

SPOTLIGHT

a newsletter of CHI Centers, Inc.

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From The Desk of the Chief Executive Officer



As we approach a New Year, I want to take this opportunity to wish you a very special 2012. These are exciting times at CHI Centers as we begin to look at expanding the number of our program participants during this year. In addition, there are a number of opportunities for you to continue to support your agency that serves more than 1,000 individuals with developmental disabilities on an annual basis. The first area of support is our annual membership appeal. This year's membership appeal has a special component where you can designate an additional amount to reactivate an employee's vacation day that may not be able to be paid by CHI Centers. In addition, you can support the annual CHI Centers' golf tournament that will be held on Friday, May 11th.

And finally, you can make contributions to the agency's "Building for the Future Campaign" which is an ongoing campaign to support the agency. Your continued support of CHI Centers is greatly appreciated.

All of us associated with CHI Centers send best New Year's greetings to each of you.

Holidays at CHI Centers were Festive and Joyful

CHI Centers always wants to make the holiday season festive for its program participants and employees. There is always assistance from the agency's subsidiary agencies. The League of Volunteers for Exceptional People provides annual gift cards to Giant Food stores to each CHI Centers' employee. The Ladies League hosted the annual holiday dance for program participants that included a visit from a special guest. The Ladies League also provided much enjoyment of desserts and assistance with the holiday luncheon for program participants and employees. Due to the support of so many of you, CHI Centers was able to distribute holiday food baskets to our most needy constituents and friends. Thanks to each of you for making this holiday season special at CHI Centers.

League of Volunteers for Exceptional People BINGO Games

Tuesday BINGO begins at 7:15pm
Saturday BINGO begins at 7:00pm
Hillandale Center Cafeteria

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CHI Centers' Inclement Weather Policy

CHI Centers' inclement weather policy follows the local school system where the day facility is located. If the local system should decide to close, the day program for our program participants will be closed for the day. If the local school system opens one or two hours late, CHI Centers will also follow this schedule. An early closure schedule made by the local school system may not be able to be followed due to our program participants being away from CHI Centers. CHI Centers also schedules its bus runs based on traffic conditions.

2012 Golf Tournament Date Is Announced

The 2012 CHI Centers' golf tournament will be held on Friday, May 11, 2012, at the Hampshire Greens Golf Course off of New Hampshire Avenue in Silver Spring. This year's golf tournament will allow businesses, civic organizations and CHI Centers' families and members to become a sponsor or to enroll as players. Watch for a special mailing or e-mail at alovell@chicenters.org or call Alan Lovell at 301/445-3350.

Labquest Recognizes CHI Centers During The Holiday Season

Each year the members of Labquest who represent government agencies, the community and the employees of the Food and Drug Administration, support and recognize CHI Centers. This year over \$5,000 was collected and given by the Labquest members. CHI Centers is appreciative of the ongoing support of Labquest and is pleased to be part of the Food and Drug Administration's community.

MacDonald Knolls Renovation Project Gets Underway



The initial phase of the renovation project of the MacDonald Knolls Center is to begin soon. CHI Centers leases the MacDonald Knolls Center from the Montgomery County Government. This facility was a surplus school released from the Montgomery County Department of Education and School Board for community use. Currently, the MacDonald Knolls facility houses programs provided by both CHI Centers and The Arc of Montgomery County. The first phase of the renovation project will be a new roof that will be both energy efficient and be able to have a structure for rooftop air conditioning units. Information for the roof renovation will be submitted to the Maryland State General Services Administration in January, 2012.

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Ladies League Supports CHI Centers



The Ladies League hosted its annual holiday bazaar on November 6, 2011, and, once again, it was a success. The funds raised at the bazaar support CHI Centers and its programs and services. The support of the Ladies League throughout the year is greatly appreciated.

The Jones Foundation Supports CHI Centers

CHI Centers recently received notification from The Jones Foundation that it has been awarded \$100,000 in foundation grants. These awarded funds will support the 1-2-3 SPEAK program which provides augmentative hardware and software to individuals with disabilities and stroke victims. The Jones Foundation also recognized the programs and services provided by CHI Centers at The Jones Center. The Jones Foundation was an initial supporter of this

important CHI Centers' facility. CHI Centers is very appreciative of the ongoing support of The Jones Foundation and recognizes the contribution it makes on an ongoing basis to our agency.

Tracey Eldridge and Company Performance

The Great American Music Tree - A concert tracing the origins of American music and dance - Oct. 2011



Program facilitated by Class Acts Arts

This newsletter was copied and mailed by the program participants of CHI Centers, Inc.

●) **D**ates to remember ...

Feb. 15, 2012	Board of Directors's Meeting-Hillandale Center 7:00 pm
Feb. 20, 2012	Supported Employment Program closed
Mar. 21, 2012	Board of Directors's Meeting-Hillandale Center 7:00 pm

CHI Centers receives support from the Montgomery County Department of Family Resources and the Prince George's County Department of Family Services in fiscal year 2012.