The Independence Foundation

Helping individuals with physically disabilities live independent and self directed lives.

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We are a 501c3 not-for-profit organization.

August 2006 Newsletter

Bike for Ben – The second annual Bike for Ben was a huge success!! On July 15, about 300 people turned out to walk, bike or jog in support of The Independence Foundation! We raised about $45,000!!!!!

Many thanks to all of our Sponsors and all who participated!
You can see the great pictures of the day on our website.

Congratulations to Dr. Bill Owens – winner of the X box 360 raffle! $1100 was raised in this raffle!

Flaming Dragons Power Wheelchair Soccer:

Sun Aug 6 4 – 6 PM Elma Boys & Girls Club
Game against the parents!!!
Sun Aug 20 4 – 6 PM Elma Boys & Girls Club

The Why Guy visited Power Soccer – maybe you saw us at 6AM!!
We are always looking for new players! *As soon as we get enough players in the under 12 age we can start new teams. We can also soon have a division one and two. Volunteers always welcome!*
New registration open now for the 2006 – 07 year. Call Chris for info – 685-3976 or come to any game.

Thank you to the Buffalo Bills Youth Foundation -
we have received a grant from them to help run & expand our soccer program.

The Independence House:

We are actively searching for land. Our dilemma is that we need enough land to accommodate the future vision of The Independence House – 2 houses and a life center. The problem right now is that the land in the areas we need – sidewalks, retail, restaurants, bus stop, jobs, movies, bowling, etc – is priced commercial – way out of our price range. Each day there are many people working on this. I am looking at land and calling agents all the time. There are articles in local papers telling of our need, letters have been written to land owners, we are doing everything possible. Sooner or later we will find something that works for us. We have funding allocated for the house and staff – we simply need land! We still hope to have this open by Summer 07. If you know of land, or to get on our wait list - call Chris at 685-3976.

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Card Nights

Wednesday, August 16th
Alden Whistle Stop Café
1338 Exchange Street, Alden, 14004
Come out once a month to play cards!
Poker, Euchre, Texas Hold-em!
Have difficulty holding cards? No worries - we have volunteers who will hold them for you and enable you to play! Contact Chris at 716-685-3976 if you are interested in joining.
Chicken fingers and wings available - buy your own beverages.
We are looking for a North towns location – call me of you have ideas.

Bowling:

Friday August 18th, 7 PM at the
AMF Lancaster Lanes, 4319 Transit Rd.
near Losson Rd. Games are $2.00 each, pay your own way. The whole family can come! There are ramps for w/c bowlers. RSVP to 716-685-3976.

Family Picnic:

Immediately after the Power Soccer Game on **August 20th** – come and have a Family Picnic! Bring a dish to pass. Beverages and meat (hot dogs and hamburgers & rolls) provided. Bring the whole family!

Where: The Mullers, 2220 Hall Road, Elma, NY 14059

Directions from the Soccer game: Take Girdle north to Hall Road.(left out of the parking lot) Make a left onto Hall Rd. (just after you pass Clinton St.) We are at 2220 Hall Road.

Equipment Loan Closet:

Looking to borrow equipment, buy or sell equipment, buy or sell a w/c van – call Jackie 668-3048 or go to our website under programs.

Fundraising Opportunities:

Macy's Shop for a Cause:

Saturday, September 16th – shop at Macy's (formerly Kaufmanns), Walden Galleria Location from 9AM – 10 PM! **Purchase a $5 ticket from The Independence Foundation – and get 20% off purchases**. Enter to win a $500 Shopping Spree and enjoy entertainment, and fun the entire day. The entire $5 ticket price goes to the Foundation! Shop and help us out at the same time! For Tickets – call Chris at 685-3976. You can also sign out tickets from us and sell them to family, friends, and co-workers.

Gift Card Scrip program:

The Independence Foundation is participating in a scrip program. We are selling Gift Cards from a number of quality stores and restaurants. We are able to sell them at face-value because we buy them at a discount. Therefore, every Gift Card sold earns a profit for The Independence Foundation!

How can you use a Gift Card?

- Need a gift for someone who is impossible to shop for? - Give them a Gift Card!
- Have the perfect gift in mind? - Use a Gift Card to purchase it!
- Remodeling your kitchen, shopping for Back-to-School, or treating your family to dinner at their favorite restaurant? – Use the Gift Card that you purchased from the Independence Foundation!

E-mail pbilski@inergex.com to purchase the cards, or if you would like more information.

Collect cell phones or Hold a Dress Down Day – **contact Chris for more info.**

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world. --Anne Frank