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OMAHA GIVES!

powered by the Omaha Community Foundation

Thank you for supporting Ollie Webb Center, Inc. during Omaha Gives 2014 charitable contributions day on May 21st. We raised $2,700!! That's $500 more than last year. We appreciate that a number of you took the time to contribute and we just wanted to say thank you for your help and your support!

Special thanks for supporting Loud Mouths 2014

The Art of Imagination would like to say thank you to all who supported Loud Mouths 2014, Omaha’s only playwriting festival by people with developmental disabilities. Over 150 people attended the two performances on May 15th and 16th at the new Barbara Weitz Community Engagement Center on the campus of UNO. A special thanks to Carolyn Anderson and WhyArts? for underwriting the directors’ fees. Over 20 actors, writers, directors, and stage crew participated. Thanks again for making this program a real success.

Ollie’s Dream 2014

Saturday, June 7, 2014 • Hilton Omaha (1001 Cass Street)

We are unable to attend the gala, but would like to support this event.

Name ________________________________
Address ____________________________________________ Phone (______)________________
City ___________________________________________ State ____________ Zip ___________________

☐ I would like to charge my donation on:
☐ VISA ☐ MC ☐ Discover

Credit Card Number __ __ __ __     __ __ __ __     __ __ __ __     __ __ __ __   Expiration Date ___________

Signature ____________________________________________ Security Code ____________

☐ We are enclosing $ ______________ as our contribution to Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Make checks payable to Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

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

The Arc of Omaha is a member agency of the United Way of the Midlands and a Chapter of The Arc of Nebraska and the U.S.
Please join us for our 2014 Arc of Omaha Membership Drive!

“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 2014. 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 2014 Membership Form
Your membership will be valid from January 1 through December 31, 2014

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 e-mail 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: $______________

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

Your contribution is tax deductible.

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An Important Step in Advocacy

• Write it down and keep a copy

As parents we often hear “put that in writing please” especially when requesting information from physicians, insurance companies, or school districts. This seems to happen a lot when you need to document something about your child’s disability to strangers or organizations not familiar with disability. Letter writing or writing things down for later use can take a lot of time, but it can also help you document an incident, keep a list or written record of your requests to others, or help people not familiar with disabilities understand your child’s needs.

Jot down a few notes about your child before you begin writing a letter. Use your child’s name and remember the first letter you write is always a draft. You might forget to include something or run on too long, so always read the letter and if you can read it out loud to a friend. Ask the listener if they understood the points you were trying to make.

Most letters are too long so do your best to keep emotions or blame out of them. Stick to the facts and information of the situation and or request you are making. Stories are very hard to put in a letter and may best be done in person. You can however make your letter stand out by including a photograph of your child.

Another Important Step in Advocacy

• Make phone calls and get names.

Before you make a phone call you can write out a brief script of what you want to say with the most important points emphasized. Keep it by the phone and refer back to it if you need to. Always start the call with a pad and pencil or pen handy to write things down. Sometimes their can be long waiting on the phone so make sure you call with plenty of time in case you get put on hold. And if you do get put on hold use that time to organize your thoughts or read your notes. If you need to leave a message be sure to leave both your name and your child’s name with the receptionist or secretary. You can also ask to make a telephone appointment with the person you wish to reach if they are too busy to speak at the time of your call. And if you make an appointment for another call, keep your appointment.
Here is a sample of what has been presented this year in PRISM

**Grandparents & Extended Family Workshop**

Family exploring ways to support their loved ones with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Brought to you by: Ollie Webb Center, Inc. PRISM Project, ESU#3 & Omaha area Planning Regions
HOOKED ON FISHING WITH THE HUSKER BASS CLUB

For Families of Children ages 2-17 years.

Date: Sunday June 22, 2014
Time: 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

Come and fish with members of the Husker Bass Club at two privately owned well stocked lakes in a park like setting just outside of Omaha and close to Two Rivers State Park. Fishing helpers, fishing equipment and lunch will be provided for everyone thanks to the Husker Bass Fishing Club and their sponsors. By reservation only-
-Reservations are limited to 150 people total for this event, immediate family members only please.

Lunch will be provided: hotdogs, chips, macaroni salad, potato salad, and ice cream bars.

Location: A map of the location will be sent to you when you are registered.

Reservations:
To Annie at aanderson@olliewebbinc.org or by calling 402.346.5220 Ext. 23 by June 13, 2014. This event fills up fast and we will have a wait list for those that do not make the first 150 people reserved. Sometimes there are cancellations.

The location where we fish is also home to various wildlife like peacocks and swans which freely roam the property. Bring your camera and plan to catch and release some NICE fish! We will eat lunch under a covered pavilion and a porta potty is available on site. If you want to sit on lawn chairs to fish-- please bring your own and don’t forget your camera to record the big catch!

FIRE AND SAFETY DAY 2014

Saturday July 26, 2014
1:00 to 4:00 p.m.
Bellevue Fire Training Facility
3100 Cornhusker Road

To RSVP, contact Annie Anderson at call 402.346.5220 Ext. 23 or e-mail aanderson@olliewebbinc.org.

Bring the whole family out for an afternoon jam-packed full of activities designed to provide your family with fire safety education as well as summer fun. Meet awesome firefighters and watch amazing demonstrations you won’t see anywhere else! The fire training facility is a state of the art facility with room to accommodate everybody.

Bring swimsuits and sunscreen for the kids so they can end the day playing in the large water sprinklers. Learn about fire safety plans, how to call 911 for help, why it is important to wear seatbelts, what is involved with first aid. You will witness an actual fire being put out.

Explore safety vehicles like the Life Net Helicopter, a police car and motorcycle. Ride in a fire engine, learn about bike safety. Due to the nature of this event, there must be at least one adult present with the capability to supervise all the family members for the day.
Next Chapter Book Club

- Book Clubs meets once a week for an hour as small group at a local coffee shop or gathering place to read and discuss a book selected by the group.
- All reading levels can participate!
- Book club participants will enjoy social connections and the delight of expanding their literacy.
- Open spots on Wednesday nights in Midtown and Papillion.
- For more information about the Next Chapter Book Club, please contact Denise Gehringer dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org.

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, please contact:
dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org

Making Pizza & New Friends!
2014 Policy Update

• Before sending in your registration and payment contact Kelsie at 402-981-2858 or ktroudt@olliewebbinc.org to see if space is still available.

Food and Friends
Date: June 3, 2014 or July 8, 2014
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!

Location: OWCI

Cost: $15 for Arc members/$20 for non-Arc members
(If you register and pay by 5/31 or 7/1) (DISCOUNT!) $20 for Arc members/$25 for non-Arc members at the door.

RESERVATION FORM – Just Friends

Name:________________________________________ Phone #: (_____)_______________
Address:________________________________________ Zip: _________________________
Date of Birth:____________________
Emergency Contact ________________________      Emergency Phone : _______________________

PLEASE CIRCLE THE EVENT(S) THAT CORRESPONDS WITH PAYMENT

Food & Friends (June 3) ......................................................... (DISCOUNT) $15 Arc member/ $20 non-member
$20 Arc member/ $25 non-member at the door

Work-it-Wednesdays (June 4, 11, 18, 25).................................. (DISCOUNT) $10 Arc member/$15 non-member
$20 Arc member / $25 non-member at the door

Picnic (June 13) ................................................................. (DISCOUNT) $15 Arc member/$20 non-member
$20 Arc member / $25 non-member at the door

Food & Friends (July 8) ......................................................... (DISCOUNT) $15 Arc member/ $20 non-member
$20 Arc member/ $25 non-member at the door

Luau (July 3) ................................................................. (DISCOUNT) $15 Arc member/ $20 non-member
$20 Arc member/ $25 non-member at the door

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
Work-it-Wednesdays
Morning Fitness Course: 9:00 -11:00 a.m.

Did you know that exercise is proven to be more effective when you do it with friends? Exactly why you should join the Fitness Group! We will be completing a different fitness type every week, and then having a healthy snack.

Each week will have an instructor who is trained in a style of exercise. (Example: Zumba, Nutrition, Yoga, etc.) If anyone is interested in participating; contact Kelsie Troudt at ktroudt@olliewebbinc.org or 402-981-2858 by the Friday prior to the event.

Dates: 6/4, 611, 6/18, 6/25
Times: 9:00 -11:00 a.m.
Location: Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, Gretna, Nebraska

Price: $10 for Arc members/$15 for non-Arc members per week (IF you register by the Friday before) (DISCOUNT!) $15 Arc members/$20 for non-Arc members at the door.

