



# CHAC News Line

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

## MARCH 2009



### Somewhere Over a Rainbow

Or around a corner, down the street, up a hill, or wherever you may find it. We're talking about "change" that weighs down your pockets or purse.

The next time you find yourself with a pocket full of coins, why not put them in a jar for the Haven? We'll gladly count it and wrap it! Don't have a jar? Let us know and we'll get one for you.

It is through your support that we are able to continue to provide the best service possible to the adults and children we serve.

If you have any questions about CHAC or how you can help, please contact the Development Office at (941) 355-8808, extension 224!

*The Haven is so very Lucky to have You!!*

### Occupational Training:

Occupational Training would like to thank Leadership Sarasota for all their hard work in helping with the Organic Garden. The vegetables are growing and looking wonderful. Plant nursery consumers have been working on propagating butterfly plants and are looking forward to preparing butterfly baskets that will be for sale in the near future. Remember if you or a friend has that special chair to be recaned to contact Michelle in the chair caning department for a quote. T-Rec Sports Day at Gene Whipp Center will be held on March 7 from 9 a.m. to 12 p.m. for those that wish to participate. March 27<sup>th</sup> will be OTP Theme day. **Carolyn Marchbank, Director**

### Community Living:

A reminder to everyone — we have openings available in Spirit House for two men. Until the vacancies are filled we will be accepting male respite. If you have any questions or would like more information you may contact me at 941-355-8808, ext. 221. **Chris Baker, Director**

### Development:

Would you like to earn some funds for your agency and have fun doing it? Well then please join us at Main Street in Lakewood Ranch for Music on Main on Friday March 6<sup>th</sup> from 6:00 p.m. until 9:00 p.m. Community Haven will be hosting the refreshment tents at this event. A variety of beverages will be available as well as food vendors. The band that is performing that evening is called The Venturas. They feature jazz and contemporary music. Admission is FREE!!! We look forward to seeing everyone there.

A Board member is hosting our Mad Hatter Tea at her home on Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:00 a.m. – 1:30 P.M. This event is great fun and includes absolutely delicious desserts and light lunch items. This event benefits the wonderful children at Selby Preschool. The event is being held at 312 77<sup>th</sup> Street Northwest, Bradenton. For more information or to RSVP please call 355-8808 Ext. 258.

A big thank you to everyone who assisted with the events for the Sarasota Marathon. **Marla Doss, Director**

### PWI/CES & Transitions:

A warm welcome to Anthony Hubbard who is our newest Transitions Specialist in the Transitions Department. Congratulations to Kelly Newcomb who has been promoted to Lead Transitions Specialist. She has brought many new ideas to the table and we look forward to more new ideas and excitement in this program.

We would also like to welcome Lisa O'Rourke to the Community Employment Program. PWI has been working hard to increase the development of the Business Advisory Council. We are thrilled to have new members on the BAC.

The three programs continue to work diligently to assist participants in finding employment and going on to higher education. **Karen Brocklehurst, Director**

### Selby Preschool:

The Selby children had a busy February! They did lots of Valentine's Day activities and enjoyed this special day. They were excited on the 18<sup>th</sup> of the month as The Center for Education Montessori School Kindergarten students arrived with a new pair of shoes for every child in our school. The children enjoyed unwrapping their gifts and having a picnic lunch with this special group. We are very grateful for the continued support we receive from groups like this for the children!! **Missy Eckenrod, Director**

**DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL ISSUE IS Monday, March 16, 2009**

**PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDARS**