

## Developments

SERVING KANE, KENDALL AND THE SURROUNDING COUNTIES

### **AID and Zellmer Wellness Foundation Launch "The Living Room"**

On Friday, August 22<sup>nd</sup>, AID and the Zellmer Wellness Foundation hosted an open house for "The Living Room". Located in the AID Behavioral Health Services building in Aurora, "The Living Room" model provides a calm, safe and non-stigmatizing environment as an alternative to emergency room presentation for psychiatric assessment and intervention for individuals experiencing stressful situations and/or suicidal ideation. The Living Room is unique because it offers peer counselors with personal experience in managing the challenges of mental illness and provides: crisis intervention, support and mentoring with assistance from clinicians.

"The Living Room is a forward thinking program to keep people from having to present in the emergency room when they are depressed," explains Joanne Furnas, Director of Crisis & Outreach services at AID, "The Living room provides assistance with case management and referral."

Despite the Living Room being fully constructed (made possible by the generous support from Ginger Evans & Doug Pattison of the Zellmer Wellness Foundation and the leadership of AID Board Member Inez Toledo) AID is still looking for the proper funding to make this project fully operational.





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#### **Our Mission:**

To empower individuals with disabilities, mental illness and special needs to achieve independence and community inclusion.

#### **About AID:**

AID is a nonprofit, community-based organization that serves more than 5,000 individuals throughout Kane, Kendall, DeKalb, DuPage, suburban Cook and Will counties. More than 20 programs are available for individuals with physical or developmental disabilities and those in need of behavioral health services or crisis intervention. AID is a United Way partner agency and accredited by the Commission on Accreditation of Rehabilitation Facilities (CARF)

#### For more AID Information:

Please call or visit our website:

www.the-association.org

### **Letter from AID President...**

#### Dear friends and benefactors,

My thanks to all of you who contributed to the recent AID Dinner Auction's success. We were so pleased that the Dunham Fund chose this event to announce their generous gift of a \$750,000 challenge grant to kick off the AID Comprehensive Campaign! The Dunham Fund will match every new dollar AID raises over the next 3 years, dollar for dollar, up to \$750,000 to help us meet our many program, waiting list and capital needs.

We were very disappointed that we did not generate enough community support to pass the Disability Services referendum. But we now have another great opportunity to ask our many friends and supporters to help another way. Each new donation will be matched by the Dunham Fund, providing a great incentive to succeed in meeting our goals. We are formalizing the Comprehensive Campaign details now, and should be ready for an announcement soon! I do hope each of you will consider a gift.

As you know, the State of Illinois is in a dire financial situation with the state income tax about to expire. State officials have told us to prepare for a 25% across the board state revenue cut if solutions to replace the tax revenue are not in place by January 1, 2015. AID and other social service agencies are rightly concerned. With waiting lists in Kane and Kendall Counties totaling more than 1,500 individuals, and very limited funding for those now receiving services, it seems we are approaching the perfect storm.

With your continued support, AID will continue to meet the needs of the persons we serve, their families and the community . Our dedicated Board and staff, committed friends and families, and generous donors are AID's strongest assets. Together we will continue to make a difference in the lives of many.

Jynn O'Shea

Lynn O'Shea President/CEO

#### **AID Helps to Create Student "Talk Line"**

AID is proud to announce a partnership with Waubonsee Community College to create "The Waubonsee Talk Line", a 24/7 support line for Waubonsee students operated by trained AID staff.

The service is anonymous and confidential and will feature local referrals to assist students with issues such as depression, addiction, domestic violence, financial/credit, medical/health care, services for veterans, child and elder care, legal services and family/relationship issues.





#### **DHS Director Visits AID Keeler Center**

Director Kevin Casey of The Illinois Department of Human Services (DHS) - Division of Developmental Disabilities got a first hand look at the day to day operations of the AID Keeler Center.

DHS - Division of Developmental Disabilities provides leadership for the effective management of the design and delivery of quality outcome-based, person-centered services and supports for individuals who have developmental disabilities. These services and supports will be appropriate to their needs, gifts, talents and strengths; accessible; life-spanning; based on informed choice; and monitored to ensure individual progress, quality of life, and safety.





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All items in the "AID Client Corner Shoppe" are designed or assembled by individuals with special needs. Every purchase helps AID continue to empower individuals with disabilities, mental illness and special needs to achieve independence and community inclusion.

Purchase our products today at: AID Aurora Main Office (630-966-4000) or AID Elgin Center (847-931-6200)

For more information on client assembled products or for bulk ordering please contact Wendy Bialek: **(847-931-2294)** or **wbialek@the-association.org**.





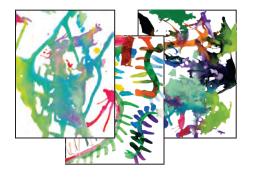


The perfect gift for any

occasion! Three jars of amazing Amish jam (Strawberry, Peach & Raspberry), assembled by individuals with special needs.

