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individualized services for children & adults with disabilities

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newsletter

individuals active in our community

Enable's Employment Services program is designed to promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in all sectors of our communities," according to Jeffrey Tamburo, Program Coordinator for Enable's Employment Services.

People with disabilities are becoming more and more active in the workplace. People such as Adam Muratore, Peter Lantzy, Shari Smith, Kimberly Larkin, David Stewart, and Julie Tennant are a small part of an untapped workforce. "We helped 161 people maintain or find employment in 2001", according to Jeffrey Tamburo. As employers begin to realize the benefits, the number of people with disabilities out in the workplace will only continue to grow.

Adam Muratore (left) and Peter Lantzy enjoy Enable's Shining Lights Reception at the home of Chancellor and Mrs. Shaw. Adam is a transport aide at St. Camillus Health and Rehabilitation Center. Peter works in the Syracuse University Law Library. Both men are involved in Enable's Supported Employment Services Program.



David Stewart of Liverpool "has all the traits you want to see in a good employee", says Bill McSweeney, General Manager of DoubleTree Club in North Syracuse where David is employed.

Kimberly Larkin works at Marshall's in Fairmont Fair. "I love my job and the people I work with", Larkin



exclaims. She is shown with co-workers, Tracy Powers and Thomas Shafer.

Ann Horan works with Shari Smith in the Science and Technology Library at Syracuse University. Smith has worked as a stack assistant in the Library for over six years.



Julie Tennant, an Enable participant and her co-worker, Nancy Salvetti work in the test kitchen of Penny Curtiss Baking Company. With them is head of operations, Mike Lawler, checking out a batch of rolls. Julie has worked at Penny Curtiss for six years.

If you would like to find out more about Employment Services, please contact Jeffrey Tamburo at 315-455-7591.



olympic torch

Ricky Ryder, member of the Board of Directors at Enable was one of the Olympic Torch bearers on December 31, 2001. Ricky, who resides in Liverpool, was surrounded by supporters from his family, Enable, patrons from The Retreat-his Liverpool hangout, the Liverpool Elks, and the MacKenzie Law Firm-his employer. Ricky has cerebral palsy and said torch duty wasn't easy. The day was very cold and blustery but Ricky rose to the challenge. His pals at the Retreat chipped in close to \$400 so Ricky could buy the torch that he carried from the Olympic Committee.

cerebral palsy associations of new york state

By Alan Shibley, Director of Public Relations, CP of NYS

For more than 50 years, 24 New York organizations serving individuals with disabilities and their families have worked together, under the banner of Cerebral Palsy Associations of New York State (CP of NYS), to improve the lives of people we serve. This statewide affiliation allows CP of NYS to advance statewide policy objectives and program development initiatives, while providing individual technical assistance to Affiliates. The organization staff develops and advances these objectives in conjunction with the Affiliates through a committee structure, development of an annual legislative and public policy agenda, and the Annual Conference.

CP of NYS works with the Legislature, Governor, and governmental agencies to ensure that public policy has a positive impact on the lives of people with disabilities and their families. The Affiliates and State Association also work together to plan and conduct annual events including: Lobby Days in Albany, "Reverse Lobby Days" in each Affiliate's district, and an annual professional development conference for 800 staff, volunteers and consumers and their families.

The partnership between members extends into every corner of the state fostering communication and relationships that create opportunities for staff and volunteers to share expertise on a daily basis.

cops who care

On January 19, 2002 Cops Who Care volunteered to paint the inside of one of Enable's residences on Jamesville Ave in Syracuse. This house is owned by Enable and is home to five of our participants. This is a very busy home because all five participants work outside the home and are always on the go. Like any home, this kind of activity leads to wear and tear on the house. Thanks to Pete and the Cops Who Care, we were not only able to get the general living area painted, our participants were able to pick out their own colors for their newly painted bedrooms!! These volunteers spent about 40 hours sprucing up the home.



This is the second project that Cops Who Care have done with us. We are planning on another project at this same home in the spring. The community should know that these volunteers are always prompt, polite and professional! They are a pleasure to work with!

painters benefit enable exercise class

Eighteen members of the Painting and Decorating Contractors of America rolled up their sleeves this month to prep and paint a large room on behalf of

Enable. Bob Holt, of Holt Painting Company on South Ave. is the Chapter President. "Members of PDCA are trained, licensed and insured professionals. We appreciate the opportunity to give back to the community." Also present was Vice President Dave Stanton of Commercial Painting on West Seneca Turnpike. The room will be furnished with mats and exercise equipment and used for exercise classes.

