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Mission Statement
To enrich the lives of individuals
with developmental disabilities
and their families through support,
programs and advocacy.

14th Annual
Ollie’s Dream Gala
A wine tasting event to benefit the programs
of Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
Saturday, June 1, 2019 • 6:30 P.M.

6:30 to 10:00 p.m.
Hilton Omaha • 1001 Cass Street
(across from the CHI Health Center)

Join us for this fun evening of wine
tasting, hors d’oeuvres, live music,
silent and live auction.

For more information contact
Lori Beck at
Ollie Webb Center, Inc. at 402.346.5220
www.olliewebbinc.org
"Time and money spent in helping people to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving." ~ Henry Ford

The 2019 Arc of Omaha Membership Drive!

You are doing more than mere giving when you become a member of The Arc of Omaha. You are supporting efforts to help individuals with developmental disabilities and their families lead lives of greater independence, productivity, integration, inclusion and self-determination. By joining now, your membership will be valid for the calendar year 2019. Membership options are outlined below.

The privileges of membership in The Arc of Omaha include:

Use of the Ollie Webb Center, Inc. pass to the Henry Doorly Zoo, discounts to many activities and events for individuals of all ages sponsored by The Arc of Omaha, support from The Arc of Nebraska and The Arc of the United States, including representation at local, state and national policy forums and publications sharing important information on a variety of topics, and the satisfaction of supporting a local agency that informs the public of the needs, rights and abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities.

The Arc of Omaha 2019 Membership Form

Your membership will be valid from January 1 through December 31, 2019

Thank you for your past support! Please consider once again being a part of our team!

Name (s) ___________________________________________________________________________
(As you wish it to appear when we publicly recognize our members.)

Address ____________________________________________________________________________
City/State________________________________________________ ______ Zip _________________

Phone _________________________ E-mail ______________________________________

*May we send our monthly newsletter to your email address:   ____Yes     ____No

Each Single Membership is entitled to one (1) vote. Each family membership is entitled to two (2) votes.

Please circle:

Single $25
Family $40
Contributing $75
Sustaining $100
Corporate $150

☐ I would like to sponsor an additional single membership for a person who is unable to pay, for an additional $25

Total amount enclosed:  $______________  Your contribution is tax deductible.

Please make your check payable to Ollie Webb Center, Inc. Mail this form and your check to:
Ollie Webb Center, Inc., 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105

Weather Policy

The following weather conditions may cause us to close our office and/or cancel/reschedule events.

- Tornado warnings
- Extreme heat of 90+ degrees and humidity
- Severe thunderstorms and/or lightning

If the weather is questionable, our services will be canceled.

If Omaha Public Schools cancel their day/evening activities and/or staff deem it unsafe for travel our services will be canceled.

Note: If you are not sure if an evening/weekend event will be held or canceled, call 402.346.5220 ext. 31 for event updates.

Most decisions will be posted by 3:00 p.m. for evening activities, and 8:00 a.m. for daytime activities.

2019 Arc of Omaha Membership Drive!

DON’T FORGET!
to renew your Arc of Omaha membership for 2019.

Zoo Pass Available to 2019 Arc Members!

The Arc of Omaha has a free Family Zoo Pass available for use by its 2019 members. It allows two adults and four children to visit the Henry Doorly Zoo. Please note the following rules for its use:

1. The pass can be used anytime the zoo is open.
2. Families may use the pass as often as they like, as long as it is available.
3. Families using the pass must sign it out, giving their name, address, phone number, date of use and date returned. If a family misuses the pass, it is possible that the pass may not be available for them to use again.
4. When families arrive at the zoo, they must present the pass and check in at the Visitors Center.

Call 402.346.5220 to reserve the Family Zoo Pass.
Sibshops is an award-winning nationally-affiliated program for youth ages six to thirteen years and is uniquely designed to provide high-energy activities for brothers and sisters of children with developmental disabilities. Sibshops is a place where siblings may obtain peer support and education within a recreational context while having fun, and allows sibs to connect with each other about similar experiences.

