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FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S DESK

It is with deep regret that I must inform you that the State of Illinois has cut our State grant by 12%. The cut becomes effective December 2008, so there is still time to contact the Governor and ask him to repel these cuts. People with disabilities are often the first to be overlooked in the State of Illinois, just consider our 12% cut when so many other programs are receiving less than 2%. When you consider all the money that government can "find" for corporate bail outs, it becomes truly discouraging.

It is with this growing crisis of priorities in mind, that I and the RCL Board strongly urge your pledge of support. Unlike our tax dollars, which are distributed based on government priorities, you can be sure that your pledge will go directly to support the independence of disabled adults in our community. Only in partnership with you can we continue to facilitate the independence of people with disabilities during these troubled times.

Sincerely,
Robert Walsh, Psy.D.

You can also visit us and leave your thoughts and comments at
www.RCL2bindependent.org
or e-mail us at rescoliv@aol.com

**Holiday shopping is
NOW
upon us!**

How can you avoid the cold weather, malls, and long lines?

**Why not shop online and donate a portion of your purchases to your favorite charity:
Resources for Community Living.**

Go to www.iGive.com and select Resources for Community Living, register your name, and begin shopping. It's that easy.

RCL thanks you for your support!

Coming Attractions!

11th Annual GALA

Saturday – March 28, 2009

This is RCL's 11th Annual Gala and the committee is hard at work finalizing invitations as the date draws nearer.

The theme for this year's event is "**Celebrating Independence.**" And you are invited to join us on Saturday March 28, 2009 as we celebrate our client's continuing independence; as well as, RCL's continued growth and support for our clients.

Please note that there has been a change in the location of the Gala. The event is now being held at The Meadows Club located at 2950 W. Golf Road in Rolling Meadows. You can check out their current website at www.themeadowsclub.com.

Entertainment details have now been confirmed and a 3 man group named, Leonardo will be performing. Leonardo is known for his catchy songs, high energy, and sense of humor. Be sure that you don't miss out on all the fun. Tickets for the evenings' events are \$95.00.

Volunteers are needed to: solicit donation items; assist in setting up the raffle items; greet and sign in guests at reception tables; and sell raffle tickets both before the Gala and during the Gala.

As in years past, we are asking all families to participate by buying a family ad in the Gala Brochure, donating an item for the Auction, or donating cash so that we may purchase an Auction item on your behalf.

Arrangements for volunteering or donation pick up can be made by calling:

Anita Morse 847.533.3895 or
Elizabeth McGrath 312.590.6693

FUNDRAISING UPDATE

9th ANNUAL FALL BENEFIT LUNCHEON



RCL has had a history of glorious weather on the day of our luncheons and this year was no exception. The event was held on October 19th at Kemper Lakes Country Club in Long Grove with a backdrop of crisp fall leaves and a green golf course.

Over 140 guests enjoyed this year's theme *"A Floral Affair"* which featured Sylvia's Flowers & Home as the entertainment. Sylvia demonstrated how to make floral arrangements using an assortment of colorful flowers while maintaining a minimal budget.

Please be sure to mark your calendar for next year's Luncheon which will be held on **Sunday October 18, 2009**. Due to limited space and this year's high attendance, the committee is currently looking at alternative locations. We will keep you updated once more information becomes available.

If you would like to serve as Chairperson for next year's event or participate in the planning, please contact volunteer coordinator, Anita Morse, at 847.533.3895.

5th ANNUAL POKER RUN



It is with regret, due to low attendance and interest, that RCL's last poker run was held on August 17th.

RCL is looking for other fundraising opportunities to replace this event with. If you have any ideas or thoughts, please contact the volunteer coordinator, Anita Morse, at 847-533-3895.

KIWANIS PEANUT DAY



In September, RCL helped Kiwanis raise money for charity by selling peanuts. Our location was in front of Eurofresh Grocery Store, 130 Northwest Highway in Palatine.

