



WHAT'S NEW AROUND DSC...

Tree of Hope



2018 marks the 25th Anniversary of DSC's Tree of Hope Campaign – a milestone year where we are celebrating 25 years of success in our history and using it as a catalyst to keep making genuine impact in the lives of the people who choose DSC services in the years to come. Please help us mark this special year with your donation today. Give online at www.dsc-illinois.org.



With a goal of \$40,000, the Tree of Hope began in 1994 and the same concept that started this tradition continues today - a family has chosen to share their story with our community demonstrating how DSC's involvement in their lives has made a difference for them. Over the years, we have introduced 28 children, and their families, who have received services from DSC, to our community. Today, they range in age from young adults to preschool, but in all cases, their lives improved through the early intervention services they received.

At the Tree of Hope Kick-Off event, we not only introduced this year's Spokesfamily, the Dilley Family and announced the \$175,000 goal for this year's campaign, but we also reintroduced five young adults, Alex Webber, Ashley, Emily, and Kailey Eisenmenger, and Kelly Jane Griffin who were the focus of the Tree of Hope campaigns in 1996, 1999, and 2001 respectively. We hope you take a moment to visit our website to watch the videos of their lives. We invite you to view their stories from the point in which we met them to where they are today. Grab a tissue – it is worth the time to watch!

At Kick-Off, we also held our traditional Recognition Event where we celebrated three awards:

- Personal Achievement Award Winner- Alaric Schaufele who works at multiple Circle K Convenience Store & Gas Stations and sings in a local men's choir;
- Employer of the Year - Champaign Park District who hires qualified candidates, served at DSC, and years of recognizing the Park Walking program;
- Public Service Award Winner – WCIA 3 for their comprehensive coverage of all DSC events, accommodations for the needs of our Tree of Hope families, and belief in our mission.



Join us in celebrating this special year and in helping us to continue making an impact for people in our community by giving any time before January 31, 2019. You can mail a check to DSC, or give online at www.dsc-illinois.org.

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

This coming March I will have been with DSC for 40 years. Although I am as driven by our mission today as I was 39 ½ years ago, I believe it is time for me to pass the leadership torch to someone else. This will be challenging for me, but I believe the time is right for both DSC and for me. For the past several months, I have been working with the DSC Board of Directors to develop a well thought out CEO Transition Plan, which included the appointment of a CEO Transition Committee to handle the interview process.

After careful consideration, the CEO Transition Committee recommended Ms. Danielle Matthews as the CEO Elect for DSC. The full Board of Directors accepted the Committee's recommendation and approved Danielle's hire. The Board's approval demonstrates their confidence in Danielle and her abilities to be the next leader of this wonderful organization. I would like to personally congratulate Danielle and ask that you do so as well, as she begins her transition into this new position.

I have worked with Danielle for 11 years at DSC and for four years prior to her joining our organization as part of the Audit Team from McGladrey. She holds a Bachelor's of Science, Major in Accountancy degree from Miami University, Oxford, OH and also holds a CPA designation. I am fully confident in her abilities, vision, and commitment to DSC's mission and know she is prepared to take DSC into the future. Danielle has a strong sense of DSC from both the financial and clinical perspectives and how each of those perspectives affects the other. Additionally, Danielle has strong leadership skills that are essential to her new position. DSC's Leadership Team will be behind her with over 200 years of combined experience. Together, this dedicated group of professionals will offer tremendous support to Danielle as she assumes her new role. I am confident she will bring the necessary experience along with the passion and commitment that is needed to run this organization.

Over the next few months, Danielle will be interviewing for her replacement for the CFO/EVP of Support Services position. After that position has been hired and Danielle has worked to ensure a smooth transition, she will begin working more closely with me on a daily basis to finalize her transition into the CEO position on September 1, 2019.

Again, congratulations to Danielle!

Until next time,

Dale

C-U Oktoberfest 2018!



