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Riverside Foundation 2013 Annual Report



“Those who look only to the past or present are certain to miss the future” John F. Kennedy

Dear Friends,

It is my pleasure to present the 2013 Riverside Foundation Annual Report. Our accomplishments and successes in the past year and our goals and plans for the future will be highlighted. Riverside's Annual Report will also focus on the many people and services that join together to make a difference in the lives of our residents.

This past year Riverside met one of its long term goals with the installation of a full building sprinkler system which consists of a water supply system to all areas of the building including common areas, bedrooms, administration offices, storage rooms and even the walk - in refrigerator. It increases the safety of everyone who resides, works, and visits Riverside.

Through the year, we made several other improvements to Riverside. The east entrance to the residence was renovated and now has a landing in front of the entrance door and a roof covering. New antibacterial wood grained vinyl flooring was installed in 16 bedrooms and 3 classrooms and a computerized documentation system was added to the building. The documentation system, installed at both sites, provides an efficient method of documenting progress toward resident goals and a timely way to communicate with all staff in the agency. Also, we updated our outdoor patio furniture and spruced up the landscaping. Please feel free to stop by and see our enhancements.

In 2013, the Board of Directors and I have worked to lay the foundation for the expansion of the agency services to include small group homes. Working in conjunction with Lake County Residential Development Corporation to secure funds and properties, Riverside Foundation plans to open 1-2 four bedroom small group homes in the surrounding communities, in 2014. We are working with residents and their families who have expressed an interest in small group home living. While many of our residents require residential services with 24 hour nursing and supervision, many will benefit from a more normalized setting in a smaller home-like environment. This project exemplifies the philosophy of the agency in constantly looking for ways to meet the needs of the people we serve.

Every day I am reminded what a great team of people we have working together to help fulfill our mission of providing quality services and support in a positive and caring environment. I wish to express my gratitude and appreciation to the residents and their families, the staff, our auxiliary members and volunteers, the board members, our vendors and donors for making a difference in the quality of life for many people. With your support, contributions, and dedication Riverside looks forward to a bright future. Thank you for your commitment to our mission.

Sincerely,
Deborah Rogers
Executive Director

Editor: Debbie Williams

Cover photos:
Top: Francis Galluzzo, celebrates the Lincolnshire 4th of July parade at the home of Auxiliary member, Karen VanderBeke
Bottom: Rosalie Mulligan smells the beautiful flowers on a visit to the Botanical Gardens



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What is Riverside?



Ron Blank, Elvis Impersonator,
 Rosetta Nennig and Ruthann Simpson



L to R: Sarah Sroge, Katie Ciura,
 Todd Levine, Nicole Karda

Our Mission

Riverside Foundation will provide quality services and supports to adults with developmental and intellectual disabilities, ensuring opportunities for individual choice and with commitment to providing these supports in a positive and caring environment.

Our Values

- To seek out and advocate for meaningful educational and work opportunities which promote self-sufficiency and community involvement
- To work in partnership with families, volunteers and the community
- To ensure that individuals have access to choices that promote their health, happiness, and independence
- To treat individuals and their families with dignity, respect, and understanding
- To support our employees, recognize their contributions, and provide a professional work environment
- To provide quality educational, developmental, and leisure activities for all individuals
- To strengthen families by facilitating peace of mind that special loved ones are healthy and happy

Our Community

The Riverside Foundation is a not-for-profit, community-based organization. We serve adults with moderate to severe intellectual and developmental disabilities through the provision of high-quality residential care and individualized developmental training services.

Since our founding in 1976, the Riverside Foundation has provided a home and support services to more than 400 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at our residential facility in Lincolnshire, Illinois. Through the Riverside Foundation Work and Activity Center (RWA), located in Vernon Hills, Illinois, we have provided opportunities for our residents and other adults with developmental disabilities to gain skills and assume responsibilities for real-life work.

The Riverside Foundation is a member of the Greater Lincolnshire Chamber of Commerce and the Green Oaks, Libertyville, Mundelein, and Vernon Hills Area Chamber of Commerce. Funding for our programs and services is provided by the State of Illinois and federal Medicaid programs and through donations from individuals, businesses and community organizations.

The Riverside Foundation does not discriminate against anyone due to race, creed, or color, in providing its programs. The agency is licensed by the Illinois Department of Public Health and is certified by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services as an Intermediate Care Facility for Adults with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities. The Riverside Foundation Work and Activity Center (RWA) is licensed by the State and the U.S. Departments of Labor as a Work Activity Center and is certified by the Illinois Department of Human Services as a Developmental Training Program.

