



Helping the physically handicapped live independent and self directed lives

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Fall Newsletter

Hello All,

Fall, 2005

Check out our website: www.TheIndependenceFoundation.org

We also now have a brochure! Feel free to share our information with everyone! Some people are having Dress Down days at their workplace for our cause! If you would like a few of our brochures to have on hand – call me.

Power Wheelchair Soccer -Come and watch, Saturday, November 26th, 7 – 9 PM, or Sunday, December 18, 4 – 6 PM at the Elma Boys & Girls Club. **The New power w/c soccer schedule is posted on the website.** We will play once a month until May. The College crowd will be home in November and December – so we should have a full house then. Always open to new players. Welcome Tyler and Lily!

Family Directory – We have a Family Directory for information sharing purposes between families. If you do not already have one – call Chris to get on the list and get your copy.

CORN MAIZE UPDATE: We all had a great day – sunshine, fun, and getting lost in the maze!!! Traci & Pat Garland, owners of The Corn Maize will generously donate over \$700 to our Foundation! A portion of all admissions that day were donated to our cause. We were happy to see many of our supporters, and many of our families “worked the booth”. Thank you to everyone who came out and had fun for us!

COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS:

The recipients were chosen on Friday, October 14, 2005
Watch the website for their pictures and names.

Social Gatherings:

BOWLING – Friday, October 28 7:00 PM

Lancaster Lanes, 4319 Transit Rd. near Losson Rd.
Games are \$3.50 each and it is pay your own way.
There are w/c ramps for bowlers in wheelchairs.
RSVP to Chris 685-3976,



Come and meet other families dealing with the same issues. If you have a family member who is physically handicapped, or are a physically handicapped individual – you are welcome. These gatherings are for the whole family.

Mitch Albom will speak on Friday, November 18, 8PM at UB Center for the Arts, Amherst. He is the author of The Five People You Meet in Heaven and Tuesday's with Morie.

The UB School of Informatics: Connecting People With Information, has generously donated 10 tickets to The Independence Foundation for our Parents group. If you would be interested in going - let me know. The 10 tickets are free and will be on a first come first served basis. Let me know if you need w/c access seating. In the event there are more than 10 interested – I will try to make arrangements for additional tickets at full price.

Mom's only:

Calling all mom's – we will gather for dinner at **The Olive Garden, Galleria Mall on Sunday night, November 20th, at 6PM.** Pay your own way. This will give us an opportunity to get to know each other and chat. RSVP please to Chris at 685-3976 or missblubug@yahoo.com.

Sabres Game – Saturday, December 30th 8:00 PM
Seats \$24 each the whole group can stay together – wheelchairs and all!
Call Chris at 685-3976 to reserve your tickets.

AQUATIC THERAPY – I am working on a program for Aquatic Therapy. If you are interested – please call or e-mail me.

INDEPENDENCE HOUSE:

The Opts proposal was sent to the state on June 13.
We completed the interview stage on August 10.

State and DDSO Team Review took place on October 13, 2005.

They had questions – but overall was positive. We now are in the process of answering their concerns.

Purchase Offer in for land!

There are 8 in the first proposed house – with a current wait list of 3.
There are 5 on the list for the proposed Phase two house (in a few years) - current ages of these individuals is middle school. You can get on either list if you are interested in this type of housing – now or in the future.

Looking forward to seeing you –
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*Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world.
Indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.
--Margaret Mead*