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Clare L. Smith Golf Classic 2003

Preparations for the third annual Clare L. Smith Golf Classic to benefit the children's services of Enable are in full swing! We anticipate a full field of golfers and a sun-filled, fun-filled day at the beautiful Bellevue Country Club, Monday June 30th.

Special guest, Jim Boeheim, head coach of the 2003 NCAA National Champion Syracuse Orangemen, will be speaking at the dinner along with Master of Ceremonies and "Voice of the Orange" Mark Johnson. During the program, the duo will "Live Auction" championship memorabilia as we strive to increase monies raised through this year's event. Limited reservations for those wishing to join us for the Dinner, Program, and Charity Auction portion of the tournament are still available at \$75.00 a seat and can be made by calling Susan Johnson at 455-7591 ext. 220.



Jim Boeheim with teammates Eloise Luchsinger and Barry & Julie (Smith) Peck. The foursome took second place in the mixed division at last year's tournament.

Major sponsors of the 2003 Golf Classic which pays tribute to Clare L. Smith who was a sincere supporter of children with special needs are Longley Jones Management Company, UAW Local 624, New Process Gear, BSB Bank, and the Smith children. As an avid advocate, Mrs. Smith fostered many opportunities for everyone to have a better quality of life. "Mrs. Smith was well-known in the Syracuse community," said Sara Wall-Bollinger, Executive Director of Enable. "Enable is honored to have been selected to recognize the good works of her life." If you wish to carry on the caring spirit of Clare L. Smith, donate to the event, or participate at a smaller sponsorship level, please contact Enable.

New Team Member

When the Johnson family makes a move, they come to play. That's exactly what Susan Johnson, Enable's new Special Events & Volunteer Coordinator, has done. "Community involvement has always been a high priority for my husband and me. We have always strived to instill such values in our children, so as parents, we believe you just have to step out onto the court and make your presence known."

You'll find many sports references and analogies being passed around the 2nd floor offices of our Court Street location now that Susan has joined "Team Enable" just months after moving to Central New York. Her husband, Mark Johnson, is Syracuse University's "Voice of the Orange," who does the Football and Basketball play-by-play, the radio and television coaches' shows, and a seasonal radio program to promote the activities and people of SU Athletics.

"Sports are obviously a substantial part of our life with Mark's position, and we had an outstanding 1st season," says Susan, "but it must always be kept in perspective. Our faith and family always come first." She is most pleased that she can be of service at

Enable while maintaining her personal principles. "It's wonderful to work for an organization that matches up with what you believe is most important."

The Johnson's have three children - Nicolas, (11) Halle, (9) and Jacob (6). It is in part because of their youngest son that Enable was able to recruit Susan. "All children are special, but Jake is our extra-special child. Severe birth trauma and brain damage has made dealing with his multiple disabilities an integral part of our lives. I appreciate first hand what Enable offers to this community. Support and advocacy for those with special needs is so very important."



Susan and her son Jacob

"I've heard it said many times that 'life is a game.' In our family, our 5th player has been injured. Resources and rehabilitative services such as those offered at Enable are what my son needs to play. Sidelineing Jake has never been an option."

Susan has passion and purpose in her new position. "This championship season has been inspiring and I am integrating many of its lessons into my life's work of championing the challenged." Please join Enable in welcoming our new transfer recruit, Susan Johnson.

ILS - 10 Year Celebration

In the fall of 1993, Enable's Individualized Living Services (ILS) began to provide at-home residential habilitation. Many of the first participants had been part of a pilot project funded with a grant from the Developmental Disabilities Planning Council. This pilot successfully demonstrated that persons with developmental disabilities could live independently with assistance provided in the community. Funding and services were continued by the Office of Mental Retardation and Developmental Disability's Home and Community Based Services Waiver.

Over the past ten years, ILS has assisted more than fifty people by providing support at home and within their neighborhood. The objective of this service is to provide persons with developmental disabilities the opportunity to make their own decisions, choose where and with whom they want to live, and get help with daily tasks needed to maintain a healthy and happy home. The staff and participants of ILS are planning to celebrate the program's tenth year of operation as well as the many accomplishments of people who have been part of the ILS family.

Most activities will take place later this summer and continue into fall. Current plans include an open house, photographic essays, the development of participant's autobiographies and a recognition dinner.



Maryann, a participant in Enable's Individualized Living Services Program, takes time out with her buddy Peter to feed the geese.



A picnic lunch with friends is a great treat for Ruth who participates in the ILS Program.



SADA Save the Date

It's never too early to mark your calendar for SADA, the Syracuse Auto Dealers Association's Charity Preview. "Start your engines" by designating Enable as the recipient of your \$100 ticket price, then "put the pedal to the metal" as you enjoy what is quickly becoming Central New York's premiere event!

Help us cross the finish line in grand style by attending the 2004 SADA Charity Preview February 3rd, 2004. 100% of SADA proceeds designated to Enable come back to support our Aquatic Therapy program.

As area non-profit organizations race the time trials for front row position, we ask you to help qualify "Team Enable" as we empower people with disabilities to achieve their goals at home, school, work, and play.

With your support of SADA and Enable, we all come out winners!