All ages (6-13) will meet from 6:30-8:30 p.m. (includes snack).
Participants split in age groups (6-8 and 9-13)

9 sessions $90 • 5 sessions $50
1 session $12.50
Non-Members cost: 9 sessions $125
5 sessions $60 • 1 session $15

Sibshops will be held at
UNO’s Community Engagement Center
on Tuesday evening from 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Upcoming dates are:
April 11, and May 21, 2019

What are Sibshops? For the adults who plan them and the agencies that sponsor them, Sibshops are best described as opportunities for brothers and sisters of children with special health and developmental needs to obtain peer support and education within a recreational context.

Sibshops seek to provide siblings with opportunities for peer support. As Sibshops are designed (primarily) for school-aged children, peer support is provided within a lively, recreational context that emphasizes a kids’-eye-view.

Please also let us know if you have a child who has “aged out” of Sibshops (14 or older). They may be eligible to participate as supportive mentors/volunteers during the program.

For RSVP’s and more information, please email jstocking@olliewebbinc.org or call 402-342-4418 ext. 10.
Parent to Parent Omaha is a parent-to-parent support program for families of newly-diagnosed children with developmental disabilities. The program offers information and emotional support through parent-to-parent matches and socialization activities designed both for parents and their children. The program also offers parent-to-parent matches for families of adolescents and adults with developmental disabilities.

Ollie Webb Center, Inc. and the Autism Society of Nebraska with support provided by Creighton University Student Occupational Therapy Association (CUSTOA) and College of Saint Mary’s Do unto Others and Student Occupational Therapy Association (SOTA) present the annual

**Easter Egg Hunt**

**Sunday, April 14th**  
**Autism Center of Nebraska**  
9012 Q Street  
**1:30 Check-In**

Participants should come with their own basket or bucket

The Egg Hunt begins promptly at 2:00 p.m. with activities to follow. Be sure to arrive on time as eggs are gathered up quickly.

Registration is required. To register, go to:  
https://asnolliewebbeastereggghunt2019.eventbrite.com

Come, join the fun!
COMMUNITY CONNECTIONS – INFORMATION AND SUPPORT

Ollie Webb Center, Inc. teams have been making a record number of connections with hundreds of families across the Omaha metro area and networking with community partners about information and support programs for families of individuals with developmental disabilities.

We have had the opportunity to meet many families at disability resource fairs sponsored by PTI Nebraska, Goodwill, and both Omaha and Millard Public Schools. Additionally, OWCI program participants had the pleasure of attending the Birthday Our Way celebration at the State Capitol in celebration of Nebraskans with disabilities and meeting with legislators about disability-related issues.

We are looking forward to continued community outreach this spring. Please join us at the following upcoming events:

- April 4th • Offutt 2019 Special Needs Resource Fair with Offutt AFB and Bellevue Public Schools
- April 13th • 2019 Autism Society of Nebraska Omaha FunFest

DON’T MISS OUT ON OUR NEXT PRISM EVENT!

LET’S TALK ABOUT TRANSPORTATION!

Thursday, March 21, 2019 • 6:30-8:30 p.m.
UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center • Room 230-231
(6001 Dodge Street)
Reservations required
RSVP at: https://www.eventbrite.com/e/prism-lets-talk-about-transportation-tickets-56191844319
• Book Clubs meets once a week for an hour as a small group at a local coffee shop to read and discuss a book.
• All reading levels can participate!
• Members enjoy social connections and the delight of expanding their literacy.
• For more information email twaln-lewellyn@olliewebbinc.org

Next Chapter Book Club

10 REASONS WHY OUR NEXT CHAPTER BOOK CLUBS RULE

1. All levels of readers and non-readers are welcome.
2. We actually read the books when we meet. No need to worry about hurrying to finish the next chapter before the next gathering!
3. We take turns volunteering to read aloud. If you are not comfortable reading aloud, just sit back and enjoy listening to the story.
4. Books feed the imagination. When we read books, we are pulled into magical worlds where anything and everything is possible.
5. Books also help us to express ourselves. At Next Chapter Book Club, we talk about character’s actions and decisions. Would we make the same choices? What would we do differently?
6. We practice teamwork! At Next Chapter Book Club, we help one another with difficult words as we work through the book together as a team.
7. Next Chapter Book Club is not like a Reading Class. No one gets tested or graded here.
8. Books are free! All of the books come from the Ollie Webb Center’s Next Chapter Book Club Library.
9. We laugh a lot! Whether reading a funny part of a book, or sharing about our week, our book clubs are full of laughter and camaraderie!
10. We reunite with old friends and make new ones, too! Our members create strong bonds with one another and facilitators.