Picnic in the Park
We hope you’ll join us for an evening of music, park activities and dinner!

Date: Friday, June 13th
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Hanscom Park Pavilion (Brick building) (3212 Woolworth Avenue)

Price: $15 for Arc members/$20 for non-members (IF you register by 6/8) $20 for Arc members/$25 for non-members at the door.

Annual PUSH Luau
Date: Thursday, July 3rd
Time: 5:00-8:00 p.m.
Mockingbird Community Center:
10242 Mockingbird Drive

5:30-7:00 p.m. Swim in the pool
7:00-8:00 p.m. Eat dinner

Price: $15 for participants and $5 for staff and parents who eat. Send RSVP to Amanda Clark by June 30 or e-mail or call by July 1, to aclark@olliewebbinc.org or call Amanda Clark at 402-346-5220 ext. 31.

Watch-a-Movie Wednesday
Dates: 7/2, 7/9, 7/16, 7/23, 7/30
Time: 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (Depending on the length of the movie)
Price: $20 Arc member/$25 non-Arc member (in cash at the event)

• All movies will be seen at Westwood Cinema 8 (2809 S 125th Ave).
• Movies will be determined the Friday before. Due to having lunch before the movie, we will not purchase snacks at the theater. If you would like snacks, please bring additional money.
• Payment must be in cash, due to the theater only accepting cash for payments.
• Lunch will rotate between IHOP (12423 W. Center Rd.), Panera Bread (3219 Oakview Dr.), Romeo’s (14630 W. Center Rd.), Chipolte Mexican Grill (13203 W. Center Rd.), and Pepperjax Grill (2429 S. 132nd St.).
• Parents are asked to drop their child off at the restaurant and pick him/her up at the theater.
• If your child needs transportation, staff will provide transportation at an additional charge.
**Lunch and Movie**

**Date:** Thursday, July 3rd  
**Time:** 12:30-3:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 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.  

**June 21:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by June 17 or call/e-mail by June 20.  
**July 19:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by July 15 or call/e-mail by July 18.

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**Annual PUSH Luau**

**Date:** Thursday, July 3rd  
**Time:** 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Mockingbird Community Center: 10242 Mockingbird Drive  
**Cost:** $15 for participants and $5 for staff and parents who eat.  

**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 available.  

**June 3:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by June 1 or call/e-mail by June 1.  
**July 1:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by June 27 or call/e-mail by June 30.

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**Weather Policies**

The following weather may cause us to cancel and/or reschedule events:  
- Tornado warnings  
- Extreme heat of 90+ degrees and humidity  
- Severe thunderstorms and/or lightening  

If the weather is questionable, and you are not sure if an Adult Services event will be held or cancelled, call 402.346.5220 ext 31 for event updates.

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**Food and Friends**

Food and Friends is a fun way to reinforce basic skills in the kitchen, while spending time with new and old friends. Students will make a rational meal and take the recipe along home to try again.  

**5:30-7:30 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.  

**June 2:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by June 1 or call/e-mail by June 1.  
**July 1:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by June 27 or call/e-mail by June 30.

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**Lunch and Movie**

**Date:** Thursday, July 3rd  
**Time:** 5:00-8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** 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.  

**June 21:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by June 17 or call/e-mail by June 20.  
**July 19:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by July 15 or call/e-mail by July 18.
ADULT SERVICES
(Ages 19 and Older)
by Amanda Clark
aclark@olliewebbinc.org

Adult Services Large Group Events
co-sponsored by the City of Omaha Parks and Recreation - Therapeutic Recreation

Adult Services Annual Picnic in the Park
We hope you’ll join us for an evening of music, outdoor games and activities, time with friends, dinner, plus so much more!

Date: Friday June 13th
Time: 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Hanscom Park Pavilion (Brick building)
(3212 Woolworth Avenue)

$15 for participants and $5 charge for staff and parents who eat.

Send RSVP to Amanda Clark by June 9th or e-mail or call by June 12th aclark@olliewebbinc.org or call Amanda Clark at 402-346-5220 ext. 31.