The Palatine Kiwanis splits the donations with the other not-for-profit organizations that volunteer their time. And this year RCL received \$248.00 for our participation. If you would like to volunteer for this event in the future please contact volunteer coordinator, Anita Morse, at 847.533.3895.

SOCIAL GROUP ACTIVITIES

Upcoming events:

In December – The Annual Holiday Party will be held at the Knights of Columbus in Arlington Heights. Party to be held on Tuesday, December 16th from 6PM until 8PM. Pizza will be provided; as well as, gifts for all who attend.

In January- Event still to be determined.

Monthly social opportunities – such as bowling, going to the movies or the theatre, pizza and miniature golf – are great fun for RCL participants...and great fun for anyone else who decides to join us. On occasion, drivers are needed, so contact the office if you think that would be a way for you to spend an enjoyable evening and/or contribute to RCL.

RECYCLING INITIATIVE

RCL Volunteers have begun collecting used ink cartridges and cell phones for recycling.



We have placed a box in the RCL office for depositing the cartridges and phones. If you are unable to drop them off, please call Eileen Steward at 847.985.7899 to arrange for a pickup. The funds from this project will be donated to RCL.

CLIENT'S NEWS

Bonnie Raff, longtime RCL client, recently started a new job working at Shore Koenig Training Center in Morton Grove. She is learning a lot, keeping busy, and enjoying her co-workers and staff. Way to go Bonnie!!

Susan Steward plans to be riding Six Flags rollercoaster, The Whizzer, in April 2009 as an all day fundraiser to benefit RCL. Good Luck Susan!!

Nick Kwiatkowski's volleyball team The Wildhawks won the Gold for their division, which entered them into the state-wide tournament. At State, The Wildhawks won 3rd and Nick took home a Bronze from IL State Special Olympics Volleyball Championship. Congrats Nick!!

ITEMS REQUESTED



There are always a number of specific items that would be very welcome indeed. The office needs or participants have requested the following

- 2 or 4-drawer File Cabinet
- Desk Side Chair
- Computers running Windows XP Office
- Working Laptop Computers
- Carpentry & Electrician Services
- Conference Telephone
- Power Point Projector
- Bookshelves (preferably 6-7 feet)

If you wish to donate these or any other items, please contact the RCL office.

DONATIONS ACKNOWLEDGED



RCL would like to thank the following supporters:

- Mario Pollastrini, John Fee, & Porfi Cruz of **Aldridge Electric Company** for the coordination and installation of electricity to our adjacent suite.
- Barbara Beckman, Bill Klaves & Jerry Jensen of **Habitat for Humanity of Northern Fox Valley** for the installation of a door to our adjacent suite.

MAKING RCL A PART OF YOUR BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Maybe you already have enough "stuff" and would like to suggest that your birthday celebrants honor you with a donation to RCL. An anonymous donor did just that and RCL was fortunate to receive over \$2,000 in contributions. **Happy Birthday!**



Volunteers are the heartbeat of Not-for-Profit organizations and RCL is no exception. We have a core of volunteers comprised of families, clients and friends that have worked tirelessly over the years to make RCL what it is – an organization that truly makes a difference in the lives of challenged adults.

That's the good news; the bad news is that many of those volunteers are getting plum tuckered. Please consider this an appeal to all the families and friends – our RCL Community – to take a more active role in this very worthwhile organization. One hour of participation is a wonderful contribution...as is 100 hours.

There are many opportunities for volunteering. So please call Anita Morse, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 847.533.3895 with an offer of whatever time you can devote.



Family/ Friends Meeting

Monthly [meetings](#) are [held at Miner School in Arlington Heights](#).

The next [meeting](#) is scheduled for the second week in October.

Everyone who cares about RCL and/or cares for a disabled family member is welcome

Call Dr. Walsh 847-710-1554 for details.

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RCL keep our website *information* current?
Please call the office to volunteer if your response to the above questions are Yes!!