In Germany, when someone gets caught in the rain, you might hear the expression, **“du siehst aus wie ein begossener Pudel!”** In English, this means, **“You look like a doused poodle!”** That could've been said about many of us at this year's C-U Oktoberfest. We got off to a rocky start, due to stormy weather being thrown at us by Mother Nature. Fortunately, we were still able to pull everything together to open the gates on time, despite the wind and rains, largely because of our C-U Oktoberfest team, staff, volunteers, and loyal community fans. There was a lot of beer and a great time was had! We cannot express how grateful we are for this! With over 2,000 people in attendance, DSC netted \$40,000 from this one-day event. It was a lot of fun and we've received a lot of great feedback. Stay tuned for next year's date!



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

Rafters Event



Thanks to a generous donation from a DSC family, individuals who receive DSC services and employees had the opportunity to enjoy an evening out at Rafter's Draft & Dough in September. Jake & Jackson, a local father-son duo, performed live music and all enjoyed dancing and free pizza.

Illini Tickets Donated



In October, Joe and Alan had the opportunity to see the Fighting Illini Football team play at Memorial Stadium. Joe had never been to a game before. He was excited that he ran into someone he knew and ate nachos. He was sad that the Illini didn't win. Alan hadn't been to a game in many years. He remembers a game his dad took him to when they played Iowa. Joe chose to buy a key chain lanyard as a souvenir, instead of a drink. Thanks to Eddie and Terra Mullins for donating the tickets!

Boom Bash



Boomerangs held their annual BoomBash again this September with DSC as the designated beneficiary of the event. The event collects donations at the door and DSC receives half of a 50/50 raffle. This year, Lance and Laura Burnham won the raffle and the couple generously donated half of their winnings back to DSC, bringing the grand total to \$970 raised from BoomBash for DSC! Thanks to Tom and Christy Grassman for their continued generosity to DSC and to the Burnham's for their \$260 donation!

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 throughout 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!

IARF



Several DSC staff members attended the IARF (Illinois Association of Rehabilitation Facilities) Conference in Chicago in September for continuing education classes, and to present course materials at the conference on behalf of DSC.

Piano Day at DSC



Our Community Day Services program enjoyed live piano music in November from Jonathon Eltrevoog. Johnathon played upbeat party piano songs for

the group. Community Day Services members joined in by singing along and dancing. A great time was had by all!

Grant Awarded by Community Foundation of Rantoul, IL



A grant was awarded to DSC by the Community Foundation of Rantoul, IL. Barbara Miller presented the

check for \$400 to Stephanie Davenport, representing DSC at the Rantoul Chamber of Commerce Community Coffee. The funds are to be used for activities for those who receive residential services and who reside in Rantoul, IL.



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

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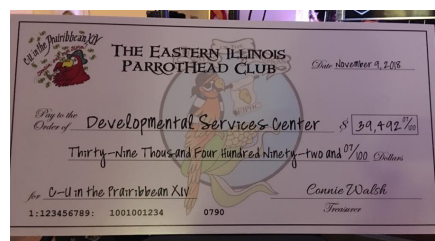
SAVE THE DATE

2019 Illinois Marathon Race Weekend-April 25-27
Volunteers Needed! Be a part of the DSC Corral Teams!

Michael Greene Receives Volunteer of the Month

Michael Greene received the Volunteer of the Month Award at CUSR (Where he is now employed). He received the award "because he is into the job, has a good spirit about it, loves to be at work, is very responsible with the kids and shows a willingness to learn new things." Congratulations, Michael!

C-U in the Prairibbean Check Presentation



The Eastern Illinois Parrot Head Club presented DSC with a check for \$39,492.07.

The donation

came as a result of the fundraising event, C-U in the Prairibbean XIV, that took place in August. This was the 9th year that the two organizations have collaborated together. THANK YOU, EIPHC!

Thank You!

University of Illinois Fire Service Institute

Thank you to volunteers from the University of Illinois Fire Service Institute who spent an afternoon this fall pulling weeds and digging out bushes at our Clark Road office. The volunteers later invited DSC employees for a tour to learn more about what they do and how our two organizations might learn from one another.

Fall Maintenance Help from BPC

Two groups of volunteers helped us with fall maintenance. One group raked over twenty bags of leaves at one of our CILAs (Community Integrated Living Arrangements) and the other group repainted a large area at our main offices. Thank you, BPC!!