Friendship & literacy in a community setting!

Tara Waln-Lewellyn, Program Coordinator • twaln-lewellyn@olliewebbinc.org
The Ultimate Life program is a fee-based companion recreation program for adults aged 18 and older with developmental disabilities. This program offers opportunities for adults to participate in small, planned group activities or one-on-one outings of their choice in the community. Trained staff accompany participants and transportation to and from the activities is part of the program. APPLY NOW! Registration fee is $30.

After this long and snowy winter,

ULTIMATE LIFE IS TAKING ADVANTAGE OF FREE OUTDOOR EVENTS THIS SUMMER:

Sand in the City
Shakespeare on the Green
Jazz on the Green
Saturday Night Concerts at Stinson Park
Bridge Beats
Farmers Markets
Outdoor Movies

Too hot in the city?

JOIN US FOR THESE EXCITING INDOOR EVENTS:

Dinner and a Movie
Dancing at the Ozone
Bowling
Lozier IMAX 3D Theater
Pizza Tour 2019
Create a Craft
And more!

For information about the Ultimate Life Program, contact Tara today! 402-346-5220 ext. 33

We are updating our records! Ultimate Life Participants, please contact Tara if you have had a new address or phone number in the past year.
HEALTH DOES MATTER

Ollie Webb Center, Inc. (OWCI) recently participated in a health promotion initiative called HealthMatters. Several staff completed the Train-the-Trainer series and gained knowledge on how to organize and customize physical activities and health education programs for citizens with disabilities. A Health and Wellness Advisory Committee was also formed to provide guidance and direction to the program and included healthcare professionals, OWCI staff, individuals with disabilities, and interested family members.

OWCI’s continuing education department implemented the HealthMatters curriculum as part of the fall and winter semesters with the goal of enhancing the lives of program participants to become more physically active, create healthier foods, and more easily blend healthy lifestyle choices into regular daily activities. The class met with a licensed dietitian from Hy-Vee to gain a better understanding of how to choose healthier meal options. The dietitian gave the class a tour of the store and explained different ways to evaluate food choices. Robbi stated, “The group really enjoyed working with the dietitian and were very engaged in learning more about diet and nutrition”.

OWCI instructor, Robbi Kolnick, shared that “The individuals in the class really find the lessons and hands-on activities to be interesting and life changing. The goal for the class is to adapt and learn to live a healthier lifestyle. Currently, we are learning about nutrition, exercise and stress management and how it affects one’s health. Initially participants started off by walking only 10 minutes and have increased their stamina to walking a full 25 minutes! Some of their favorite activities are stretching and walking, Tai Chi and meditation.”

Overall the class has shown great success in helping program participants enhance their understanding and knowledge of healthy eating habits, meal portions, and simple exercise routines that can easily be incorporated into everyday living.
Foster lasting and inclusive one-to-one friendships through the Creighton Best Buddies program. Engaging in both peer and group activities, Best Buddies helps to enhance quality of life through social participation and level of inclusion.

Best Buddies’ members are looking forward to the rest of the spring season, full of event favorites! Remaining spring activities include the annual formal dance, annual talent show, and zoo trip. The formal dance is held in Creighton’s ballroom where buddy pairs participate in the "Grand March", have the opportunity to have professional pictures taken, and enjoy a wonderful evening of food and dancing. The talent show is held in Creighton’s auditorium and adults with disabilities have the opportunity to showcase their talents on stage with the support of their peer buddy.

Featured below is Club President, Connor, and his buddy, Jeff. Connor and Jeff have been friends for four years and both love video games and Ohio State football.

