



WHAT'S NEW AROUND DSC...

C-U in the Prairibbean



A Special Thanks to Eastern Illinois Parrot Head Club (EIPHC)! On Saturday, August 4th, we "Partied with a Purpose" with our EIPHC friends for "**C-U in the Prairibbean XIV**"! The fantastic weather was made even better with some of our favorite local bands, including *Jake & Jackson*, *The Tons O' Fun Band* and *The Boat Drunks*. The \$2,500 cash raffle and silent auction were also a hit.

DSC is looking forward to the check presentation. Date is to be announced. Please watch our website for details. We'll post photos and the amount raised at www.dsc-illinois.org! *THANK YOU EIPHC, our fantastic sponsors and auction donors, and of course, everyone who came out and Partied with a Purpose!*

6th Annual C-U Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 6th!



C-U Oktoberfest is a fall celebration of music, beer, and food held in downtown Champaign. Patterned after the annual festival in Bavaria, the C-U Oktoberfest features live music from bands playing festive polkas, waltzes, and traditional German music, mixed in with plenty of your favorite songs. Beer from local brewers and a selection of German beers will be served. Party-goers are encouraged to get in the spirit by wearing their best dirndl or lederhosen (or come as they are) and dance the night away! C-U Oktoberfest will be held in the parking lot in front of the Orpheum Children's Museum on

October 6th from 3 p.m. – midnight. The entry fee is \$5 at the gate. Family and children's activities, including bounce houses, face painting, and more will be available from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. C-U Oktoberfest is honored to be endorsed by Illinois Bicentennial and we will be recognizing Illinois' 200th year of statehood during Oktoberfest.

Proceeds from the event will benefit DSC. Join in the fun! Prost (Cheers)!

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A Message from Chief Executive Officer, Dale Morrissey...



DSC has been undergoing a great deal of positive change over the past few years as we steer our programs to greater levels of services taking place in the community. With an organization the size of DSC, it takes a bit of time to turn this tide,

especially if you want to do it correctly - giving everyone, the people receiving the services and those offering the support, the time and support they need to make such significant changes successful. We are excited to share one of our next big steps! In accordance with the Department of Human Services, our Developmental Training program has officially been changed to **Community Day Services (CDS)**.

The change in the name of the program more accurately reflects where the work and support are taking place and provides for better understanding for those looking into the programs that DSC offers. This change was not in name only, but also includes structural and leadership changes to guide the program.

In order to support the new CDS program in continuing to expand community opportunities, we have added to the responsibilities of a few existing positions within the program. These changes will better support staff as services are offered in more diverse locations throughout our community.

In addition to providing services from locations in Champaign, DSC has recently leased space on Philo Road in Urbana. This new space offers a nice location that will allow for new experiences to take place within our broader community (See picture above). Some volunteer opportunities will be expanded and more easily accessed offering more opportunities to more people.

We are very excited about these positive changes and are eager to witness the next phase of development for Community Day Services. Please join us in celebrating this significant step!

Until next time,

Dale

Bequests

To those friends who wish to help assure the longevity of DSC by mentioning DSC in your will, the following statement may be shared with your advisor to designate a legacy bequest for the children and adults at DSC.

"I give, devise, and bequeath to the DSC Foundation (37-1023944) of Champaign, IL, a charitable not-for-profit foundation, the sum of ____ dollars (\$___) or ____ percent (___%) of my estate to be used to carry out its mission."

As the DSC Foundation seeks to build to their endowment, we encourage you, our most loyal donors and supporters, to consider a planned gift, such as, but not limited to, bequests, gifts of real estate, mandatory retirement distributions, and as a beneficiary of life insurance.

To view or download a copy of DSC's Planned Giving Opportunities Brochures, please go to this link
http://www.dsc-illinois.org/get_involved/Leave_A_Legacy.html.

Contact your tax professional for more specific tax information. If you would like more information from DSC, please contact Janice McAteer at jmcaateer@dsc-illinois.org or 217.398.7110.

Community Day Services Party



The Community Day Services Program enjoyed an afternoon of live music performed by Mike Miller and Dyke Corson,

two members of The Boat Drunks in July. In addition to the live music, the event included punch, dancing, tropical décor, and guests from other programs. This fun afternoon was made possible by restricted memorial donations to DSC.

Marathon Check



We are honored to report that we received a donation from the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon for \$21,500. Over

the last nine years, the marathon has donated approximately \$173,305 to DSC! Next year will be our 11th year working with the marathon. We love our partnership and involvement in this dynamic community event! Thank you, Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon!!