AID has introduced a bold new line of client-designed silk scarves. Each scarf is uniquely patterned, the product of a process called tie transfer dyeing. From start to finish, clients are involved in every creative step of this beautiful fashion statement.





Six Greeting Cards
(Blank Inside - Envelopes Included)
Only \$6

Keep an eye out for these awesome abstract greeting cards designed by AID clients with special needs.

#### **Naperville Scout Arranges Camping Weekend for AID Clients**

"Usually, people with disabilities aren't able to go camping," said Adam Deutsch, 14, of Naperville's Boy Scout Troop 222. "I wanted to give them the chance."

From Fri., May 30 to Sun., June 1, 2014, Deutsch arranged for seven clients from AID to experience a camping weekend at Hoover Forest Preserve, 25 minutes from Aurora.

"I wanted them to know what Boy Scouts is all about," said Deutsch. "I joined Cub Scouts when I was six. This camping weekend was my Eagle Scout project."

As the highest rank in Scouting, only a small percentage of young men become Eagle Scouts. Requirements include acceptance of troop leadership positions, completion of 21 merit badges, implementation of an approved service project before reaching age 18, and receipt of six adult recommendations.

Deutsch contacted AID to begin planning his Eagle Scout project. He also asked 11 family members and friends to assist him as volunteers. One volunteer was a nurse. Deutsch contacted Whole Foods for the donation of groceries.

Weekend activities included hikes, a scavenger hunt, a soccer game, Bingo, soap carving, dramatic skits, and a sing-along. The group made s'mores and used telescopes to gaze at the stars.

The weekend was a win-win. "The clients LOVED the camping trip," said Terri Davis of AID. "They all asked when they can go again."

As a result of Deutsch's camping weekend, the Special Needs Committee of Three Fires Council – which covers the western suburbs – is looking to create a new Scout troop at AID.





# AID Holiday Gift Baskets

Looking for a holiday gift for a friend, family member or team at work? AID will soon be announcing it's client-assembled Holiday Gift Baskets!

Every purchase helps AID continue to empower individuals with disabilities, mental illness and special needs to achieve independence and community inclusion.

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#### **Interested in Becoming an AID volunteer?**

Volunteers assist with fundraising events, direct care, or donate their skills and talents. Become a volunteer today by filling out the online volunteer form. Most volunteer positions will be held on-site at one of four AID locations during regular programming hours: (Monday-Friday 9:00 am to 3:00 pm).

Locations include: Aurora, Batavia, Elgin and Yorkville.

A few volunteer opportunities include...

- Arts & Crafts Leader:
   Prepare materials and work with individuals on craft activities and projects.
- Clerical/Filing Volunteer:
   Help with sorting, copying, scanning and filing is a real need in our programs.
- Crisis Line Volunteer:
   Assist callers with a wide variety of needs and concerns such as depression, anxiety, loneliness, substance abuse by linking them to appropriate community resources (Requires completion of Crisis Line training).

Apply for these and many other volunteer opportunities online:

#### www.The-Association.org

(click "Volunteer" under the "Support" tab)



## SMPSHOTS! TO

#### PHOTOS AROUND THE AGENCY



State Representative Anna Moeller toured our Elgin facility and met the many individuals with disabilities that AID serves.





Thank-you to the volunteers from Caterpillar who helped remove tree stumps and improved the look of our group homes. We appreciate your time and effort!



AID clients in the Kiwanis Club of Elgin Aktion Club enjoyed a beautiful day at the ballpark. Special thanks to the Cougars gift shop manager Michael Polchopek for supplying the tickets and treats!

## Can you help us with anything on our wishlist?

- Arts & Crafts Materials
- Kitchen, Bedroom and Bathroom **Household Items**
- Batteries (All sizes)
- Sweatshirts and Pants (All adult sizes)
- Beds (Twin beds in good condition)
- Board Games, Computer Games, Video games
- Music Items: CDs. Boombox CD/Tape/Radio, or Instruments
- Flashlights and Fire Extinguishers Swim Shoes, various adult sizes
- Vacuums & Carpet Cleaners
- Digital Cameras
- DVDs

- Exercise Equipment and **Sports Equipment**
- Folding Tables, 10 Foot
- Gift Cards Restaurants, Movies, Bowling, Salon Service, etc.
- Microwave Ovens
- Office Chairs & Office Supplies
- Passenger Van with Lift
- Padded Armchairs
- Patio Furniture. Picnic Table & Benches
- Plastic Bins
- Work Gloves
- Rocking Chairs or Recliners (leather or vinyl)

- Yard Care items- Leaf Blower. Rakes, etc.
- · Sponsor for Yoga and Tai Chi, Dance, Music and Riding Classes

**Please Contact** 

**Kathy Hazelwood:** (847) 931-2290 khazelwood@the-association.org if you are interested in making a donation.



#### AID "Set Sail for Lost Treasure" During the 2014 Benefit Auction

More than 150 AID supporters gathered together at the Eagle Brook Country Club in Geneva on Friday, September 26<sup>th</sup> to enjoy drinks, a wonderful dinner, and an opportunity to bid on over one hundred great silent and live auction items. The beautiful treasure chest centerpieces and a visit from a pirate helped create an astounding nautical-pirate theme. Geneva Mayor Kevin Burns served as auctioneer; engaging the crowd with wit and humor while auctioning great items including Chicago Blackhawks tickets, Jason Mraz concert tickets, vacations and more.

