



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## WHAT'S NEW AROUND DSC . . .

### DSC Has a New Look

Maybe you've noticed recently that DSC has a new look? On July 1, DSC introduced a new logo and is currently in the process of rebranding. "Our path to rebranding has followed our recent clinical advances. It shows who we are in a bolder way. The last few years have been hard. One thing we've learned is that we're not a little jet boat, but more like an ocean liner. When it comes to an organization the size of DSC, we don't just zip around making changes. We take our time and do it right. We're really proud of where we are and where we've been. The bottom line is that we are a non-profit and we are here to promote the people we support, but we are also a business. We've been here for forty-five years and we are a pillar in this community. We have a responsibility to the people who choose our services, to our employees and our community. In some ways people will always know us as Developmental Services Center, but we're not operating as a center any more. Most of what we do now revolves around the community, so we've gone to just DSC. Discover. Self. Community." said Janice McAteer, DSC VP of Development and Communications.

### Judy Ullom Retires after 27 Years with DSC



Judy Ullom, a Developmental Therapist at DSC for over 27 years is set to retire in July. She has touched the lives of many children and families within the DSC community during her tenure with the agency. Judy tells us that she has also learned a lot over the years working with families that has helped her grow as a person and as a therapist, "especially about parenting and accepting challenges with such grace. It has made me a different person."

"It's so hard to put into words how much Judy blessed us while she came to our home working with Alex and Lexi. She always exceeded our expectations by bringing new and different toys each session and making it so much fun for the kids. She also taught us the importance of interacting with the children through play. We wish you the very best in your retirement Judy, and we hope you know how much you have touched our lives!" -The Sprau family

"We worked often with Judy, who would come to our home back then and even to daycare. The daycare loved her, because she didn't just work with Alex, but she also worked with the other children in supporting Alex. She also worked with him in speech therapy. When Alex turned four, I heard him say 'I love you' for the first time. I became very grateful at that moment for everything I'd been provided through DSC." -The Webber Family

Thank you, Judy for your many years of service and enjoy your retirement!



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# Hello Summer!

I come to you this quarter from a new and exciting place. This edition of the DSC Community Newsletter is the last edition in which I will address you as CEO. It is a new place for me to be coming to you from, and yet, so exciting as DSC is ready for this transition! After 40 years, I am looking forward to spending my days a bit differently, although, I will still stay connected to DSC through helping with our fundraisers and supporting the efforts of our development department.

Together, we have made jaw dropping strides in the ways we have supported the independence of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Champaign and Ford counties! We have made untold differences in the lives of many, many people, and yet, there is still so much more to do! I am very confident that Danielle, your board of directors and leadership team, along with our dedicated Direct Service Professionals, will continue to be an unstoppable force in leading this organization and pushing the limits of the best ways to support children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our area.

I look forward to seeing you all at C-U in the Prairiebean XV on August 3rd and C-U Oktoberfest on October 5th in downtown Champaign. These two events make a significant impact in DSC's fundraising efforts and it is wonderful to see so many people we serve and so many in our community having such a great time together!

Thank you for allowing me to be a part of the DSC family – it has been my honor!

Dale

## Program Spotlight: The Crow at 110



The Crow at 110, an arm of the Employment Services program, was featured as a venue during Boneyard Arts Festival this spring. Several DSC artists displayed their artwork during the community-wide event. Works of art were created over the course of several months, in art groups. The groups studied the styles of famous artists and worked to create their own renditions inspired by their studies.

## DSC at Champaign Outdoors



People who participate in the DSC Community Day Services Program stopped by Champaign Outdoors this spring to have a look at the Subaru Rally Car that was on-site at the retail location for a visit.

Group participants enjoyed an opportunity to take selfies in front of the car's trailer during the special event.

## 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, Champaign, IL, an Illinois not-for-profit corporation:

"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."

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](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, VP of Development & Communications, at [jmcaateer@dsc-illinois.org](mailto:jmcaateer@dsc-illinois.org) or 217.398.7110.



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## Grant Awards



**Walmart Foundation Grant:** \$2,500-The funds will be used later this year toward the 26th annual Tree of Hope Campaign. Sam's and Walmart have been a longtime partner of the campaign and we're excited to have them involved again this year.

**Champaign-Urbana Junior League Spring Grant:** \$342.48- In February, DSC participated in the University of Illinois' Grant-A-Thon. The event was hosted by the School of Social Work's Community Learning Lab. As a mentor non-profit, DSC worked with students to write and submit a grant to the CUJL (Champaign-Urbana Junior League). The grant was written and awarded to be used for DSC's residential program, to purchase accessible patio benches and a grill for their CILAs (Community Integrated Living Arrangements).



**Ameren Illinois Donation:** Thanks to a generous donation of \$1,800 from Ameren Illinois, DSC was able to purchase a new commercial washer and dryer for our residential program. Thank you, Ameren!