The Riverside mission

is carried out in many ways, including the provision of developmental and recreational activities that help cultivate social and interpersonal skills



Ashley Krupa enjoys horseback riding at Boy Scout Northwest Council of Illinois Day



Richard Wolin tie-dyeing shirts at Boy Scout Northwest Council of Illinois Day Camp



Debbie O'Reilly SRACLC Cheerleader

Ashley's Story

I like riding on the horse! I wasn't scared at all! I had a lot of fun. I did bottle rockets! It was so fun and I liked pulling the string to make them go up in the air! I liked to eat lunch there where I had a hamburger, chips, and cookies! The Boy Scouts were nice to me! I caught three fish and got to spend the day with David, my boyfriend!

Debbie's Story

I enjoy cheerleading. I like cheering everyone, and I like the outfit for cheerleading.

Richard's Story

I liked it! It was good! I rode the horses, did fishing, and made a tie-dyed shirt. We ate out there. We had hamburgers and all kinds of stuff. We were going down the road to fish. I caught two of 'em! Big ones! No bow and arrows this time, we did sling shots.

Paul's Story

I feel happy and good when the dogs come to visit. I sit next to Charlie on the couch. He likes when I pet him and then he kisses me. I also like Kelsey, who is a big red dog. I like to pet him. I am always happy on Wednesday morning before they come here.

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Riverside Foundation Auxiliary

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Riverside Foundation Auxiliary

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“ Each of us has a personal calling that’s as unique as a fingerprint - and that the best way to succeed is to discover what you love and then find a way to offer it to others in the form of service” Oprah Winfrey

Our Dedicated Volunteers

The Riverside Foundation Auxiliary is comprised of caring volunteers dedicated to helping the clients of Riverside and promoting the advancement of Riverside’s goals. Through community fundraising and client activities, the Auxiliary enriches the lives of our residents. Funds raised by the Auxiliary during this past year were used to purchase new gliders for the patio area, pay summer camp tuition for those who could not otherwise attend, provide recreational activities, and assist in general operating expenses.

Annual Winter Gala

The largest fundraiser of the year is the annual winter gala, held on February 23, 2013. The theme, Heart’s of Gold, was an appropriate nod to our fabulous volunteers and wonderful supporters. The Gala, held at the Marriott Lincolnshire Resort, had a large turn-out. The event included dinner, dancing, live music, and both live and silent auctions with M.C. Dan Bernstein. It was the most successful fund-raiser of the year.

Holiday Housewalk & Boutique

The spirit of the holidays is everywhere during the annual housewalk and boutique. People throughout the surrounding area tour enchanting holiday decorated homes and visit the booths of local crafters, while enjoying hors d’oeuvres, refreshments and dessert. All proceeds benefited Riverside.

The Auxiliary hosts many activities for residents all year long including:

- 4th of July parade and picnic – A special thanks to Karen VanderBeke for offering their home this year
- Pumpkin decorating with residents in the fall
- Exercise classes
- Lunch dates with residents at local restaurants
- A gift for each resident on their birthday



Pumpkins decorated with Auxiliary volunteers



Maria Warden, Bettye Traylor, Peggy Gaier, and Marcia Vecchione

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“The aim of life is self-development”
Oscar Wilde



Ron Blank and Alan Schackney at Camp Red Leaf



Mat Heider participates in a cooking class at Center for Enriched Living (CEL)



Paul Domanico with Kelsey from Lincolnshire Animal Hospital



Josh Weiser bowling at Center for Enriched Living (CEL)

Ron's Story

It's good. We swim, go on a boat ride. We draw pictures for art class. You sleep overnight in a tent. I like it. Next year I will go for a whole week.

Alan's Story

I love Camp Red Leaf. We go swimming and have campfires. I like the dances too. This was my second year and I am planning to go back.

Mat's Story

I love to go to CEL to learn how to cook different foods. My favorite was healthy pizza with lots of vegetables. I like to meet new friends there.

Josh's Story

I like CEL- going there for years. My favorite things are the activities. I love to go bowling. I have great friends there.

Connections with a Community That Cares...

The Riverside Foundation receives unfailing support from several organizations that help residents to experience a variety of activities and connect as a part of a community. These exceptional groups, organizations, and volunteers are an important part of the Riverside family. Through their tireless efforts, the lives of our residents are empowered and enriched in countless ways. We are so very grateful.

Adlai E. Stevenson High School

On April 13, 2013, more than 400 students participated in a spring Dance-A-Thon that raised \$60,900. Riverside Foundation is one of several recipients to benefit from the Stevenson Project Dance charity. Mrs. Rindy Hallarman, a Riverside Board and Auxiliary member, said, "This is a wonderful event that many residents enjoy".



