —Use of condo or cabin
- -Hotel certificates
- -Cardinals tickets

- —Patio furniture & planters
- -BBQ grills
- -Lawn chairs & coolers
- -Garden tools
- -Basketball goals
- -Pool tables
- -Theater tickets
- -Karaoke machine
- -Card tables & chairs

Other needs agency-wide:

- -Reception-area furniture
- -Recliners & lift recliners
- Refrigerators (one 18-22 cu. ft., and three larger)
- Heavy-duty mixers for cooking classes
- Wii Fit systems, remotes, chargers and games
- -TVs/stands; DVD players

To see our entire wish list: Request a copy from Jeanette at (618) 526-3980, or click on "Agency wish list" under Resources at the bottom of the right-hand column on www.firstgiving.com/communitylink.

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\$15 – Parenting-clas \$35 – 2 hours of res \$70 – An outing for	•	\$100 – 4 hours of job coaching \$250 – 1 day of residential care for an individual \$500 – 2 weeks of life-skills training for an individual		
Enclosed is my tax-deduc	ctible donation of \$	to support individuals with disabilities.		
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THANK YOU!



FY 2009-2010 Donor Roll

With Gratitude

This Donor Roll honors the funders, businesses, organizations and individuals who have made it possible for the Agency to serve nearly 550 individuals and their families on an ongoing basis (and hundreds more with occasional services) during the 12 months ended June 30, 2010. In an era of diminished government funding, our not-for-profit charitable organization increasingly relies on community support. To each of you, we are grateful for your gener-

ous support. To those who have asked to be listed as anonymous, please know that your giving is much appreciated. To those we may have inadvertently omitted, we offer our sincerest apologies, ask your understanding, and invite you to let us know about the omission, so we may adjust our records and recognize your contribution. Thank you again for transforming disabilities into possibilities!

IN APPRECIATION OF OUR DONORS

July 1, 2009 through June 30, 2010

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Early Head Start Continuation Grant

Early Head Start COLA Grant (formula)

Early Head Start Quality Improvement Grant (formula)

Early Head Start Program Improvement Grant (competitive)

Early Intervention Title XX

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Illinois Department of Transportation (van award)

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United Way of Greater St. Louis - allocation

United Way of Greater St. Louis – one-time grant (dental care)

United Way of Greater St. Louis – supplemental allocation

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Marquee given in memory of Charles Davis

Community Link Board President Larry Davis, whose brother John attends Community Link, donated a marquee in memory of their father, Charles; concrete work was donated by Ed Rolfingsmeyer Remodeling. Standing, from left: Merik Davis, Dot Rushing, Joshua Davis, Andrew Davis, Terry Davis, and Linda Davis; kneeling, from left: Larry Davis, John Davis, Cody Kauhl, Stephanie Davis, Chuck Davis and Mark Davis.



Dave Jansen memorial gift fulfills patient's desire to leave bequest

An \$800 donation from family members "In Honor and Loving Memory of David Jansen" fulfills the Germantown resident's expressed desire to make a bequest to Community Link.

"The money for this donation was raised during our annual family reunion campout. Many members of Dave's family joined together for a head-shaving contest, Las Vegas Night and auction to raise money during his battle with leukemia," wrote his surviving spouse, Marilyn.

"During Dave's final days he worked to get his affairs in order and wanted to make sure you received this donation."

The Jansen family became familiar with Community Link when an agency staff member who belonged to the same church began visiting during Dave's last months. "Dave felt the need to donate to Community Link as he was able to personally witness the help it has provided some of his family members and close friends," Marilyn said.



Jerrod Wolf

Jerrod Stephen Wolf, 21, of Swansea, Ill., born July 31, 1988, in Belleville, Ill., died Thursday, March 11, 2010, at St. Elizabeth's Hospital, Belleville. Jerrod was a special boy; his smile would light up a room the moment he entered it. He was an avid Garth Brooks fan and loved the outdoors, especially playing in the water. Even though his time was short, Jerrod touched so many lives in so many ways. He is, and will always be, deeply missed and loved by all who knew him.



Ricko Stewart

Ricko Stewart, born May 18, 1958, a past resident of Community Link's Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) in Carlyle, died Saturday, March 27, 2010, at a convalescent-care home. He was 51.

