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

Holiday Hours
Thanksgiving:
Closed Thursday, November 26 & Friday, November 27

Christmas:
Closed Thursday December 24 & Friday December 25

New Year’s:
Closed Friday, January 1

ANNUAL MEETING RECAP
OLLIE WEBB CENTER, INC.

The Annual Meeting of Ollie Webb Center, Inc. was held on November 9, 2020.

Awards were bestowed to:

The Arc of Omaha at the Ollie Webb Center
Just Friends Mentor of the Year 2020: Jacqueline Barnes
Best Buddies College Buddy of the Year 2020: Mia Morrissey
Next Chapter Book Club Facilitator of the Year 2020: Trisha Edwards

Career Solutions, Inc. at the Ollie Webb Center
Employer of the Year 2020: Eileen’s Colossal Cookies
Agency Artist of the Year 2020: Kevin Sieczkowski
Community Artist of the Year 2020: Jill Anderson

Ollie Webb Center, Inc. Community Partnership Award
Community Partner of the Year 2020: Scottish Rite Masonic Center

Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
Agency Volunteer of the Year 2020: Liz Sigler

Board Member Service Awards:
Alex Beiting • Dan Myers

10 Years of Service:
Korey Anderson • Jim Hoggatt • Nancy Mundy

5 Years of Service:
Aimee Addison • Chris Greco-Dawson • Tammie Johnson • Robin McArthur
DON’T FORGET!
to renew your Arc of Omaha membership for 2021.

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

※ Heavy, accumulating, blowing and drifting snow
※ Ten degrees or more below zero and/or wind chill
※ Ice, sleet and/or freezing rain
If the weather is questionable, 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 and/or check our Facebook page 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 2021 Membership Drive!
“Time and money spent in helping people to do more for themselves is far better than mere giving.” ~ Henry Ford

This has been a difficult year for all of us, but the impact of COVID-19 on individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and their families has been especially devastating. Many of our clients are still largely self-quarantining due to underlying health conditions and have limited access to their cherished friends, hobbies, and routines.

Please consider becoming an Arc of Omaha member today so our clients can safely enjoy virtual adaptations of programs such as the First and Next Chapter Book Clubs, Friends and Best Buddies Mentoring Programs, and sibling and parent support.

Becoming a member for 2021 is easy! Options start at just $25. This can be done is by mail (fill out the form below) or online at www.olliewebbinc.org. The benefits of continued membership include:

- Use of the Ollie Webb Center, Inc. pass to Omaha’s Henry Doorly Zoo. Pass use is unlimited based on availability and entitles 2 adults and up to 6 children free admission to the zoo.
- Discounts on many activities and events sponsored by The Arc of Omaha. For more information, please reference our monthly newsletter or www.olliewebbinc.org.
- Support from The Arc of Nebraska and The Arc of the United States, including representation at local, state, and national policy forums and publications on a variety of topics.
- The satisfaction of supporting a local community agency that tirelessly informs the public of the needs, rights, and abilities of individuals with developmental disabilities.

Your Arc of Omaha membership sends a strong message in support of the rights of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Please consider becoming a member today!

The Arc of Omaha 2021 Membership Form
Your membership will be valid from January 1 through December 31, 2021
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

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 2021 Arc Members!
The Arc of Omaha has a free Family Zoo Pass available for use by its 2020 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.
MENTORING SERVICES
Best Buddies

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.

Best Buddies is the world’s largest organization dedicated to ending the social, physical and economic isolation of the 200 million people with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Best Buddy programs like ours empower the special abilities of people with disabilities by helping them form meaningful friendships with peers, secure successful jobs, live independently, improve public speaking, self-advocacy and communication skills, and feel valued by society.

Best Buddy Fall Highlight

Ayushi Kaul and Eddie shared the title of "Buddy Pair" over the last two years in Creighton Best Buddies, a program hosted by Ollie Webb Center, Inc. This month, Ayushi and Eddie are being recognized for their dedication to a bond and friendship that brings both joy and laughter to each other and other participants in Best Buddies. Although Ayushi graduated this year, she has made a lasting impact in the Best Buddies program, according to Eddie.

Eddie shared that, "Ayushi is a very special person. She makes me laugh, She always has a smile for me, and she shows me that she cares about me by the things she does for me. This makes me want to care about others just like her. I believe Ayushi is one of a kind! . . . I would like her to be recognized for the years, time, energy, and love she has given to Best Buddies." Thanks Ayushi and Eddie for your commitment to the Best Buddies program at OWCI.
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.

Book Clubs meet 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.

Zooming with Next Chapter Book Club and Ultimate Life

The NCBC and Ultimate Life Programs are continuing to build their virtual presence on Zoom! We have had so many happy reunions and it is a great morale booster for all to “see” one another again. Tara is diligently working with current and new Book Club volunteer facilitators to get the remaining groups active again. The response from all Book Club members participating via Zoom is that while the format is not the same as meeting face to face, they all appreciate the ability to see one another and participate in activities that they might not get to do in person. The social connections and camaraderie remain strong even during a pandemic!

