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TO PARENTS, CAREGIVERS AND FRIENDS OF PARTICIPANTS IN COMMUNITY HAVEN FOR ADULTS & CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES, INC.

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Occupational Training:

Carolyn Marchbank, Director

Occupational Training Programs are focusing on social enterprises to allow for more opportunities. Through our partnership with Leadership Sarasota 2009 clients are learning the benefits of growing their own food. The horticulture department received a donation of two green-house to use for propagation that teaches how to start plants from cuttings. Our art department has begun to decorate terra cotta pots to be sold along with other art projects. Each year we report on Occupational Training Outcome Measures results, this helps show the benefits individuals receive from our services.

- 99% maintained or improved employability skills.
- 94% maintained or progressed their outcome strategies while working to achieve their support plan goals.
- 95% improved the ability to self-advocate for themselves.
- 99% improved or maintained communication skills with staff and co-workers.
- 99% improved knowledge and practice of good nutrition and proper attire and hygiene.
- 78% OTP staff Increase proficiency in monthly reporting to funders
- 100% Consumers are accepted for services within 30 days of application/referral.
- 96% of consumers are satisfied with services.
- 83% of Stakeholders express satisfaction with services.

We will continue to think of new and exciting opportunities to teach and allow for variety within the Occupational Training Programs. We would like to thank Marla and Anny for their hard work in preparing for our Garden Party and to everyone who attended the May 30th Garden Party.

Development:

Marla Doss, Director

The Development office and agency wants to thank Dr. and Mrs. Buchanan as well as all the members of the Gulf Coast Community Choir for their concert to benefit Community Haven on May 3rd. Everyone in attendance thoroughly enjoyed the concert and the reception that followed. A big thanks to everyone that came out to celebrate our organic garden project with Leadership Sarasota on May 30th. We also want to extend a big thank you to The Fresh Market for donating all of the delicious food for this party. The Kaleidoscope Summer Musical Theatre Program begins on July 6th at the Asolo Theater. The shows are on August 7th and 8th at 7:00 p.m. Please mark your calendars to attend what we believe is truly the GREATEST show on earth.

Selby Preschool:

Our thanks to all of you who attended our end of the year celebration and then joined the children and their teachers for lunch! The program was a wonderful way for the children to share their Selby times with you. We will certainly miss our nine graduates as they leave us to enter Kindergarten in the fall. Just think, some of these children have been part of Selby since they were infants! Our very best wishes go all of these special little people and their families!! Missy Eckenrod, Director

PWI/CES & Transitions:

Karen Brocklehurst, Director

There has been a lot of activity in all three programs this month. Both The Community Employment Program and Projects with Industry staff have been hard at work placing their participants in employment. Karen Gutoski began as our new Job Development Specialist adding her years of business experience and acumen to our staff. She is a much needed addition to our team. Welcome, Karen! Together they placed 7 individuals in jobs in the community. Given the state of the economy in Florida, they deserve a big round of applause for finding jobs for our participants in this time of great unemployment. Their job is not easy. For every job that they turn into a placement for one of their participants, they might have to knock on 20 doors of employers who don't have any jobs available. This takes tremendous tenacity and the "never say die" spirit. The Transitions Program is gearing up for the summer camp program. With the addition of our new staff member Rebecca McCormick, we are at full capacity. Rebecca brings extensive experience working with students with disabilities and an understanding of the challenges facing our participants. We heartily welcome Rebecca.

Community Living:

We are pleased to report that renovations are again underway at Friendship. The front wall of the home has been rebuilt and looks wonderful. We have ordered kitchen cabinets and countertops with a hand-washing sink with an expected 2 weeks delivery date. I will try to keep everyone up to date. We always report on Community Living Outcome Measures results this time of year. It helps paint a picture of the benefits individuals receive from our services.

- 95% of participants say they chose their own goals.
- 83% of individuals in our group homes maintained or increased their independence.
- 90% report they participate in physical exercise.
- 100% of individuals were accepted for services within 30 days of receipt of Service Authorization.
- 100% of individuals were satisfied with services
- 94% of stakeholders who responded to the survey say they are satisfied or very satisfied with services.
- 92% of paperwork deadlines were met by program coaches.

If you would like a copy of our Outcome Results we have copies available in each group home and the Community Living office. We extend a thank you to all who participated and helped make the results possible. We are committed to continually improving what we do. In the coming months we would like to receive input for improving how we communicate and involve everyone in improving lives. From everyone in Community Living, "thank you" for making May 1st a night to remember. Faith Christian Church hosted a "Prom" that was truly a Night with the Stars. I have never seen such a gathering of beautiful people. Chris Baker, Director

DEADLINE FOR THE JULY ISSUE IS *Monday, June 15, 2009*

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS