The annual meeting of Ollie Webb Center, Inc. was held on November 14, 2016. The evening’s highlight was the annual awards ceremony. You’ll find pictures from the meeting on page 15 of this newsletter.

**Awards were bestowed to:**

**The Arc of Omaha at the Ollie Webb Center**
- Just Friends Mentor of the Year 2016: Thomas Corpuz
- Best Buddies College Buddy of the Year 2016: Alexa Edwards
- Next Chapter Book Club Facilitator of the Year 2016: Carla Chin-Horton
- STARS Basketball Coach of the Year 2016: Colin Myers
- Program Volunteers of the Year 2016: Jeff and Cathy Ballard

**Career Solutions, Inc. at the Ollie Webb Center**
- Employer of the Year 2016: Richmont Senior Living
- Agency Artist of the Year 2016: Taylor Shrum
- Community Artist of the Year 2016: Opera Omaha

**Ollie Webb Center, Inc. Community Partnership Award**
- Community Leader of the Year 2016: Kate Bolz

**Ollie Webb Center, Inc.**
- Agency Volunteer of the Year 2016: Abby Pivovar
- Project II Member of the Year 2016: Corice Lee

**Board Member Recognition:**
- Pat Kostal • Cheri Albin • Dan Kline • Patrick Stibbs

**5 Years of Service:**
- Megan Johnson • Orlando Rozo • Sherl von Dohren • Robbi Kolnick • Anne Woodruff
“Time and money spent in helping people to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving.” ~ Henry Ford

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 2017. 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.
OLLIE’S BULLETIN BOARD

Holiday Art Sale
Wednesday, December 7
6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
Ollie Webb Center

Come and enjoy our students’ artwork. You may even choose to take a piece home with you!

For information, contact Jim Hoggatt at 402.342.4418 x 30 or jhoggatt@olliewebbinc.org

Winter Word Search

BLIZZARD  BOOTS  CHILLY  COAT  COLD
DRIFT    FIREPLACE   FLAKES   FLURRIES   FROSTY
FROZEN   GLOVES   HAT    HIBERNATE    HOLIDAYS
HOT CHOCOLATE  ICE     ICICLE    MITTENS    PLOW
SCARF     SHOVEL   SLEDDING   SLEIGH RIDE   SLIPPERY
SNOW     SNOWBALL   SNOWMAN   SWEATER   WINTER
A lively pedal-to-the medal celebration of the many contributions made by brothers and sisters of a person with special needs. Providing its participants with kid-friendly information about the ever-changing needs of their sibling with a disability and an opportunity to have fun with other siblings.

Sibshops is the winner of the national award for Innovation from ACCH—the Association For the Care of Children’s Health.

Sibling support is a topic very close to my heart—it is so great to see that Sibshops are happening...I didn’t realize I was in for such a rich day” — Adult Sibling

www.olliewebbinc.org  www.siblingsupport.org
FAMILY SERVICES
(Tweens with Special Needs - ages 10 - 13 years old)
by Denise Gehringer, Program Coordinator
dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org

Fun with Friends!

Thursday, December 1 & 15
6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Join the Party!

Zumba-like Dance Party will help tweens develop a healthy lifestyle and incorporate fitness as a natural part of their week by making fitness fun.

Cooking Fun!

Thursday, December 8
6:00 - 7:45 p.m.

Foodie Fix is a fun way to learn and reinforce basic skills in the kitchen, while spending time with friends. We cook, then eat together!

Cost: Dance Party 2 Nights: $5/Arc member & $10/non-member
       Foodie Fix: $15/Arc member & $20/non-member
       Please note: Class size is limited to 10 people.
       Registration info will be sent upon confirmation of space availability.
       Contact dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org to inquire if space is available.
SMOOTH & STEADY TRANSITIONS

This educational event will provide information addressing support and services after high school and beyond.

If you have a student in Middle School, High School or a Transition Program, this event is for you! The recommended age to begin the process is age 16. This event will provide information addressing what to plan for, when to start the process and disability services and supports available after the school years are done.

