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

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.

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

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.
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.

Upcoming Events

Hooked on Fishing
Fire and Safety Day
Day on the Water
Caregivers Retreat

Blaine Villafuerte, OWCI Supported Employment Manager and Alexa Edwards, Mentoring Services Coordinator enjoyed meeting families and community members at the Special Needs Resource Fair sponsored by Offutt Air Force Base in April.
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With Support provided by the Small Boat Bass Club

Hooked on Fishing
Sunday, June 23, 2019, 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

You are invited to fish with members of the Small Boat Bass Club at two privately owned, well stocked lakes in a park-like setting just outside of Omaha near Two Rivers State Park. The Small Boat Bass Club will provide fishing helpers and fishing equipment to catch the big one! Lunch will be provided for everyone thanks to the SBBC and their many sponsors. Please bring chairs and remember your sunscreen.

This event is by reservation only—Reservations are limited to 150, immediate family members only please.

To register go to:
https://www.eventbrite.com/e/hooked-on-fishing-tickets-60765165245

Special Note: Maps, schedule for the day and directions to the site location will be emailed one week prior to the event to those that have RSVP’d.
PRISM (Parent Resource Information and Support Meetings) provide informational and support programs for families of individuals with developmental disabilities. Family-friendly meetings offer educational programs, disability-related information and the opportunity to network with other parents and children with disabilities. Childcare and transportation assistance is often available.

CREATING PATHS FOR SUCCESS AFTER HIGH SCHOOL

Ollie Webb Center, Inc. (OWCI) hosted our annual training on Smooth and Steady Transitions presented by OWCI’S Executive Director, Laurie Ackermann. This important educational event is focused on providing critical information to address the support and services available to students with disabilities after high school. Families, individuals, and professionals at different places in the transition process and with diverse needs joined us at the UNO Community Engagement Center to learn about options and strategies for creating paths to successful transition.

OWCI presents Smooth and Steady Transitions annually and it is looked forward to each year as the transition from high school can be a complicated process for families. Families often times attend this workshop year after year while they continue to gain knowledge specific to where they are at in the transition process, learning first-hand about any upcoming changes. This session provided the opportunity to ask individualized questions as well as connect with others about similar experiences. Topics discussed included: Self Determination, Person-Centered Planning, Transition Planning, SSI, Work Incentives, and Medicaid.

Thank you to Seamus Kelly, a local attorney who specializes in representing and counseling people with disabilities and their caregivers who joined this OWCI event to provide legal insight and guidance to families in attendance.
Next Chapter Book Club

THE ADVENTURE READERS OF OWCI

The Adventure Readers Next Chapter Book Club with Facilitators Kim Bainbridge and Patti Brannon recently celebrated finishing the book Dracula by having a book-themed dinner and movie event. Kim Bainbridge hosted all of the members at her house where they enjoyed biting into spaghetti in marinara sauce and decorated, bat-shaped cookies. Safely protected by the garlic and cross centerpieces, the group then watched “Dracula: Dead and Loving It,” a hilarious send-up of the story.

Check out photos of the fun evening!

The Next Chapter Book Club is looking for new Facilitators to begin in August 2019.

Make a difference in the lives of individuals with disabilities by meeting once a week for an hour with a small group to read and discuss a good book. Book club participants enjoy social connections often missing in their lives and the delight of expanding their literacy. Volunteer Facilitators will be provided with CPR, First Aid and Facilitator training. Contact Tara at twaln-lewellyn@olliewebbinc.org for more information on this rewarding role!
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.

THE BEST PART ABOUT ULTIMATE LIFE IS THE VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WE OFFER!

**Exciting New Activities…**

Three members enjoyed a cozy, late winter afternoon strolling through the JOSLYN ART MUSEUM and enjoying food and drink at a local coffeehouse.

Five members of Ultimate Life visited the INTERNATIONAL HORSE SHOW at the CHI Health Center. The group visited the Triple Crown Horse Discovery Zone and watched some daytime jumping competitions.

Twelve members went to the MALLORY KOUNTZE PLANETARIUM on UNO's campus to view a show about the sun. An interactive star show, with a Q and A session, capped off the visit.

Eight members rocked in the first OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT at Stinson Park.

**Pop-Up Events…**

The Ultimate Life Program offered a “Special Pop-Up Event”, made possible through free tickets from the OMAHA COMMUNITY PLAYHOUSE where six of our members enjoyed a hilarious performance of the show, One Man, Two Guvnors.

**And Don’t Forget our Regular Offerings…**

BOWLING NIGHT continues to be a fan favorite, with about a dozen members taking to the lanes and hoping for a strike.

