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To Our Donors, Families
and Community

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Upcoming Events

- 19th Annual Golf Outing
June 29, 2015
- Jo and Penny's Annual
Garden Walk
Summer 2015
- #GivingTuesday
December 1, 2015
- Holiday House Walk
December 2015
- "Hearts of Gold" Gala
Marriott Lincolnshire
February 27, 2016
40th Anniversary

Bob McKay and Baxter Credit Union Honored at Riverside Foundation's "Hearts of Gold" Gala



Judy and Bob McKay (l to r)



WE'VE GOT YOUR BACK.



Mike and Ellen Valentine (l to r)

On March 7th, at our 2015 "Hearts of Gold" Gala, Riverside Foundation honored Bob McKay and Baxter Credit Union (BCU) with our Distinguished Service Award. Mr. McKay was a member of the Board of Directors from 2005-2011 and was an integral part of making some major financial decisions for the agency. His direction helped Riverside years later to be more financially stable and able to tackle additional challenges. Riverside has benefitted significantly due to Bob's financial guidance and knowledge.

Since his tenure on the board ended, Bob continued to be a major supporter of Riverside and someone who is always willing to listen to what our needs are. Through his philanthropic involvement at BCU, he has procured resources and volunteers when needed and he has never said "NO." We wish Bob well at his new position as CEO of the Anheuser Busch Employees Credit Union in St. Louis and hope he comes back to visit.

BCU has been the most generous sponsor of Riverside's major fundraising events for 10 years and has supported Riverside for 30 years, both of which are amazing. BCU has helped us through many agency challenges such as direct deposit social security checks, setting up our health savings accounts for our staff and most recently enabling the residents the opportunity to learn and participate in banking. Every time we call them for help they are there. They certainly have our back!

Bob McKay and Mike Valentine, who is the CEO of BCU, came up on the stage to accept the awards. We are pleased to honor Bob McKay and BCU with our prestigious Distinguished Service Award.

Riverside Foundation Opens First Group Home

The excitement at Riverside has been building as we prepare for the expansion of our services. Riverside is delighted to announce that we opened our first Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) that offers residents the ability to live in the community with staff support. Our Kenwood House in Gurnee opened in April and is home to four men. The residents have their own bedroom and enjoyed choosing their bedroom furniture and linens. Through many staff hours of preparation and the support of the Riverside community, the house has turned into a home. The residents enjoy preparing their lunches for work and their evening meals and having all the comforts of home. The men are excited and grateful that they have an opportunity to realize their dream.

We are pleased to announce that our second group home, the Harvey House located in Grayslake, will be opening in early summer.

*"I'm so happy to live in my own home with my own bedroom."
~ Alan Schackney*



Alan Schackney

Riverside Residents Attend Annual Spaghetti Dinner Dance



Riverside Work and Activity Center hosted an Annual Spaghetti Dinner Dance on Saturday, April 25th from 4:00 pm to 8:00 pm at the United Protestant Church of Grayslake. The buzz at Riverside before the event was incredible, as the residents always look forward to the fun-filled evening. Over 60 residents attended the dinner dance and enjoyed good food, friends, family and entertainment.

Great Job Stevenson HS Project Dance

On Saturday, April 11th, Riverside residents attended Stevenson High School Project Dance and had a great time. The theme for the evening was outer space, the slogan was "Out Of This World" and the Stevenson High School Sports Center was filled with music, food, entertainment and dancing. Project Dance raises funds and awareness for Riverside Foundation and SHS Kids In Need. Thank you SHS staff and students and board members Rindy Hallarman and Jim Schneiter for all of your time and effort supporting a great cause.

Photo • Josh Weiser, Donna Graves, Rick Lange, Ken Marohn, Latrice Ballard, Ron Blank and Katie Ciura

Stevenson High School Project Dance has raised over \$290,000 since 2010. Great job SHS!



#GIVING TUESDAY

**You Made a Difference!
We did it!
Thank You!**

#GivingTuesday, which occurs the first Tuesday after Thanksgiving, is a worldwide day dedicated to giving and celebrating generosity. It is an official day to kick off the holiday giving season. On December 2nd, 2014, Riverside participated in #GivingTuesday and the goal was to raise \$30,000. Through our generous donor's contributions and the Coleman Foundation dollar-for-dollar matching funds for new donors, we raised \$31,150. Wow! With the donations we received, Riverside is in the process of purchasing a chair lift van to provide independence to our residents that require additional assistance to access community events.

We appreciate your participation and support of our mission to ensure quality services to the individuals we serve. Thank you for your contribution and for helping us to raise funds on #GivingTuesday. We could not have done it without YOU!

Photo • Brian Austin



Riverside Foundation 19th Annual Golf Outing • June 29th

Former Chicago Bear Desmond Clark serves as Honorary Chairperson

Golf Season is here. Join us for Riverside Foundation's 19th Annual Golf Outing on **Monday, June 29th** at the beautiful and challenging White Deer Run Golf Club in Vernon Hills. Our golf outing features a shotgun start 18 hole scramble with lots of contest holes and prizes, lunch, cocktail reception and dinner, along with a silent auction and raffle. The golf outing committee headed by John Watson, Golf Outing Chairman, is in full swing preparing for the event.