Ricko had moved into the Carlyle CILA on August 6, 2002. From the front porch, he enjoyed people-watching. For indoor entertainment, he enjoyed watching Western movies and animated cartoons. His favorite music was upbeat—swing, jazz and salsa. Housemates and agency staff also knew him for his sense of humor.



Mary Plese

Mary Plese, 93, of Trenton, who had been enrolled in the Senior Room at Community Link since April 23, 2003, died Monday, June 28, 2010. Prior, she was asking to see her mom. Mary was known for her sweet voice, her spunky attitude, and for taking your hand and asking your name. Her favorite song, which she sang often, was "My Pony Boy." She is sadly missed.

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At Community Link's fourth annual Buddy Walk, held April 24 at Carlyle Lake, Missy Gaskill sets up the table of crafts made by Community Link Adult Day Training program participants. Items included intricate hand-colored artwork, etched glass containers for homemade dog biscuits or other treats, colorful hand-decorated flip-flops, and beribboned dishcloths sewn with stitches into britches for a clever gift. For more information about purchasing, ordering or commissioning client crafts, contact Chris Gebke, ChrisG@commlink.org, (618) 526-3941.



Grilling hot dogs for the 200-plus supporters, hungry after their walk, were volunteers from the Clinton County Parrot Head Club, from left: Rodney Rakers, Carl Wessling, Carrie Tebbe, Dawn Dempsey (daughter of retired Community Link board member Virgil Jansen), Rhonda Pulver, and Jen Wienker (a staff member at Community Link's small-group home in Aviston).

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Larry Davis, outgoing president of the Community Link Board of Directors (center), and wife Linda paired up with two program participants, including Erik Schwalenberg, to golf. The "client golfers" were sponsored by Anthony Budde and Joe Foppe.



1st National Bank (Carlyle and Aviston) also sponsored a client team. Playing on behalf of 1st National were (center) Steve Timmermann and Sandra Porter, assisted by Jaycees member Dennis Book (far left) and Brian Tucker, a community-inclusion specialist with Community Link (far right).



At Community Link's 14th annual Golf Scramble, the 8 a.m. B-Flight winners were Community Link program participants Brenda Shelton (far left) and Charlie Drees (far right), assisted by Clinton County Parrot Head Club volunteers Dave Redman (second from left) and Justin Neely (second from right). This team was sponsored by Wiegmann Construction to enable adults with developmental disabilities to experience the golf outing with the rest of the wider community.

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from Organizations

Albers American Legion Home All Saints Academy
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Allen G. Korte Special Needs Trust

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Wayne & Jean Trampe



With the support of his brother Wayne, Allen Korte (above) utilized his Special Needs Trust to purchase a replacement washing machine for his small-group home, the Highland CILA. The washer was bought at the end of December and was installed the first week in January.



After a sit-to-stand device arrives at Community Link's Metro facility in Fairview Heights, Associate Director Michele McDaniel, right, supervises a training session where a direct-care staff member, Deborah Walker, left, operates the lift while a co-worker, Patrice Kimbrough, sits in as a program participant. The sit-to-stand was purchased with a grant from the Employees Community Foundation of The Boeing Company. The ECF local committee and ECF board members review the pooled-fund grant applications, make site visits, decide on grant awards and oversee accountability—all on an unpaid volunteer basis.



Attorney Loraine Cavataio from Mathis, Marifian and Richter in Belleville gave an overview of special-needs trusts to the Community Link Family and Friends Support Group in April.



Board member Jan Kohnen Wilburn (left) and Jeanette Benhoff, a client's guardian, are faithful volunteers at Community Link fund-raising events; here, they sell raffle tickets at Community Link's 14th Golf Scramble.



As part of their service-learning requirements, three Mater Dei seniors chose to volunteer at Community Link-from left, Nathan Ratermann and Katie Price, who assisted at the Developmental Training West building, and Nicole Bolen who assisted at First Step. After learning about the clients and their needs, the students said, they were kept busy with interesting activities and would recommend the agency as an option to other schoolmates.

Fred & Georgia Warrington Pehg Zeller

IN-KIND GIFTS OF VOLUNTEER SERVICE

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from Organizations

Beckemeyer Red Hat Ladies Clinton County Humane Society Clinton County Parrot Heads

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