

REACH OUT

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High Fives for the LAC

The fifth anniversary of the opening of the Learning Activity Center was celebrated on January 21st. This free event is held every year for our clients who love to dance, eat and be with family, friends, donors, volunteers, and staff.

The client Champions Club planned the gala from the Las Vegas theme and entertainment to the music and the menu. This club acts as the client council at the LAC.

It was all fun and games as clients spun a wheel of chance to win prizes. The wheel was constructed by student volunteers from Episcopal High School. Prizes were donated by National Charity League (NCL). There was singing, clapping, moving and grooving to rock, pop, hip hop, the Macarena and the Boot Scootin' Boogie.

The gala was generously hosted by Cypress United Methodist Church. Christie Atnip and Crispin helped make the gala possible again this year. We are grateful to you for your advocacy and ongoing support.

Thanks to Cypress Ranch High School Health Occupations Students of America, Cy-Falls High School Red Cross Club, Cypress Belles Chapter of NCL and Yellow Rose Chapter of NCL. They donated drinks, chicken nuggets, macaroni and cheese and a variety of homemade desserts.

Five years ago the LAC, a center for life-long learning, opened its doors to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The center was built with \$2 million of donated funds. Today over 250 people are enrolled and enjoy a comprehensive curriculum. There are over 100 on the waiting list. Last year volunteers spent over 6,000 hours at the LAC working on various projects with Reach clients. Our wonderful donors help fill the gap of \$3,200 per client each year to ensure that every day is a opportunity for every Reach client to learn and earn in a safe, secure and supported environment.



Terry wowed the crowd with his dance moves.



A volunteer hands Carol her prize.



Alex (left), LAC Director Lauren Black and Stephanie lead the crowd in a high five.

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 9:30 am-12:00 noon
 Learning Activity Center
 Reach for the Stars Fundraising Luncheon
 October 13, 2010
 12:00 noon
 The Berry Center

Reach Out Tours

Wednesdays..... 12 noon
 February 10, 24 March 10, 24
 April 14, 28 May 12, 26
 June 9, 23 July 14, 28

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Kathi's Corner



The power of love was definitely evident at our recent fundraising luncheon; guests and clients gathered to kick-off a "Season of Love!" Generous support from luncheon attendees netted over \$400,000 in pledges and donations. Now the holidays are here and activities continue. Clients are hard at

work creating special one-of-a-kind gifts for sale in the Reach Unlimited Gift Shop and are busy planning special holiday activities.

The Gift Shop is featuring 2009 Limited Edition Holiday Ornaments created by clients and will be open 11 am - 3 pm through December 23rd. The Friends of Reach Society will enjoy a special evening of Christmas caroling by the client choir and holiday shopping on November 30th.

As Reach welcomes the New Year, special emphasis will be placed on retiring the Learning Activity Center (LAC) Phase One debt and launching a Capital Campaign to fund the second phase of LAC campus. Completing the second phase of the LAC is important because it means more classrooms to enrich the lives of more clients, an all-purpose room to provide adequate lunch room space, a theater to show off the talents of our clients and a larger recreation area and a commercial kitchen to train many in the multi-facets of restaurant skills. The Reach Learning Activity Center currently has 150 people on its waiting list.

Love Has No End was the theme for October's fundraising luncheon and that theme continues into the New Year. I sincerely want to thank each of you for your support this year and wish you and your families a Happy Holiday Season and Prosperous 2010.

Kathi

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Reach Unlimited, Inc. is dedicated to providing quality support services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

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Games

Music

Lunch

Walk-a-thon