We are pleased to announce that former Chicago Bears tight end, **Desmond Clark**, who played for the Bears from 2003 to 2010 and wore jersey #88, is our Honorary Chairperson. In 2006, Desmond Clark helped them win the NFC Championship and a trip to Super Bowl XLI. Come out and meet him at our golf outing. Assemble your foursome teams today or sign up as singles or twosomes and we will be sure to put you on a winning team!

Sponsorship opportunities are available. If you don't golf, consider purchasing a raffle ticket or two. Visit www.riversidefoundation.net for more information or call the Riverside business office at 847-634-3973.

Join us for a great day out on the links in support of Riverside!



*Lincolnshire resident - Peggy Gaier
Women's Board President*

Riverside Foundation Women's Board • Making It Possible

The Riverside Foundation Women's Board is a volunteer organization of compassionate women who generously support Riverside Foundation in many ways. They are our very own shining example of benevolent community members who are always there to lend a hand and support Riverside. They organize social events and fundraisers like the Annual "Hearts of Gold" Gala and Holiday House Walk and special outings with the Riverside clients. They also provide support for holiday and birthday celebrations at the residence. New members are always welcome.

Catch the Spirit - Share your time and talents.

Find out more about the Women's Board by visiting www.riversidefoundation.net or call the Riverside Foundation office at 847-634-3973 and a Women's Board volunteer will be happy to contact you.

Riverside Foundation “Hearts of Gold” Gala Bob McKay & BCU honored and Vernon R. Loucks, Jr. serves as Honorary Chairperson

On Saturday, March 7th, Riverside Foundation held our annual “Hearts of Gold” gala at Marriott’s Lincolnshire Resort, in Lincolnshire. The evening raised more than \$215,000. Riverside received generous support from our 2015 Corporate Gold Sponsors: Allstate, Baxter Credit Union, The Grainger Foundation and the RumChata Foundation.

Deborah Rogers, Riverside’s Executive Director, presented Bob McKay and Baxter Credit Union (BCU) with Riverside’s Distinguished Service Award for years of dedication and support to Riverside. Mike Valentine, BCU’s CEO, accepted the award for Baxter Credit Union. Vernon Loucks, Jr., past Chairman and CEO of Baxter International Inc. and a major figure in the healthcare field, was the honorary chair of the event.

The Fund-a-Need at the gala was “Caring Connections” and the \$76,250 raised was used to purchase needed computers for the residents and staff and a new server which will connect Riverside, the Riverside Work and Activity Center and the four small group homes slated to open this year.

Riverside Foundation Women’s Board hosted the black-tie optional evening. Over 200 guests enjoyed cocktails, hors d’oeuvres, dinner, silent and live auctions, music featuring Maggie Speaks and dancing. We extend a grateful thank you to the Women’s Board and to Peggy Gaier, Riverside Foundation Women’s Board President, for a beautiful evening and for all of their hard work, effort and commitment.

Riverside also extends a thank you to all of the sponsors and donors that help support the ongoing programs and the Riverside mission. The evening was magical and it was a true testament to the compassionate spirit of the Riverside community and their “Hearts of Gold.” Thank you for your continued dedication to Riverside.



Bob McKay, Debbie Rogers, Vernon R. Loucks, Jr. and Mike Valentine (l to r)



“Caring Connections” Fund-a-Need



Paul Johnson

Riverside Work and Activity Center • Good Business

Riverside Work and Activity Center (RWA) is the developmental training component of Riverside Foundation that provides the opportunity for intellectual and developmental disabled workers to develop skills and assume responsibilities for real life work in an environment that emphasizes individual goals and choices. They learn functional interdependence, good work habits, specific job skills and a sense of accomplishment. Many of their job opportunities include light assembly & disassembly, bagging, bulk mailing, collating, labeling and packing.

RWA offers competitive rates, warehouse space, pick-up and delivery service, making our services a cost-effective solution to business needs. All the work performed at our Work & Activity Center in Vernon Hills is supervised by Riverside Foundation staff to ensure businesses receive the quality they demand.

We appreciate the support of those that utilize the talents of our clients and are looking for new opportunities. If you or someone you know would like more information about RWA’s services, please contact RWA at (847) 793-0010.

From Deborah Rogers Our Executive Director

It has been an exciting and busy time at Riverside. We have accomplished a major goal of offering an alternative living environment to our residents. In opening our first small group home, four of our residents are moving forward to take on the challenges of more independent living. Riverside is also moving forward to be able to provide additional group homes, more quality programming and community integration experiences to the individuals we serve.

We can develop and implement our plans because of our wonderful “Riverside Community” that includes our residents, staff, family members, Board of Directors, Women’s Board, donors and volunteers. **You make the difference** in our ability to enhance what we do each day for our residents. We extend a sincere thank you for your support.



Deborah Rogers



Kenneth R. Walker

1918 - 2014

Former Riverside Foundation
Board Member



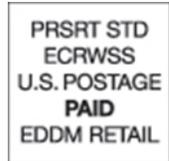
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Riverside Foundation has provided supports and services to adults who have developmental and intellectual disabilities since 1976.

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Visit us at:
www.riversidefoundation.net

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Riverside Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization serving adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities at the Residential Facility in Lincolnshire and Work and Activity Center in Vernon Hills.

Our Administrative Offices & Residential Services are located on Highway 22 just east of the Des Plaines River in Lincolnshire and the Work and Activity Center is located on Corporate Woods Parkway in Vernon Hills.

Riverside Foundation 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.