MYSTERY MOVIE night is another perennial favorite, with the movie being announced only when the Companions call with pick-up times the evening before the event. We’ve even had the opportunity, as a group, to divide up between two movies based on personal preference, once we are at the theater.

PIZZA TOUR 2019 has us searching for the best pizza place all over the metro! The best thing is, we are finding great pizza wherever we go!
STARS Basketball League is a leisure and recreational opportunity for individuals with developmental disabilities ages 5 to adult. Participants play once a week during six-week sessions held in the spring and fall.

**Eat. Sleep. Hoop. Repeat**

The adult Spring 2019 STARS Basketball League came to an end with great success! The League gained several new players this season and all athletes showed great sportsmanship and teamwork. Many players improved on their shooting skills and LOTS of 3 pointers were made! Everyone is already looking forward to the fall session.

A special thank you to our wonderful volunteer coaches Mick Krupski, Colin Meyers and Joey Carney!
Best Buddies is a peer mentoring program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through this program, adults with disabilities are matched to Creighton college students and participate in social and recreational activities, enabling these individuals to experience friendships with peers.

ANNUAL BEST BUDDY TALENT SHOW

During the month of April, Creighton hosted the Annual Best Buddy Talent Show in the Harper Auditorium with an estimated 125 attendees!

There were 12 adult buddies who were featured in the show making for an entertaining afternoon of fun. The performances ranged from renditions of songs, guitar playing, and choreographed dances to joke-telling, sculpting on stage, and much, much more with several of the buddy pairs choosing to do the acts together. The audience gave each performance a large round of applause and raffle prizes were also provided. Lucky audience winners received the following: AirPods, Zoo Passes, Cane’s Basket, Alamo Draft House Cinema Gift Card, Todd Fitness Workout Package, Massage Envy Gift Card, Qdoba Free Entrée Cards, and Chipotle Catering.

A special thanks to all of the executive team and members who assisted with event preparation, performances, and collecting raffle prizes ensuring the success of this event for students, family members, and friends. The monies raised from ticket sales go towards helping fund monthly Best Buddy activities in 2020.
The Social Recreation Program offers small- and large-group activities in which youth and adults with disabilities can enjoy leisure time, build friendships and access the community.

Lunch and Film Club for Teens and Adults
Spend the afternoon socializing, eating lunch and watching a movie with friends.

Saturday, June 15, 2019

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

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

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

Lunch and Film Club (June 15).......................................................................................... $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

Alexa Edwards, Program Coordinator • aedwards@olliewebbinc.org
The Social Recreation Program offers small- and large-group activities in which youth and adults with disabilities can enjoy leisure time, build friendships and access the community.

Annual Ability Experience Luau Picnic Dinner with Dancing and Games

Thursday, July 11, 2019
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
Mockingbird Hills Community Center
10242 Mockingbird Drive
Pizza, Drinks and Snacks Provided
Cost: $15 Arc Members • $20 Non-Members • $5 Staff/Family Members

Register by July 5 by calling Aimee Addison at 402.346.5220 ext 19
or email aaddison@olliewebbinc.org

Please help us in thanking The Ability Experience/Journey of Hope cyclists and Pi Kappa Phi for helping to spread the message of acceptance and understanding for people with disabilities as they travel across the country.

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Ability Experience Luau (July 12) ....................... $15 Arc Members • $20 Non-Members • $5 Staff/Family Members
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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.

THE ART OF IMAGINATION

On the evening of Saturday, April 13th at Gross Catholic High School, participants in The Art of Imagination’s (AoI) Musical Theatre program performed a pre-show for the University of Nebraska Opera Theatre’s production of Mozart’s, The Magic Flute. In front of a large audience, the AoI cast of 11, including three staff members portrayed characters and laid out important plot points from the opera. To hearty laughs and substantial applause, the actors gave their all with booming voices and graceful stage presences.

As the pre-show cast moved onto stage prior to the opening of the house for a quick rehearsal, one of UNO’s opera cast members was heard to say, “Look at their costumes!” Costumes for the pre-show characters were designed and created by AoI’s Costume Design class headed up by instructors, Shannon Bittner-Miller and Kelly Mulkey. There were large feathery headdresses for the Ladies of the Queen, a gray tunic for Prince Tamino, a bird-catching suit for Papageno, a flowing gown for Princess Pamina, a raven-adorned helmet for the evil Monostatos, and a foot-high fountain-like crown for the Queen of the Night.

Each character had a featured moment in the performance. The Ladies of the Queen announced each character as they came forward. Papageno complained of his lack of a girlfriend while flirting with the audience. Prince Tamino scolded the vain bird-catcher. Monostatos growled fiercely at the house. Princess Pamina protested her imprisonment by Sarastro and did a slow dance with two bird puppets. There were also percussionists who played a different rhythm for each character. Finally, the Queen of the Night stormed powerfully onto the stage but stopped when she heard the ring tone of a cell phone. At that, the Queen shrieked that all cell phones were to be silenced for the show and “No photos!” Audience members were actually seen quickly pulling out their phones and shutting them off!

