

COMMUNITY NEWS



WHAT'S NEW AROUND DSC . . .

Message from Danielle



Dear Friends,

It is hard to imagine that it was only one year ago that I shared my first address with you! I never anticipated facing a global pandemic during my first year, as CEO. Our leadership team, board and employees have been amazing during this time. They have all risen to the challenges before us, and fulfilled their role to ensure that DSC has continued to operate and provide vital services to the people we support.

This year more than ever, we recognize our Direct Service Professionals and the vital position they have in the lives of those we support and the success of our mission. Staff have filled multiple roles during the pandemic and we are grateful for their resilience and flexibility. During the month of September, we will celebrate Direct Service Professionals Week with agencies nationwide. The dedication demonstrated by our Direct Service Professionals is inspiring.

I also want to recognize you - the families of those we serve, the donors and funders who have stood beside us during this time and our community that continues to offer unwavering support of our mission.

Please join me, October 3rd, where we can gather virtually at our upcoming fundraiser, C-U Oktoberfest. Please feel free to call me at any time.

Sincerely,



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8th Annual C-U Oktoberfest



You're invited to the 8th Annual C-U Oktoberfest! This year will be a virtual event you can celebrate at home! C-U Oktoberfest is a fall celebration of music, beer, and food. Festivities kick-off on Friday, October 2nd at 4pm with a live raffle basket drawing on the C-U Oktoberfest Facebook Page. Then, plan to join us on Saturday, October 3rd for an evening of fun that will culminate with a live 50/50 cash raffle drawing.

To make the most out of your C-U Oktoberfest *at Home* experience, we encourage you to plan ahead, and here's how. (Please follow current recommended public health guidelines).

- Go to our Facebook event, @CUOktoberfest, let us know you're coming and share it with your friends.
- Purchase raffle tickets and merchandise. We have both 50/50 cash raffle tickets and basket raffle tickets, in addition to Oktoberfest merchandise available for purchase. www.cuoktoberfest.org
- Invite a few friends, or business colleagues to join you. This is for a great cause! All proceeds benefit DSC! (Again, please follow current recommended public health guidelines.)
- Check out our food and drink recommendations. Pre-order your food for pick-up, or plan to make your own at home. www.cuoktoberfest.org
- We're looking for Oktoberfest pet pics, photos of your Oktoberfest home décor, or pictures of you out shopping. Submit your photos to info@dsc-illinois.org. We will choose some pictures to share during event week.
- Follow along during the coming weeks, as we share updates from sponsors, vendors and more about how you can participate @CUOktoberfest

Day of Event:

- Tune-in throughout the C-U Oktoberfest Virtual Event on Saturday, 4-8pm! Patterned after the annual festival in Bavaria, (but online!) the C-U Oktoberfest at Home features music from bands, including the Polkaholics, Die Musik Meisters and the Bolzen Beer Band who will be playing festive polkas, waltzes, and traditional German music mixed in with plenty of your favorite songs, as well as other featured content throughout the evening. Tune in for the whole evening, or join as your schedule permits.
- Send in photos of you picking up your food/drinks, dressed in your dirndl/lederhosen, Oktoberfest merchandise, or just enjoying the event. Please submit your photos to info@dsc-illinois.org.
- Have fun and consider making a donation to DSC! Your gift directly supports the children and adults we serve providing them the opportunity to achieve personal success.

We can't wait to see you there!

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.

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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A DSP for 30 Years!



Terry Hutson, Developmental Instructor w/ Caseload, celebrates his 30th anniversary with DSC on September 10. Terry began his career at DSC in 1990 as a CILA (Community Integrated Living Instructor) DSP (Direct Service Professional), and after 18 years in the Residential Program, transferred to (Community

Day Services) CDS where he has worked for the past 12 years. Some of Terry's favorite memories include witnessing firsthand the end-of-life care provided by DSC to individuals who've developed a terminal illness, as well as the great kindness that's been shown to him by his DSC coworkers when he had to be hospitalized. He also cherishes having the opportunity to take individuals on numerous out of town trips and to special events at State Farm Center. In his spare time, Terry enjoys reading, going to the library, attending church, playing chess and watching movies. His favorite quotes include:

"In a world where you can be anything, be kind."