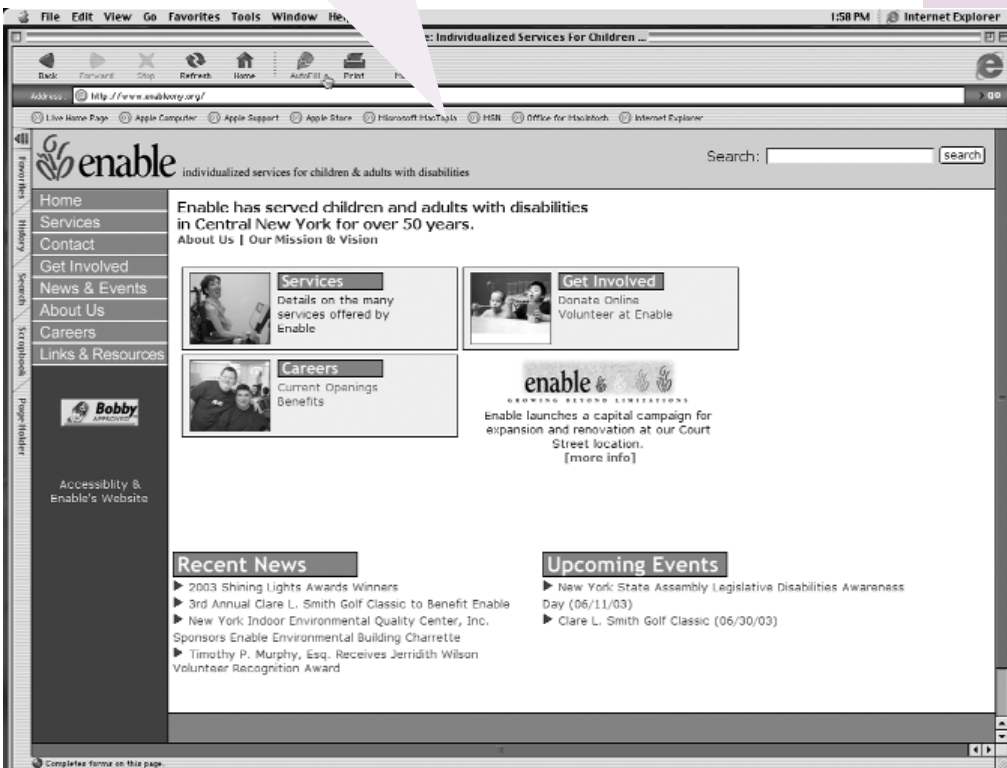
Enable Website BOBBY Approved

Thanks to the generosity of Niagara Mohawk, a National Grid Company, Enable has overhauled our website. "With this re-launching, www.enablecny.org will move to the forefront of non-profit websites with many new and exciting features. Niagara Mohawk is proud to be part of this on-going effort to bridge the digital divide," says Clement Nadeau, Senior Vice President of Operations, for Niagara Mohawk.

"Making websites and technology accessible to individuals with disabilities is an essential component for enabling universal access to employment, political participation, public services, and other aspects of social interaction," said Tracie Baule, Development Director for Enable. "Our goal was for Enable's website to receive BOBBY approval. BOBBY is a standard for Web designers which ensure that the site is fully accessible to individuals with disabilities. We now provide visitors to our website, www.enablecny.org, with a graphically pleasing, user friendly and inviting website that is a resource for disability-related information and services, locally and worldwide," explains Baule.

In creating the new site Enable retained the services of Bentley & Hoke, LLC, Technology Consulting of DeWitt, NY for technical expertise and LaDue Design of Saugerties, NY for creative aspects.

Go online and check us out!



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FT opening avail at upscale office. References required. M-F flexible hours, position available immediately.

PERSONAL ASSISTANT NEEDED!

A disabled individual of Spanish ethnicity is looking for a personal assistant qualified for home care. The applicant must speak Spanish fluently and have experience with the culture's unique cuisine. This person must have a caring attitude, knowledge of Spanish customs and traditions, and respect of the lifestyle. A good sense of humor is a must!

Enable's Self-Directed Personal Services program has become extremely successful in matching its participants with appropriate ethnic assistants. Program Coordinator Sally Johnston's efforts to bring this program to Syracuse have helped many Ukrainians, Russians, Asians, American Indians and Chinese with disabilities, connecting them with wonderful helpers. As an activist for the disabled, she heard about a similar service in New York City and worked with the local legislature to create her own in Syracuse. Today participants can choose and direct their own assistance creating a more successful partnership. Sally's hard work and dedication has fostered the self-directed personal services program so that it perfectly fulfills Enable's motto.

Nuestra misión ha sido de habilitar a gente con incapacidades a participar completamente en total los aspectos de la vida. (Our mission has been to enable people with disabilities to participate fully in all aspects of life.)

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Upcoming Events

June 30th **Clare L. Smith Golf Classic to Benefit Enable**



August 3rd **British Car Show**

Exhibition of over 100 Jaguars & other British made automobiles. Lorenzo State Historic Site, Cazenovia, NY. Sponsored by the Jaguar Association of CNY with proceeds to benefit Enable. For more Information Phone: 315/446-0539.

October 15th **Disability Mentoring Day**

The American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) and the U.S. Department of Labor are proud to present Disability Mentoring Day (DMD) promoting the employment of students and job seekers with disabilities through job shadowing and personal mentoring. With leadership, coordination, and resource materials from AAPD, local communities organize activities that bring students and employers together for informational sessions about career opportunities and one-on-one mentoring with volunteers at public and private places of employment. Enable is serving as Local Coordinator for DMD for the Central New York Region. For more information contact Jeffrey Tamburo 315/455-7591, x 285.

For additional information on any event please call Susan 315-455-7591 x 220

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