Seasonal Volunteering

We can always use groups of volunteers to help us out with seasonal projects like yardwork, basic maintenance and cleaning. Want to know more? Call (217) 356-9176 or email info@dsc-illinois.org

Grant Received for CPR Equipment



Thank you to Champaign West Rotary for assisting us with the purchase of CPR equipment. We are in the process of making upgrades, as mandated by DHS, to be in place by January of 2019. The new CPR mannequins provide feedback to the students administering CPR by lighting up. Due to the

amount of CPR training that is provided at DSC, we hope to purchase eight more mannequins.

Direct Support Professionals (DSP) Week!



Each September we recognize these important members of our staff that are vital to our industry and, more specifically, to the people who choose DSC services. The Direct Support Professionals at DSC received special recognition through the week of September 10-14 on social media, posters were distributed around DSC offices, press releases were sent to the local media and we had drawings for daily prizes, with a grand prize that included an overnight hotel stay and \$100 in cash! Why? Because the important work we do, every day at DSC, would not be possible without DSPs. Do you have a special DSP in your life? Tell your DSP what they mean to you! Thank you to our generous community and family sponsors who helped to make this a special week for a group of compassionate and committed professionals!

DSC Horse Group Tours U of I Vet Med

The DSC Employment Services Horse Group was recently invited to tour the University of Illinois Veterinary Teaching Hospital. Participants visited the Large Animal Clinic where they had the opportunity to see students in action with both horses and cows. The tour was led by Dr. Wilkins, Dr. Biehl and Dr. French. We are appreciative of opportunities such as this, which allow for the people who choose DSC services to explore new interests and future career pathways.

Meet Me On Mondays



We featured Employment Counselors on social media throughout the months of July and August for Meet Me on Monday posts. Check out what Jeff Williams had to share!

Jeff is an Employment Counselor at DSC and recently he has been job coaching too. Jeff has been at the agency for over 14 years. Jeff leads the Health Matters and MTD Discover Illinois groups. He is also well-known among his co-workers for his involvement with the DSC Softball Team. Jeff shared that he had remained at DSC because he enjoys his co-workers, working hard and having a good time. He also said that when he came to DSC, there were leaders here like Annette Becherer and Dale Morrissey who had been in their positions for a long time and that stood out to him because it's not as common these days to see people remain in their jobs for long periods of time. "I watched them do that and I hope to be an example in the same way. It can be challenging to stay motivated to do the same thing every day and not end up burned out. You have to take care of yourself. When you encounter something tough, you can't let it get the best of you because the people here are counting on us." You can read all of the Meet Me on Monday stories on our website.

DSC Cooking Group



DSC Employment Services has a variety of groups with like interests. We recently had the opportunity to visit with one of the cooking groups, led by Tashia Amos. Liz, Megan and Danielle worked together to bake lemon cake. One requirement that comes along with being involved with the cooking group is clean-up; however, the groups' work is rewarded with getting to sample the cake! They also spend time planning future recipes, such as chicken enchiladas, which were being discussed for the weeks ahead. Thanks for sharing your skills with us!

LEAP Featured Employer Champaign Park District



Last winter, we reported that LEAP certified employer, Champaign Park District, invited DSC employee, Stephanie Davenport, as a guest speaker at an all-staff

training in preparation for their LEAP training. As a follow-up to LEAP, their Human Resources department invited Davenport and Employment Specialist Dick Montgomery to bring job candidates on a tour of the Champaign Park District locations. Following the tour, interested candidates were also invited to a DSC job fair at Champaign Park District. We are pleased to report that the Champaign Park District has continued to embrace working with DSC. We now have a few people who have applied for positions and some who have been hired, including Amy Hinesley, pictured above with Tophers Wendt.



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SAVE THE DATE

**C-U Oktoberfest is Saturday, October 6th 3 p.m. to midnight
Downtown Champaign**



Celebrating 25 years, the Tree of Hope Kick-Off is Thursday, November 8th



LEAP Update-October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Celebrating disability inclusion for over 70 years! Observed every October to celebrate and value an inclusive workforce, this year's theme is **America's Workforce, Empowering All**. Look for our article in Central Illinois Business Magazine!

Do You Have Cardboard, Papers and Magazines Cluttering Up Your House?

Well, we have just the thing for you! DSC Business Operations center recycles all kinds of cardboard and paper - including magazines, catalogs, office paper, etc. - as part of our effort to keep the environment clean and financially support DSC's programs. (We do not accept books at this time).

You can bring your recyclable paper to DSC's Business Operations at **3102 W Clark Rd in Champaign, 8am-4pm, M-F**. From Duncan, turn west onto Clark Rd (just north of Springfield). Turn right to go behind DSC's Business Operations facility to drop off your items at the back loading dock door.