This partnership with the UNO’s Opera Theatre program was made possible by AoI’s Musical Theatre instructor Grace Manley. Grace, a professional musician and singer, has been teaching for AoI for the past year and has brought her expertise in music and theatre to program participants. In November, The Art of Imagination will be performing an original and inclusive theatre production of Morozko, a Russian folktale, at the Scottish Rite in downtown Omaha.
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.

VALUE THROUGH VOLUNTEERING

The Continuing Education program is highlighting the benefits and value of building skills and talents through volunteering. The goal of the program is to offer classes that assist individuals with disabilities to continue learning and growing through ongoing education and training while also enhancing vocational and job-readiness skills in real-world and community-based situations. Our Job Readiness through Volunteering class is a perfect example of this goal and is such a popular offering that we have been able to present diverse volunteering opportunities in both the winter-spring and summer semesters!

Program participants have joined with other non-profit organizations and gained meaningful hands-on experience while helping these community groups achieve their mission. Those involved have expressed how positive they feel about being able to give back to the communities they live in. Part of the daily routine of class involves active discussions surrounding the important question of “Why?... “Why are we doing this job?”“Why is it important that we do it well?”“Why does this job have an impact on our community?”

Key places the class has visited include: Omaha Public Library locations and the Stephen Center as well as the Food Bank for the Heartland and many more. Participants particularly enjoy working at the Food Bank for the Heartland because of the community impact and the interesting steps involved in the process; from checking for the correct product and expiration date, to box assembly and weighing and taping boxes, to finally proper pallet placement. The class enjoys working with the team at the Food Bank for the Heartland with one staff member there referring to OWCI participants as his “A-Team”!

We look forward to many more opportunities to improve job skills while making a positive and lasting impact on the world around us through this course.

David Ackermann, Education Services Coordinator • dackermann@olliewebbinc.org
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.

Celebrating Independence in the Workplace

GR began participating in Ollie Webb Center, Inc.'s (OWCI) Supported Employment program in 2015 with a goal of working in the hospitality industry. Job development began with mastery of interviewing skills and an intense job search. GR and his job developer met with many employers throughout the process. GR was offered several different positions and had the opportunity to choose the job that he felt best fit his needs.

GR accepted a job as a Complimentary Breakfast Attendant at Embassy Suites and requested the assistance of a job coach from OWCI. In a matter of a few weeks, GR had developed positive relationships with his supervisor and co-workers and was becoming increasingly comfortable with his new role and job tasks. Within 30 days of employment, he received his first customer compliment!

GR transitioned to working completely independently shortly after his one year anniversary. Since that time, GR has successfully transitioned to new management and learned additional tasks due to the natural supports developed within his first year. In addition to celebrating his three year anniversary this spring, GR received prestigious praise from a co-worker which led to his recognition as Employee of the Month, Congratulations GR!
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.

**LEARNING TO LIVE INDEPENDENTLY**

Lisa McMichael, Independent Living Manager at the Ollie Webb Center and a certified RentWise instructor offered a certificate-based tenant education course last month to individuals with developmental disabilities that were interested in living independently in the community. Created by the Lincoln UNL Extension Office, the RentWise curriculum serves to educate future and current renters to be better tenants which in turn helps create positive relationships with landlords.

The course offers many interactive learning activities focused on how to: communicate in collaborative and effective ways with neighbors and landlords, prioritize needs versus wants when it comes to budgeting and what to look for in a future apartment, understand the importance of thoroughly inspecting a building before signing a lease, know renter versus landlord responsibilities and what fair housing rights entail, and much more.

Lisa McMichael shared, “The course went really well with great participation from participants”. Pre and post evaluations were collected and one participant currently living in an apartment indicated on their pre-evaluation that they did not know what Tenant Rights were or what to do when/if they moved out of their apartment before taking this class.

**Results of the post-evaluation asked: “Has RentWise made a difference for you”? Participants unanimously answered “Yes!”**

“I learned what red flags to look for in housing discrimination, and that if you don’t pay your rent on time you might get evicted!”

“I understand how important it is to pay your rent on time and to be a courteous neighbor.”

“I learned how important it is to keep your place clean, so you don’t get in trouble for not taking care of the apartment and that you need to know the rules that are in your lease.”

Please contact OWCI if you or someone you know is interested in earning the RentWise certificate or is in need of one-on-one training on how to be successful living independently.
### Administrative Office Staff

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