We are happy to share that not only do we have our Ultimate Life events up and running but we are sharing the opportunity to participate to everyone who is involved with an OWCI program! The Ultimate Life program has been delighted to share our unique program in a new format with individuals who have not joined us before. Our events have been a resounding success and participants are excited to see old friends as well as make new ones. If you are interested in learning more about Ultimate Life, this is a great time to check it out. Our virtual events include Dinner with Friends, Game Night, and Karaoke Night. All of our events are just $10.00 and are billed after the event. Please contact Tara if you have any questions about either program. She is happy to help!
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.

Jim Hoggatt, Artistic Director • jhoggatt@olliewebbinc.org

As Carrie Nath joins the Art of Imagination (AoI) as the new Managing Director, there has never been a better time to chart a course for the program. “Let’s talk about our dream ideas for the future,” Nath said in a recent meeting. Nath and Artistic Director Jim Hoggatt have been long time friends and associates, first working together during an Emmy Gifford Children’s Theater National touring production of Thumbelina in the early 1990s taking them to cities like Chicago, Houston and Rochester, New York.

Currently, The Art of Imagination annual theater production has been postponed until the fall of 2021. Planning and writing for a theater project titled Dionysia, based on Greek myths, is currently underway. The project is being directed by Nath with Carole Waterman serving as Cultural Consultant and Music Director with support from Hoggatt, Education Coordinator David Ackermann, and OWCI’s Playwriting class participants. There is also an online Video Sketch Production created via Zoom, written by and featuring 20+ participants which will premiere at the end of 2020.

Other The Art of Imagination programs with dreams of expansion include the filmmaking and musical theater classes. In the past, OWCI offered a summer filmmaking project in which participants and a local filmmaking artist worked together to write, produce, act in, edit, and premiere films. The musical theater program has featured an outreach component in which enrollees and local musical professionals perform and teach workshops in local middle school Special Education programs and Assisted Living facilities. These programs are looking to be re-expanded in the coming semesters.

Other successful endeavors of The Art of Imagination have been the community partnerships with which it has been engaged. This includes Fellows Workshops which have continued in partnership with Opera Omaha with Musical Theater participants working alongside the Opera's Fellows throughout the year. Other partnerships have been created with WhyArts, the Omaha Community Playhouse, the Blue Barn Theatre, and many others. There are plans to expand The Art of Imagination's partnerships into the Omaha's arts community in the coming year.
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.

Strong Partnerships - The Scottish Rite

Each year at Ollie Webb Center, Inc.'s (OWCI) Annual Meeting, awards are presented to an organization that goes above and beyond in creating a meaningful partnership with OWCI. This year OWCI is honored and excited to recognize the Scottish Rite with Community Organization of the Year for 2020.

Over the past three years, the Scottish Rite has opened their doors and resources to OWCI programs and participants. Their beautiful stage, located on the Temple's third floor, has been the site of The Art of Imagination's sold-out performances of The White Gander in 2018 and Morozko in 2019. The upcoming production of Dionysia is also planned to premiere at the Scottish Rite in the fall of 2021.

OWCI strives to promote inclusivity for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and the Scottish Rite has helped us achieve this goal. The leadership and team at the Scottish Rite have consistently responded to the needs and interests of program participants, from storing supplies and props for our large-scale productions to answering questions from program participants on the history of the building and the mission of the Scottish Rite.

OWCI is proud to partner with the Scottish Rite and honor them with the Community Organization of the Year in 2020. We look forward to our continued partnership in the coming years.
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.

Employee of the Month!

Alex was nominated for Employee of the Month in October and has worked in Guest Services for Planet Fitness since 2017. Alex was nominated by his General Manager, Anjelica, who wanted to recognize him for his longevity, high level of performance, and strong work ethic. Alex's current duties include providing a clean, safe, and welcoming environment to all customers; providing informational tours to prospective clients; checking in current members; and thoroughly cleaning and sanitizing all gym equipment and facility areas.

In 2020, Alex, like many other members of our community experienced the secondary impact of COVID-19 on his employment. From the middle of March to early summer, Alex was unable to work as Planet Fitness, following local and state guidelines, closed its doors due to health and safety concerns. Upon re-opening, Alex returned to work with support from his managers, co-workers, and job coaches, as well as additional training to help remain safe. Some of Alex's new work guidelines included: taking his break at a flexible time so that when he does need to un-mask, he has a private space to maintain social distancing; using hand sanitizing stations throughout the gym; wearing gloves and a mask while performing his job; and participating in a temperature check for all employees upon their arrival to work. Alex was honored to receive this award from his employer, Planet Fitness and looks forward to achieving his next employment milestone in the near future.
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