The evening was filled with laughs and joy as we raised money to supports individuals with disabilities in our communities. We thank all those who supported this event financially and with their time and talent...we hope to see everyone again in 2015!



## AID Begins Offering Children and Adolescent Mental Health Services

We are pleased to announce that AID recently expanded our Mental Health services to include children and adolescents! In July we began providing assessment, individual therapy and family therapy to individuals ages 5-17. We are thrilled that the Zellmer Foundation will be partnering with AID to create a therapeutic playroom; and excited about the creative plans that they have in mind.

AID was recently selected by the State Board of Education to partner with the Aurora East School District to administer a Federal Government grant (SAMHSA) to help students and school personnel learn more about Mental Illness. The grant will facilitate Mental Health First Aid training as well as assist school personnel in providing and linking children to services. We are very excited to be collaborating with District 131 in expanding Mental Health services to Aurora's children and their families.

We are very excited to be able to offer these services as part of our outpatient Mental Health program. We take most forms of insurance, Medicaid and have some funding for those with no insurance at all. We are open Monday – Thurs 8:30 – 8 and on Fridays 8:30 – 4:30. Anyone interested in AID Children's Services should contact the Behavioral Health Services Intake department at (630) 966-4300.







AID provides recycling services to private and civic agencies in Kane County. The AID Recycling Program includes traditional and electronic recycling. Clients collect, sort, bale, and sell recyclable materials. We have formed over 50 community partnerships that assist in maintaining clean environments. Visit <a href="www.The-Association.org">www.The-Association.org</a> for a complete list of accepted recyclable materials and drop off locations.

NOTE: As of September 1st 2014, AID no longer accepts plastic material.

#### **RECYCLING STATISTICS FOR FY 14'**

Cardboard	. <b>224</b> ,850 lbs
Aluminum	3,507 lbs
Plastic	<b>24</b> ,539 lbs
Scrap Metal	310 lbs
Steel (food cans #5)	
Electronics	
97 AID Clients Em	

#### **AID Art Mural Revealed at Keeler Center**

On Monday, June 30, 2014 individuals with diverse disabilities who receive services at The Association for Individual Development (AID) proudly unveiled, to the public, the beautiful mural they helped create. The mural, located at the AID Keeler Center in Aurora, is the result of a collaborative community project made possible by the Aurora-based non-profit "The Light of the Heart: A Community Art Therapy Project." Artists with the project put their initial design in place and then each individual at Keeler Center leant their own creative talents to the mural by painting a fish in the ocean.

This eight-month labor of love gives a much-needed, beautiful boost to the Keeler Center décor and a great sense of pride to all the individuals who get to see their creation each day. Funding for this project was generously provided by Magnetrol® International Philanthropic Group and several private donors.









#### **Elgin Training Center Talent Show**

Clients, staff and family members gathered at the Elgin Training Center on Friday, July  $25^{\rm th}$  to witness a captivating assortment of entertaining acts. From Elvis impersonators to breakdancing, the array of AID talent was vast.



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## **Upcoming Events**

#### Nightmare on Chicago Street - Saturday October 25th in Downtown Elgin

Take part in the biggest Halloween street festival for adults in the Midwest! Do not miss your chance to experience the zombie apocalypse. **Support AID by purchasing tickets online by visiting either our Aurora or Elgin locations.** Shockey Jewelers (18 Douglas Av., Elgin) is also an AID ticket vendor. **For more information on this event please visit NightmareOnChicagoStreet.com** 





#### 12 Days of Christmas Raffle Baskets - Monday, December 1st

Get into the holiday spirit with the 12 Days of Christmas Raffle Baskets. Twelve themed baskets will be raffled away each day for the twelve days before Christmas. Tickets will go on sale November 20<sup>th</sup>. The first basket will be awarded on December 2nd. Look for more information on the raffle baskets soon at **www.the-association.org.** 

#### Indoor Bean Bag Tournament - TBA @ AID Elgin Training Center

Teams of two face off in a double-elimination style bean bag tournament at AID Elgin Training Center; the top teams win CASH prizes. Recruit your neighborhood bean bag tossing super star and enter the "AID Indoor Bean Bag Tournament". Keep an eye on www.the-association.org for official date, time and rules.





#### AID Telethon - Saturday March 14th @ Waubonsee Community College

Help us shatter records! One of our biggest fundraising events is approaching and we could not be more excited! Every year is a showcase of talent, heartwarming stories and pledges that keep our organization running to the best of it's ability. The 2014 Telethon brought in over \$87,000 in pledges, thanks to generous donors, dedicated volunteers and the hardworking employees of AID.

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