**Community Foundation of Rantoul, Illinois:** Residents of the CILA in Rantoul will be enjoying new pots and pans, as well as new home décor items, thanks to a \$500 grant from the Community Foundation of Rantoul, Illinois.

## New Hartle Entryway



a DSC family for making this possible. The home now offers a new door, updated light fixtures and flooring, in addition to fresh paint!

Have you been busy cleaning and doing yard work around your home? We all look forward to improvements and those special touches around our homes and outdoor landscapes this time of year. It's no different at DSC and the residents of Hartle, a DSC CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement), are enjoying a new entryway! Thank you to a generous donation from

## Michael Greene Awarded



In April, Michael Greene was honored by his employer, The Champaign Park District. Joe Deluce, Executive Director of the Champaign Park District, presented Michael with the Diversity Award at the Champaign Parks Honors Night. Michael began his career at the park district,

as a Volunteer Staff member with the CUSR (Champaign-Urbana Special Recreation) After School Program in July of 2018, and was then offered a paid position. This summer, Michael was also promoted to a Camp Leader position at CUSR. - "Michael is wonderful to be around. I received a call from a parent who was excited after attending an IEP meeting with her son. The school had reported an increase in his core strength and he was now able to make it around the track. It was from working with his After School Coach at CUSR, Michael," said CUSR Athletic & Volunteer Coordinator, Christina Mott.

## Comcast Cares Day

DSC was the beneficiary of the 18th Annual Comcast Cares Day on Saturday, May 4th. The event is a celebration of the company's year-round commitment to volunteerism and service. Over 70 Comcast employees and community volunteers joined together to make various improvements at DSC's Clark Rd. location, including landscaping, brush and debris removal, a new brick patio and gazebo, along with other spring-related projects. Local businesses including Caterpillar, Illini Brick, Alexander's Steakhouse, Midwest Construction Rentals, Advance Auto Parts and County Market donated items to help make the day a success. Thanks to all!

## Spreading Kindness Around the Community



The RAK (Random Acts of Kindness) Group, a part of the Employment Services Program, participates in a number of volunteering opportunities throughout the community. April was National Volunteer Month

and the group was busy cleaning up local parks around Champaign-Urbana. The group has also distributed hand-crafted cards to area nursing homes and taken cookies to local firehouses.





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**Vision:** Striving to assure that every person lives a full life in the community.

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## NEW! Queen of Hearts

*An Easy Way to Add Some Serious Cash to Your Pocket & New Way to Give to DSC!* DSC is launching the Queen of Hearts! The Queen of Hearts is a progressive raffle game of chance where a successful player wins a portion of the money held in the Jackpot. The game begins with \$5,000 in the Jackpot and players buy tickets for \$1 each. Purchase your tickets at Esquire Lounge in downtown Champaign throughout the week. Then, one ticket will be drawn from the ticket box every Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the Esquire Lounge. The owner of the chosen ticket will have the opportunity to draw the Queen of Hearts from a deck of playing cards and win the Jackpot! Need not be present to win, but you won't want to miss your chance - Every Jackpot win is split 50/50 between the winning player and DSC if the winner is present at the drawing, and 60/40 to DSC/winner if you are not present. If the Queen of Hearts is not drawn, the pot rolls over and the Jackpot increases! Each week begins a new chance, as all previous week tickets will be destroyed. Join in on the weekly fun and show your support for DSC by coming out to the Esquire Lounge, every Tuesday night at 7:00 p.m. for the weekly drawing! For more information and the official rules, go to [www.dsc-illinois.org](http://www.dsc-illinois.org).



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## CUiP XV

C-U in the Prairibbean XV is almost here! The Eastern Illinois Parrot Head Club (EIPHC) is hosting C-U in the Prairibbean XV benefiting DSC on August 3rd, 2019 from 5:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. in downtown Champaign, in the parking lot at the corner of Washington and Neil. The event will showcase father/son duo Jake and Jackson as the opening act, followed by the Tons O' Fun Band, and The Boat Drunks will finish the evening of great local music! Event tickets are \$10 each. As always, there will be a large silent auction featuring many great items! Back by popular demand is the \$2,500 Cash raffle! Raffle tickets are \$5 each or five for \$20. Raffle and event tickets, as well as additional event information are available at [www.dsc-illinois.org](http://www.dsc-illinois.org) and at DSC's main office at 1304 W. Bradley Avenue. Feel free to stop by the office anytime between 8-5 pm Monday-Friday. The raffle, sponsored by First State Bank, and event tickets, sponsored by Enterprise and Herff Jones, each feature coupons from local businesses with over \$35 in savings including:

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Hickory River Smokehouse • D.P. Dough



**Save-the-Date!**  
**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5TH**  
**7th Annual C-U Oktoberfest**