**Membership application is required to participate in Best Buddies. For information on how to apply and more, please email Alexa Edwards at aedwards@olliewebbinc.org.**
RESERVATION FORM

Name:________________________________________________________________________ Phone #: (______)________________
Address:____________________________________________________________________ Zip: ___________________________
Date of Birth:______________________________ Allergies:   _____________________________________
Emergency Contact ________________________  Emergency Phone:  _____________________________

I allow the use of images for public relations purposes and release and discharge Ollie Webb Center, Inc. and its employees and volunteers from any liability as a result of my participation and/or my child’s participation.

*Signature: _______________________________________

PLEASE CIRCLE THE EVENT(S) THAT CORRESPONDS WITH PAYMENT

Movie and Lunch Club (April 27)................................................................................. $15 Arc members/$20 non-members

Total Enclosed: $________ Please make checks payable to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
Return to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc., 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105

The Social Recreation Program offers small- and large-group activities in which adults with disabilities enjoy leisure time, build friendships and access the community.

SOCIAL RECREATION

Movie and Lunch Club
Spend the afternoon socializing, eating lunch and watching a movie with friends.

Saturday, April 27

Start time between 12:15 - 12:30 p.m.
Please email aedwards@olliewebbinc.org the week of the film to find out an exact time for arrivals and which film we will be seeing.

Westwood 8 Theater
2809 S 125th Ave # 297 Omaha, NE 68144

Pick-up typically between 2:00 - 2:15 p.m.
Lunch is included.

Cost: $15/Arc member • $20/non-member
Includes hot dog, popcorn, beverage and admission for participant only

RSVP to Alexa Edwards at aedwards@olliewebbinc.org
THIS IS A PRE-PAYMENT EVENT ONLY!

For other upcoming social and recreational opportunities, please check out our Best Buddies and Ultimate Life programs!
GO TEAM OLLIE WEBB!

Ollie Webb Center staff and several individuals who attend OWCI programs had the pleasure of participating in the 15th Annual Walk & Roll for Disabilities event on Sunday, March 3, 2019 at the Oak View Mall. This event is sponsored by the Meyer Foundation for Disabilities and helps raise awareness and funds to support recreational programs for adults with disabilities at the University of Nebraska Medical Center’s Munroe-Meyer Institute.
THE ART OF IMAGINATION

The Art of Imagination classes are focused on the visual and performing arts. Classes offer artistic opportunities in traditional art forms such as painting, writing, drawing and photography and more. Theater classes include improvisation, playwriting, scripted pieces and radio drama culminating in rehearsals and public performances.

UNO OPERA PARTNERSHIP: THE MAGIC FLUTE

On the evening of Saturday, April 13th the Ollie Webb Center’s Musical Theatre class will be presenting a pre-show performance in partnership with the University of Nebraska Omaha’s production of The Magic Flute at Gross Catholic High School. The pre-show performance will feature eight program participants as well as three OWCI instructors. The short piece was conceived and written by continuing education program instructors Grace Manley and Shannon Bittner-Miller and will include many of the Opera’s characters, including the dashing Prince Tamino, the irrepressible Papageno, and the regal Queen of the Night.

OWCI’s Musical Theatre class is very popular with individuals interested in the performing arts and focus on voice, dance, musical theatre history, and opera among other topics. The course is co-taught by instructors Grace Manley, a talented and professional local theatre and voice artist and Shannon Bittner-Miller, who contributed to the success of our fall production of The White Gander in her role as Assistant Costume Designer. The Musical Theatre class also conducts a touring performance program for Omaha-area special education programs and assisted living facilities.

This partnership with the University of Nebraska Omaha is one of many collaborations that OWCI’s The Art of Imagination program has forged over the past several years. Other successful partners include Hot Shops Arts Center, WhyArts, Opera Omaha, the Blue Barn Theatre, the Rose Theatre, and the Omaha Community Playhouse. Projects created through these affiliations have included theatre productions, outdoor murals, voice and movement workshops, backstage tours, and a number of visual arts courses.

Ollie Webb Center programs are committed to bringing high quality and innovative educational opportunities to program participants. All classes offered are conceived to benefit those engaged through increasing vocational skills and possibilities. If interested in learning more about classes at OWCI, please contact Aimee Addison at aaddison@olliewebbinc.org or 402-346-5220 ext. 19.
The Continuing Education program extends the learning experience beyond high school. Classes are offered in a variety of formats and settings and focus on independent living, money management, social and employment-related skills. Courses provide a person-centered approach that focuses on increased independence as opposed to the maintenance of skills. A five day-a-week program is available and follows a typical college schedule.