Since planning for the future of a student with disabilities can arouse fear of the unknown, a parent may tend to delay addressing these issues, and instead focus only on the present. It is our belief, however, that working through these fears and thinking about the child's best future interest will ensure a meaningful outcome. ~National Association of Special Education Teachers

The key to a manageable transition is getting informed and planning early!

Each attendee will leave with a checklist to help navigate the transition process. Self Determination Workbook to assist individuals with disabilities along their path to adulthood will also be available.

Date: Thursday, January 26, 2017
Time: 6:30-8:00 p.m.
Location: UNO Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center
6001 Dodge Street
Reserved Parking available for the first 40 RSVPs.

Reservations required: RSVP at: https://prism-smoothtransitions.eventbrite.com

Interpretation services available by request. Requests MUST be received by January 14.

Presenter: Laurie Ackermann, Executive Director of Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Laurie, a graduate of the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, has worked in the field of developmental disabilities for over 30 years. "We are advocates, we are mentors, we are neighbors, we are friends, we are fellow co-workers." Those are all roles Laurie feels are deeply important ones that Ollie Webb Center, Inc. fulfills for families. Her life journey has been tightly interwoven with the organization—two of her siblings benefited from the programs offered and her parents were among the first “Pilot Parents.” So it seemed destined that an organization that has meant so much to her family would be where she would land. She has served as the Executive Director since 2003, when she led the merger of The Arc of Omaha and Career Solutions, Inc. into what Ollie Webb Center, Inc. is today.

The PRISM Project is sponsored by the Arc of Omaha at Ollie Webb Center, Inc., with assistance from the United Way of the Midlands and the Nebraska Department of Education.
Next Chapter Book Club

- 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 dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org

14 Clubs Meeting in the Omaha Metro Area!

Friendship & literacy in a community setting!
First Chapter Book Club

Clubs meeting at: Papillion South, Papillion Monarchs, Westside, Omaha South and Omaha North

All books, enrichment activities and supplies are provided through a grant from the United Way of the Midlands Karnett Family Trust.

What is the First Chapter Book Club?
• High School students with developmental disabilities and their peers enjoying friendship and literacy in their high school community setting.

How does it work?
• Members meet weekly for 1 1/2 hours extracurricularly at the High School they attend during both the 1st and 2nd semester.

Who can participate?
• Anyone can participate, no matter their reading or ability level.

Who leads the book clubs?
• A school staff member and peer volunteers facilitate each group.

Why join the First Chapter Book Club?
• FCBC members improve literacy skills, make friends, take part in the community, and have a lot of fun!

First Chapter Book Club members at Papillion LaVista High School are reading Black Beauty and enjoyed learning about horses from HETRA.

5 Clubs Meeting in Omaha Metro Area High Schools!

Friendship & literacy in a community setting!
The Ultimate Life Program
is the place to be for fun and friends!

The Ultimate Life Program is a fee-based recreation program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities 18 years and older. 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 companions accompany participants. Transportation to and from the activities is part of the program.

APPLY NOW! Registration fee $30.
For an application, contact: dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org
JUST FRIENDS NEWS
(Ages 13 -18)
by Amanda Clark, Program Coordinator
aclark@olliewebbinc.org

Teen Food and Friends
Time: 5:30-7:30 p.m.
Being able to cook is such an important life skill, join us for a fun filled evening of socialization while practicing our skills of cutting, spreading, measuring, and many other cooking skills!
   Meal is provided!
   **Guy’s Nights**
   **December 5** (RSVP by 12/1)
   **January 9** (RSVP by 1/5)
   **Girl’s Nights**
   **December 19** (RSVP by 12/15)
   **January 23** (RSVP by 1/19)
   **Location: OWCI**
   Cost: $15 for Arc members
   $20 for non-members
   RSVP to Amanda Clark at:
   aclark@olliewebbinc.org

Teen Lunch and Film Club
Spend the afternoon socializing, eating lunch and watching a movie with friends.
   (Movie suggestions are welcome.)
   **Saturday, December 17** (RSVP by 12/13)
   **Saturday, January 14** (RSVP by 1/10)
   **12:30 - 3:00 p.m.**
   **OWCI**
   Cost: $15/Arc member • $20/non-member
   RSVP to: aclark@olliewebbinc.org

Congratulations
to our newest mentee/mentor matches Mary and Jillian!
Holiday Social Skills and Cookie Social

We will discuss and have interactive games to support good eye contact, conversation ice breakers, interrupting the right way and manners while we decorate holiday-inspired cookies with friends. No dinner is provided but we will have snacks and refreshments. For teens 13-18.