Funded, in part, by the United Way of Central New York, the Wellness Program at Enable helps people with developmental, physical or health-related disabilities safely improve their fitness. Three exercise groups are in development now: low-impact aerobics, stretch & tone and strength building. The spruced-up space, which has been vacant for some time, is owned by New York State. Enable will be permitted to use it without charge, but will be responsible for ongoing upkeep. For more information contact Chris Scott at 455-7591x223.

Enable provides individualized services for children and adults with disabilities through a wide array of programs and services. Enable's guiding principles are choice, inclusion, individualization and empowerment. Over 1700 people of all ages were served last year. Services are also offered to families and employers.



Volunteers from PDCA paint for Enable.

Pictured are: Tom Acox, Todd Halbig, John Purcell, Ron Blouin, Jim Smith, Dave Stanton, Paul Romeo, Lisa Wodka, Bob Holt, Ron Holt, Josey Mertens, Ron Monterville, Bill Rickli, Mike Leone, Don Moore, Bob Raynor, Dennis Sanderson and Jim Sherlock.

wish list

Community Networks and Child & Family Services need the following items for crafts and therapy for participants:

Batting
Beads-all sizes and colors
(large size are easier for people to use)
Big pieces of felt- any color
Bracelet wire
Bubble wrap
Can Opener (one that's easy to use)
Construction cones
Crotchet Needles
Electric hand mixer
Fabric dyes
Fabric paints
Foam Letters and shapes
Foam stuffing
Glue for glue gun
Hand Towels
Helium quality balloons
Hula-hoops
Masking tape/brown tape
Nail polish
Pot Holders
Old tires, cleaned
Padding
Paints - all kinds and colors
Pegboards
Plastic Gutters
Pool Noodles
PVC Piping
Scooters
Scrub Sponges for dishes
Sheets
Velcro
Walkie-talkies
Wood for beams (2x4)

In addition, people in residences need:
Linens - sheets, towels,
pictures/artwork, wall hangings.

EYW - Pre-School would like Music Cassettes, specifically Kidz Bop; Sing It, Say It, Sway It. Vol.2; Peter & Ellen Allard Kids in Action; Greg & Steve.

If you are able to help with the wish list contact Susan Haanschoten, ext. 284.

Thank you.

enable and the syracuse auto dealers association— what at team!!!

This year was Enable's first year as part of the SADA Charity Preview. Our goal was to sell \$10,000 worth of tickets at \$100.00 each. With a dynamic team of volunteers, we were able to exceed our goal by at least \$1,200!! If you bought tickets from another agency, please remember next year that you may split your donations between agencies.

With the underwriting solicited by the SADA team, between 90-100% of each donation comes back to Enable.



The incredible staff at SADA as well as the Board of Directors at Enable were thrilled with our first year response.

In addition to the funds raised, Enable's has been able to increase our name recognition in the community. SADA sent out over 6000 invitations and handed out over 1200 programs that night that had information about Enable in them. This type of public relations is priceless to us!

We are looking forward to our second year with the SADA Charity Preview that will be held in February of 2003.

Lori M Davis
Event Coordinator

save the date: june 10, 2002 bellevue country club

Enable is pleased to announce the second annual "Clare L. Smith Golf Classic to benefit Enable". This year we will be joining forces with the UAW Local 624 "Labor for Enable" golf tournament.



The "Clare L. Smith Golf Classic to benefit Enable" will be held Monday, June 10, 2002, at Bellevue Country Club. Proceeds from the tournament will benefit children's services at Enable.

For sponsor information or to register to play, please call Lori Davis 455-7591 ext. 220 or Ldavis@enable1.org

angel project

Verizon's RMCC Department collected toys for eight families this holiday season.

This is the 4th year Verizon and Enable have been jointly involved with the Angel Project. The picture is of Kelly Rose and Barbara Thayer of Verizon.



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executive director



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enable's calendar of events

February 25, 2002 - Agency Anniversary Celebration- 54 years

February 26, 2002 - Shining Lights Reception

April 25, 2002 - Annual Awards Celebration

June 10, 2002 - Clare L. Smith Golf Classic

July 26, 2002 - 12th Anniversary of the ADA

September 19, 2002 - Visit the Vineyards of the World with Enable



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