Resident John Roth, staff member Carolyn Scollay and resident Latrice Ballard

Boy Scouts - Northwest Council of Illinois

The Boy Scouts visit Riverside monthly and sponsor many activities that our residents are directly involved in, including fishing, outdoor sports, and a Pine Wood Derby. The Boy Scouts also invite our residents to their day camp each year to enjoy a variety of activities. Our residents always have a wonderful time.

Camp Red Leaf

This past summer over 30 Riverside residents participated in CRL, conducted by the Jewish Council for Youth Services. Many amazing summer camp stories are made as residents swim, boat, and listen to stories around the campfire.

Center for Enriched Living (CEL)

CEL is an agency in Northbrook that provides programs of varying interests to adults with developmental disabilities. From cooking classes, board games, and current events, to outings for community activities, CEL's Sunday afternoon programs help enrich our residents' lives.

Lincolnshire Animal Hospital

Trained therapy dogs from Lincolnshire Animal Hospital bring miles of smiles to Riverside residents several times a month. These four-legged friends have a lot of love to give and are cherished by all the residents that participate.

Lincolnshire Garden Club

Spring was in full bloom this year because of help from the Lincolnshire Garden Club. These volunteers provided the necessary financial support and put their hands to work alongside our residents to beautify the grounds of Riverside. Residents and volunteers planted a vegetable garden that produced colorful tomatoes, cucumbers, green peppers, and pumpkins for everyone's enjoyment.



Meg Dales enjoys the spaghetti supper hosted by Bill and Laura Mahrenholz

Special Recreation Association of Central Lake County (SRACLC)

SRACLC offers one-time special events and ongoing programs designed for individuals with disabilities. Through the Village of Lincolnshire, a continuing SRACLC community member, Riverside is able to pay in-district fees for programs and events, including cheerleading, bowling, crafting, acting in plays, bocce ball, and much more. Offered year-round, these programs are a favorite activity of our residents.

Volunteers

There are more than 50 volunteers who generously give of their time to improve the quality of life for our residents. For residents without family contact, our volunteers provide companionship, celebrations for noteworthy days, and fun outings. Other volunteers provide craft programs, special activities or serve on the Human Rights Committee or Resident Council. We are so grateful for our Volunteers who bring a heartfelt touch of happiness and comfort.

"We make a life by what we give"

Sir Winston Churchill

Residential Services

The Riverside Foundation residential facility, located in Lincolnshire, was founded in 1976 and is a vibrant special needs community. Currently, 97 adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities are served with an emphasis on individual autonomy within an environment of professional care. Our program is committed to providing each community member with a learning environment that meets each member's assessed strengths and needs. These services include professional intake, assessment, supervisory services, individualized habilitation plans, structured activities designed to increase functional independence and 24 hour-a-day nursing support. The program integrates social services, recreation, specialized therapies and medical services to meet the physical, psychological and emotional challenges facing our residents.

Our residents have the opportunity to participate in a broad range of programs that are designed to enhance development and independence as well as adding enjoyment and experiences to their lives. Some of their favorite programs include: Pet Therapy offered by the Lincolnshire Animal Hospital, Music Therapy, Art Therapy and Yoga practice. Also, a special social skills programs called Circles, is providing training in appropriate interactions with others.

Our residents are a part of the community and enjoy outings as an integral part of the education and recreational program at Riverside. Small groups of residents complete their banking at Baxter Credit Union, wash their clothes at a local Laundromat and shop at many stores in the area. This past year the residents enjoyed trips to The Marriott Lincolnshire Theater, Chicago Botanical Gardens, the movies, and restaurants, in addition to forest preserve walks and local village fairs.

Riverside Work and Activity Center

The Riverside Work and Activity Center provides a pre-vocational work environment designed to teach functional independence, good work habits and specific job skills. The clients are able to complete business tasks such as light packaging, assembly, inserting, labeling, collating, mailing and product rework. Due to the economy, work contracts have decreased, but clients continue to be engaged in other purposeful activities.

The individuals who participate in RWA learn new skills, make new friends and acquaintances, and gain independence and a sense of accomplishment. Our participants are proud of the work they do and of their contributions to the community through RWA.



Alan Schackney participates in many activities at Camp Red Leaf (CRL)



Willie Larkin receives the "Kindness Award" in recognition of his act of kindness



Rick Lange, Mary Swiatkowski & Donna Graves on patio gliders, a gift from the Riverside Auxiliary



Katie Ciura de-burring hex nuts at RWA



Rick Lange assembling badges at RWA