RESERVATION FORM – Adult Services

Name:_____________________________________________________ Phone #: (_____)_______________
Address:___________________________________________________ Zip: _________________________
Date of Birth:______________________
Emergency Contact ________________________ Emergency Phone : _______________________

PLEASE CIRCLE THE EVENT(S) THAT CORRESPONDS WITH PAYMENT

Food & Friends (June 3) (July 1) ............................................................... $15 Arc member/ $20 non-member
Lunch and a Movie (June 21) (July 19) ........................................ $15 Arc member/$20 non-member
Annual Picnic at Hanscom Park (June 13) ..................................... $15 /$5 staff/parents who eat
PUSH Luau (July 3) ........................................................................... $15 /$5 staff/parents who eat

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
Project II... is the local self-advocacy group in Omaha. Adult members come together monthly to learn and teach skills associated with self-advocacy—decision making, problem solving, speaking up, etc. We would like to have you participate with us by joining our group at a regular meeting or a special event. RSVP’s are required for all meetings and events, by e-mailing Aimee Addison [Advisor for Project II]— aimeeaddison114@yahoo.com. Dates and times are subject to change without notice.

- **June**: Car wash. (Date not confirmed.)
- **July 18** - **Meeting** - Bring a friend month
- **August**: Summer dance. (Date not confirmed)
- **September 19** - **Meeting**
- **October 10 - 12**: PFN Convention in Kearney
- **November 14** - **Meeting**
- **December 5**: Christmas party  (Only for those members who actively participate during the year.)

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**The Art of Imagination**

by Jim Hoggatt, Artistic Director

Diversability: Connecting people of all abilities together through public art.

This summer, in partnership with Why Arts, the Art of Imagination will unveil a new mural on the back side of the Tip Top thrift shop in the Benson area. The Art of Imagination, along with Monroe Meyer, Quality Living and Vodec, have been working with local professional artists to create images and ideas for the mural. Omaha mural artist Mike Giron is heading up the project. Local artist Natalie Linstrom and long-time instructor of The Art of Imagination’s The Amazing Invincible Super Comic Book Project! Tim Mayer have been working with students at the Ollie Webb Center on the mural images.

The project will culminate on Friday June 6, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. with the Diversability Street Festival celebrating the completion of the mural. There will be tents full of art and artists, food, and fun. The celebration is open to everyone.
JOIN US!
JUNE 6TH, 2014
6–8PM
TIP TOP THRIFT SHOP
5910 MAPLE ST
(WALGREENS PARKING LOT)

DIVERSABILITY: CONNECTING PEOPLE OF ALL ABILITIES TOGETHER THROUGH PUBLIC ART.

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IN THE SPOTLIGHT!
ISAAC LUC

Teacher Isaac Luc, has been with our Education Program since August of 2007 and as one might suspect, a lot has happened with Isaac and his family since that time. In June of 2012, he and his wife Helen welcomed into their life a baby girl they named Lilian, a precocious little girl who loves saying a big “Hi!” to her dad when he gets home from work. Along with teaching classes at OWCI Isaac also works a pastor for his church “Luk Christian Hope Ministry” which includes a bible school, seminary and services on Sundays.

Originally from Sudan, Isaac moved to Omaha in 2001 and enrolled in classes at the University of Nebraska at Omaha pursuing a Bachelor of General Studies and majoring in Gerontology. Isaac never thought he’d end up working as an instructor in a program serving people with developmental disabilities. He worked as a volunteer for a period of time in a nursing home and he had a part time job as a library assistant at UNO and he decided to pursue more hours, hoping to find a job where he could continue to help people as he did at the nursing home. After doing some research, he found a position within our Ultimate Life Program and it wasn’t long after that, that our education department asked Isaac to join their team.

Isaac says his favorite part of working as a teacher for OWCI is getting to know the students. He has said that many people with developmental disabilities may have issues with self-confidence and he says finding a student’s potential – along with getting to know them – are his favorite parts of his position. All so he can help them see their own potential and be proud of it. He is a gentle teacher who values using his own experiences and talents to better the lives of others, and he says the students at the Ollie Webb Center, Inc. are a major part of his life. For Isaac, he says his work with our students is key to his own sense of purpose, and it’s their success that makes him happiest, along with seeing that little girl every day, with that big shout she has for her daddy – “Hi!”
OLLIE’S PHOTO GALLERY

Photography and Animals Class at the Zoo

Photography Class

Playing Basketball