Friday, December 9 • 6:00 to 8:00 p.m.
at Ollie Webb Center, Inc. Cost: $5 Arc member/ $10 non-member
Please RSVP by December 5 by emailing aclark@olliewebbinc.org.

RESERVATION FORM – Just Friends

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 child’s participation in the Just Friends Program *Signature: ________________________________

PLEASE CIRCLE THE EVENT(S) THAT CORRESPONDS WITH PAYMENT

Food & Friends at OWCI .......................................................... $15 Arc members/ $20 non-members
Guy’s Nights (December 5) • (January 9)  
Girl’s Nights  (December 19) • (January 23)

Holiday Social Skills and Cookie Social (December 9)............................... $  5 Arc members/ $10 non-members

Teen Lunch and Film Club ........................................................... $15 Arc members/ $20 non-members
(December 17) • (January 14)

Total Enclosed: $__________ Please make checks payable to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
Return to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc., Just Friends, 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105
**Adult Food and Friends**

Adult Food and Friends is a fun way to reinforce basic skills in the kitchen, while spending time with new and old friends. We cook then eat together!

**5:30-7:30 p.m. at OWCI**

Cost: $15/Arc member - $20/non member

**Please note:**

Class size is limited to 7 people.

Before sending in your check/registration, contact Amanda at 402.346.5220 ext. 31 or aclark@olliewebbinc.org to see if space is still available.

**Ages 19-30:**

- December 6 - RSVP by 12/1 • January 10 - RSVP by 1/6

**Ages 31 & up:**

- December 20 - RSVP by 12/14 • January 24 - RSVP by 1/20

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**Adult Lunch and Film Club**

Lunch and Film Club is an afternoon of socializing over lunch and watching the latest blockbuster DVD on the large projector screen at the Ollie Webb Center. (Film and lunch suggestions are always welcome.)

**12:30-3:00 p.m. at OWCI**

Cost: $15/Arc member - $20/non member

**Please note:**

Class size is limited to 12 people.

Before sending in your check/registration, contact Amanda at 402.346.5220 ext. 31 or aclark@olliewebbinc.org to see if space is available.

**January 28:** Send RSVP form by 1/23.

**December 10 - Gentlemen only:** RSVP by 12/5

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Happy Holidays
Wine(d) Down Artfully

At our Holiday Wine and Painting Event

For OWCI Participants!

Where: Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
When: DEC. 9th, 2016
6:30 to 8:30 PM

$20 per participant, includes 1 canvas and painting materials, guided artist-instructors (Cathy and Jeff Ballard)
2 glasses of wine (optional) or pop, light snacks and lively conversation and fun!

Space is Limited RSVP by DEC. 4th

By emailing: aclark@olliewebbinc.org

All participants must be 21 or older. Wine is optional but an emailed consent must be given by a guardian.

RESERVATION FORM – Adult Services

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 child’s participation in the Adult Services Program *Signature: _______________________________

PLEASE CIRCLE THE EVENT(S) THAT CORRESPONDS WITH PAYMENT

Adult Food & Friends (September 6 - All Ages) ..............................................$15 Arc members/ $20 non-members
Ages 19-30 (December 6) •(January 10) • Ages 31 & up (December 20) • (January 24)

Adult Lunch and Film Club (January 28) ...........................................................$15 Arc members/ $20 non-members
(Gentlemen Only -December 10)

Wine(d) Down Holiday Painting Party (December 9) ..............................................$20 Arc members/ $25 non-members

Total Enclosed: $____________  Please make checks payable to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Return to: Ollie Webb Center, Inc., Adult Services, 1941 South 42nd Street, Suite 122, Omaha, NE 68105
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