CELEBRATING DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES AWARENESS MONTH

In an exciting event honoring Development Disabilities Awareness Month as well as Nebraska’s 152nd Birthday, several participants of Ollie Webb Center, Inc.’s Continuing Education program traveled to the State Capitol Building in Lincoln to attend the 2nd Annual Nebraska Association of Service Providers (NASP) Birthday Our Way Celebration on Friday, March 1st. Throughout the day individuals with disabilities, families, and adult service providers had the unique opportunity to observe legislation in action as well as to advocate to their local senators for legislation that directly impacts the lives of those with a disability. Everyone involved contributed to critical discussions on the positive value of developmental disability services in Nebraska and plan to attend this annual event again next year.
Supported employment is a community-based work option for adults with developmental disabilities. Supported employment is based on the premise that work should be accessible to everyone, regardless of disability. By providing the necessary support, people with disabilities increase their opportunity for community integration, independence and productivity. Services in this area include: Job Development and Job Coaching.

EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

An ambitious young man named Will and his family came to the Ollie Webb Center in the fall of 2016 with a unique request; an interest in pursuing supported employment services for youth. Will was eager to get out into the work world and gain professional experience. OWCI was excited to partner with Will and he began working with a job developer from OWCI’s supported employment department on one-on-one on job-readiness skills, including successful interviewing techniques and learning tips for completing job applications.

Through his job development participation, Will obtained an ongoing volunteer opportunity with Habitat for Humanity ReStore. Will currently volunteers two four times per month assisting with accepting donations and displaying items on the sales floor. Will and his job developer, Craig Kneifl, worked diligently to develop natural supports with many of the team at ReStore and Will has become increasingly independent and successful in his job.

Craig shared that, “Will is always enthusiastically greeted when he arrives to volunteer at the ReStore outlet. He demonstrates a can-do attitude, high energy, and a willingness to learn. The ReStore staff have worked directly with Will helping him learn new tasks and grow in his role. Now Will is capable of doing so much on his own like tracking donations, printing price tags, and knowing where products belong on the sales floor. It’s a great environment for him to learn how to work in small groups, on his own, and the best ways to interact with customers.”

Will has also been an instrumental part of OWCI’s Summer Pre-Employment Transition Program since it’s inception in 2017. This program offers career exploration opportunities and job-readiness training to prepare transition-aged youth, 14-21 years of age, for competitive employment opportunities. This program will be offered again in June and July of 2019 with the goal of helping to prepare Will and others for long-term success in the workplace.
Independent living services provide instruction for individuals who live in their own home (apartment or house) or in their family’s home. Education, training and support is provided to maintain or increase independent living skills, such as money management, health and safety, interpersonal relations, community awareness, recreational skills, nutrition, hygiene and leisure.

**INDEPENDENT LIVING IN ACTION - APARTMENT LIVING**

Deanna’s dream has been to live on her own in an apartment and has been actively working with the residential team at the Ollie Webb Center and her family to achieve this goal since 2016. A year ago Deanna met this goal and moved into her own apartment. She works weekly with her Independent Living staff at OWCI on continuing to gain new skills like learning how to make Moby reservations, planning and cooking meals, cleaning her home, and organizing activities for the week.

Deanna also attended the RentWise Training offered by OWCI prior to moving into her apartment which helped her understand more about tenant’s rights and responsibilities as well as how to be more successful in the rental experience. Deanna is happy and very confident in the skills she has learned and continues to build with assistance from OWCI staff.

In her free time, Deanna enjoys attending Creighton Women’s Basketball games and other community events. Deanna also works at La Mesa Mexican Restaurant and loves her job. Lisa McMichael, OWCI’s Independent Living Manager shared that, “Deanna has come a long way in her ability to do things for herself and is eager to learn more. She has learned to call and make her travel arrangements completely independently and looks forward to continuing to work on meal planning and cooking. As a next step, Deanna would like to study and become more competent in First Aid. Way to go Deanna!”
# Staff Directory

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