



COMMUNITY NEWS



WHAT'S NEW AROUND DSC ...

29th Annual Tree of Hope Campaign



The 29th Annual Tree of Hope Campaign concluded at the end of January. We are thrilled to share that we raised more than \$207,000! We are so grateful for the community's continued support of DSC and this campaign!

Throughout this Tree of Hope Campaign, we had the opportunity to share the Spokesfamily's story—a moving story of the services and supports DSC is providing to Amber Fitzgerald and her children, Caleb and Cali, helping them to learn, grow, and realize their full potential.

We would like to thank Amber, Caleb, and Cali for sharing their personal story and for their commitment to the campaign. And thank you to every donor whose gift provides hope for individuals supported by DSC and to the sponsors who make it possible for all donations from the Tree of Hope to go directly towards our programs and services, allowing DSC to continue providing supports for more than 1,200 children and adults with intellectual and/or developmental disabilities here in Champaign and Ford counties.

Thank you again, for helping us light the Tree of Hope and continue to fulfill our mission to support people in living a rich and meaningful life!



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2023 Tree of Hope Sponsors

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Because of these generous sponsors above, every dollar we raise during the Tree of Hope Campaign directly supports the programs and services we offer! Thank you for your commitment to our mission!

New AEDs



The Christie Foundation has granted DSC three Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs). The AEDs replaced expiring units in three of our CILAs (Community Integrated Living Arrangements). Thank you, Christie Clinic for helping us to be prepared should a heart-related emergency occur.

Tootsie Roll Drive Donation




The Knights of Columbus of Philo donated the proceeds from their fall Tootsie Roll Drive. The Tootsie Roll Drive stretches back decades and is about more than just candy — it is about helping those with intellectual disabilities. Thank you, Knights of Columbus, for your continued support!

Transition Planning Event

TRANSITION:
Preparing for Life
after Graduation

Tuesday, March 28th
5:30-8:30pm
Champaign Public Library



CHAMPAIGN COUNTY
TRANSITION PLANNING COMMITTEE

JOIN US!
A **FREE** event for
students, parents,
guardians, and
teachers of
students ages
14-22 with IEPs
and 504 Plans

A light dinner provided
FREE OF CHARGE!

Enjoy a meal and critical
information!



As a member of the Transition Planning Committee for Champaign County, DSC is excited to be part of this event - ***Transition: Preparing for Life after Graduation.***

DSC's Intake Specialist, Lori Wachtel will sit on the panel and will be present to meet you and answer your questions. Visit our website at www.dsc-illinois.org for more information.

Please help us spread the word, and we hope to see you there!

Donate your Walgreens Cash Rewards to DSC!

Help communities *you*
care about by
donating your
Walgreens Cash rewards.



We're participating in the myWalgreens donation program! You can donate your myWalgreens cash rewards to DSC thru May 31, 2023.

To learn more about the myWalgreens program visit walgreens.com/mywalgreens.

Volunteer with DSC!



Volunteer with DSC and see the runners off at the start line of the 5K on Friday, April 28th or the 10K and ½ Marathon on Saturday, April 29th. Free t-shirt and swag bag included! Contact Development Coordinator, Jacqueline Gardiner at jgardiner@dsc-illinois.org if you are interested.

Save the Date!



The Eastern Illinois Parrot Head Club is hosting Back to the Prairibean again this year to benefit DSC! The event will take place on Tuesday, August 1st from 5 to 8PM at Riggs Brewery. Join us for music from The Boat Drunks, food, beverages, raffles, and lots of fun!



Make plans today to attend the 10th Annual C-U Oktoberfest on September 30th from 3-10PM! Live music, festive beer from local brewers, German-inspired food from local food trucks, and a kid zone! You will not want to miss this fun community event!



Thank you to the following businesses that completed LEAP training over the past few months. We are grateful for your commitment to employ all people!

- Alexander's Prime Time Seasonings
- At Ease Home Inspections, LLC
- Broeren Russo Builders Inc.
- Country Financial – Kolby Jackson
- Don Moyer Boys & Girls Club
- Express Employment Professionals - Champaign
- First State Bank of Forrest – Mahomet Branch
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- SpotOn
- State Farm Agent – Darwyn Boston
- The Lisa Rector Team: Keller Williams Realty
- The Main Scoop – Mahomet
- United Prairie
- Urbana Acupuncture
- Yellow & Company

Join the New Directory!

The LEAP program has launched the Champaign County Directory of Disability-Inclusive Employers, a public means of identifying inclusive employers, as well as a way for independent jobseekers to find them. This benefits organizations working with DSC and Community Choices, and also the jobseekers. We are inviting all employers in the county to register for the directory. Add your company's name to the directory and demonstrate your ongoing commitment to continuous improvement, learning, and growth in hiring qualified people with disabilities. Contact Maggie Baker at mbrown@dsc-illinois.org for more information.

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, scan this QR Code:



Contact your tax professional for more specific tax information. If you would like more information from DSC, please contact Jodie Harmon, Director of Development & Communications at jharmon@dsc-illinois.org or 217-398-7110.



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Mission: DSC supports people in living a rich and meaningful life.

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