"You can't hold a man down without staying down with him." –

Booker T. Washington

"Associate yourself with people of good quality, for it is better to be alone than in bad company." – Booker T. Washington

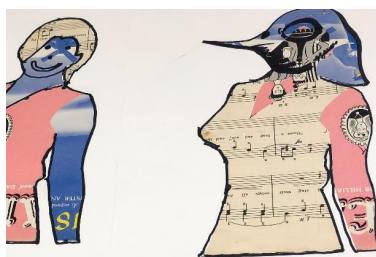
DSC Communities in Action



Individuals within our DSC communities have been busy! Groups are adhering to proper guidelines, wearing masks and socially distancing. As much as

possible, groups are also meeting outside. One of the groups meeting now, is a yoga group. The group meets in the morning for a restorative routine, intended to offer movement and relaxation for the participants.

Other groups are participating in card making and all sorts of arts. This artwork was created using art supplies contributed during our last Art Supply Donation Drive. Thank you to everyone that donated!



(Pictured-Artwork & cards created by individuals in DSC Programs)

THANKS TO YOU!

First Federal



First Federal Savings & Loan of Champaign-Urbana granted DSC \$5,000. Thank You, First Federal for this generous contribution to DSC!

Junior League of Champaign-Urbana



The Crow at 110 received a grant from the Junior League of Champaign-Urbana. Funds are to assist The Crow at 110 with purchasing art supplies and product packaging materials. Thank you, Junior League of Champaign-Urbana!

Rotary Clark Grant



Exciting news! We recently had new carpet installed in our training room! This will make a big impact for our many employees and others who are sitting on this carpet during CPR training. Thank You, Champaign Rotary!

Mid-Year Appeal Update



In July, we began our Mid-Year Appeal Campaign, a story about the independence, accomplishments, and personal growth Alan has experienced over the years while working at Carle and receiving job coaching support from DSC. Thanks to YOU, we more

than doubled our Mid-Year Appeal goal! We began the campaign with a goal of \$15,000 and raised over \$32,000! We are amazed by your generosity. Thank you!

Get Involved

Turn on AmazonSmile in the Amazon app to generate donations.

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DSC is a registered charitable organization through AmazonSmile! This is a simple way for you to support us! Choose Developmental Services Center of Champaign County Inc and we will receive 0.5% of your eligible purchases!

Wishful Thinking

Our Community Living Program has an immediate need of new ADA compliant picnic tables. We had to dispose of two picnic tables, due to safety concerns. During this COVID-19 season, getting outside is vital for activities and mental health and we're hoping to them replace soon. Approximate cost: \$800 each. Please contact DSC Grants & Marketing Coordinator, Stephanie Davenport about this DSC Wish List item, if you'd like to help out.

SAVE THE DATE!

C-U in the Prairibbean August 7, 2021!



The 16th Annual C-U in the Prairibbean event was cancelled, due to COVID-19. The club hosted a "Virtual Phundraiser" instead to benefit DSC. The club raised over \$5,000! DSC is grateful to be the charitable beneficiary of Prairibbean for the past 10 years! We look forward to seeing you August 7, 2021, for C-U in the Prairibbean, XVII. On behalf of all of us at DSC, THANK YOU, EIPHC!!

Tree of Hope 2020

This year DSC will celebrate our 27th Annual Tree of Hope campaign. This year's campaign will kick off in mid-November. Tree of Hope is our largest fundraiser of the year. Donations support our annual budget allowing DSC to continue providing programs and services to children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Our hope is you will help us light the way supporting families right here in our own community!



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