



# COMMUNITY NEWS



## WHAT'S NEW AROUND DSC . . .

### 7th Annual C-U Oktoberfest



Join us for C-U Oktoberfest on October 5th in downtown Champaign from 3:00 p.m. to midnight in the parking lot at the corner of Washington and Neil. Entry is only \$5! The C-U Oktoberfest is a fall celebration of music, beer, and food. 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!

**New This Year!!** Take your chance to win a trip for two to the 2020 Oktoberfest in Munich (or \$4500 Cash)! Raffle tickets are now available at [www.dsc-illinois.org](http://www.dsc-illinois.org) or stop by 1304 W. Bradley Avenue, Champaign. All the information for C-U Oktoberfest is available at [www.dsc-illinois.org](http://www.dsc-illinois.org). We can't wait to C-U there!

### Celebrating Dale's Retirement



Former CEO, Dale Morrissey visited each of the locations during his last two weeks at DSC and had a final Program Directors meeting. Pictured: Annette Becherer - Director of Employment, Scott Burner - CFO & Executive VP of Support Services, Danielle Matthews - CEO, Laura Bennett - Director of Community Day Services, Vickie Tolf - Director of Quality Assurance, Dale Morrissey - Former CEO, Karma Skinner - VP of Human Resources, Nicole Sikora - Director of the Family Development Center, Janice McAteer - VP of Development & Communications, and Sarah Perry - Director of Residential. (Not pictured: Brad Parks - Director of Business Operations and Heather Levingston - Director of Case Management)



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## A Message from Danielle



Dear Friends,

It is with much anticipation and excitement that I share my first address with you since Dale's retirement at the end of August! I am humbled by the opportunity the Board of Directors has given me and feel privileged to be addressing you as DSC's new Chief Executive Officer.

While this is a new role for me, the mission and vision of DSC have been my guiding force for the past 11 years in my role as Chief Financial Officer and Executive VP of Support Services. In this new role, I am eager to connect on a more personal level with the people we serve, and support them in their continued advocacy efforts, and learn from their tenacity.

I am also keenly aware of the impact that our Direct Service Professionals have in the lives of those we support and the success of our mission. I am honored to take this new role in the month of September when we celebrate Direct Service Professionals Week. The commitment and passion demonstrated by this group of people is inspiring.

Finally, I am excited to become better acquainted with you - the families of those we serve, the donors and funders who help to make it all possible, and our community that continues to offer unwavering support of our mission. You recognize the beauty of a community that is represented by all people, and as such, you richly celebrate it.

I trust we will all enjoy the cooler temperatures that are now upon us and also hope to meet you at one of our upcoming fundraisers - C-U Oktoberfest (October 5) and/or the Tree of Hope Kick-Off and Recognition Event (November 13). Please feel free to stop by my office or call me at any time.

Sincerely,

## Open House for Judy Ullom



DSC executives, employees and family members honored Judy Ullom for her years of service at a recent open house,

marking the milestone of her retirement. Judy worked with children and families at DSC for over 27 years. Congratulations and Thank You, Judy!

## Becherer Celebrates 35 Years!



Annette Becherer, Director of Employment Services, is celebrating 35 years with DSC. She started out working in the Developmental Training (now Community Day Services) program and also served as the Training Specialist, Assistant Director of Residential Services, and Director of Residential Services before transitioning to her current position.

She has seen a lot of agency transformation over the years and has many wonderful memories. The expansion of the residential program now includes C-U Independence and more CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangements) options. "The move to be more community-based in the Employment Services program over the past few years is energizing. I am grateful to have had lots of amazing staff over 35 years," said Annette.

Thank you for 35 years of dedication to DSC, Annette. We appreciate all that you do!

## 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

### Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon awards DSC \$20,000



We so appreciate our continued collaboration with the Christie Clinic Illinois Marathon! Dale Morrissey accepts this year's celebratory \$20,000 check along with Mike Lindemann and Jan Seeley, peeking over it! Thank You for your continued support of our mission!

### Champaign-Urbana Junior Woman's Club awarded DSC with a grant for \$1166.



DSC was awarded a grant for \$1166 from the Champaign-Urbana Junior Woman's Club to purchase two patio dining sets for DSC CILAs

(Community Integrated Living Arrangements). Thank you, Champaign-Urbana Junior Woman's Club!

### Champaign County Home and Community Education Present DSC with \$300

The Champaign County Home and Community Education presented DSC with a check for \$300 from proceeds from their Spring Garage Sale. The donation is to purchase items at DSC's CILAs (Community Integrated Living Arrangements).



*Pictured: CCHCE President, Mary Lou Younger and Scott Burner, Executive Vice-President of Support Services/CFO.*

## Program Spotlight: Parent Wonders

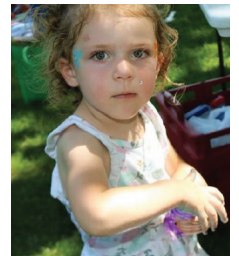


DSC's Parent Wonders Group gathered for a Family Fun Day on Friday at Prairie Farms in July. Parent Wonders is a free, home-visiting program for parents with children, prenatal-to-three years of age. Parent Wonders staff provides information and support for families and makes parenting a pleasure.

Parent Wonders staff helps parents:

- Prepare for baby's birth
- Understand baby's needs and wants
- Discover new, fun ways to play with baby
- Offers local playgroups
- Learn about child development
- Achieve family's specific goals

If you, or someone you know would like more information please contact Family Development Center Director, Nicole Sikora at (217) 356-9176



*The Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) Group has been at it again! The group has been cleaning up area parks around the community. Thank you for keeping the kindness going!*

## Queen of Hearts Coming Soon!



DSC is excited to announce the start of a Queen of Hearts game! The game "Queen of Hearts" is a game of chance where a successful player wins a portion of the money held in a Jackpot and, at the same time, a portion of the Jackpot is awarded to DSC, when the Queen of Hearts is drawn. The Jackpot starts at \$5000! Tickets will be sold at Esquire Lounge and the drawing will take place every Tuesday night at 7p.m. Check out more information on our website. \*Stay tuned - An Urbana location is coming soon as well!



## SAVE-THE DATE!

### 7TH ANNUAL C-U OKTOBERFEST

October 5th, Downtown Champaign, 3pm-Midnight

**Tree-of-Hope Kick-Off-** Wednesday, November 13th!  
Watch for this to arrive in your mailbox and updates throughout the holiday season!

**Holiday Open House** at the Crow at 110-Come out and enjoy poetry reading and an open mic night at the Crow at 110 on Saturday, November 9th, 3-5pm. Sip on hot chocolate and warm cider and hear the works of local artists, including those from DSC.

## CUiP XV



*Pictured: Left-Michael Greene and Jack Hyatt, Right-Taylor Jacobs, Dale Morrissey, Stacy Smith*

C-U in the Prairibbean XV is in the books! The Eastern Illinois Parrot Head Club (EIPHC) put on another amazing event that was enjoyed by hundreds of people! The silent auction was outstanding and the music was enjoyed by all! Sometime this fall, we will be presented with a check from the proceeds of the event and we can't wait to share that with you! Thank you, EIPHC!

## Upcoming Holiday Opportunities at DSC



The holiday season is a big deal around DSC! From fun parties to goodies and gifts, we can use your help. Each year, we release a Christmas Wish List on behalf of people who receive our services, who may not otherwise receive gifts. Be on the lookout for this soon! If your business or organization would like to donate food items, or gift cards, please contact Stephanie Davenport at (217) 356-9176.



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