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We need your help!

Please consider donating a silent or live auction item for the gala. Donations can be dropped off or mailed to our office or picked up by a member of our staff.

Please contact Lisa Turner at lisa@turnereventsandmarketing.com or 402.926.1199, if you have any questions or would like additional information.

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.

You are invited to a benefit for the programs of Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Ollie's Dream 2014

Saturday, June 7, 2014 • Hilton Omaha (1001 Cass Street)
6:30 p.m. - Wine Tasting • Silent Auction • Heavy Hors d'oeuvres
Dessert • Live Jazz Music
8:30 p.m. - Program • 9:30 p.m. - Live Auction

Please make reservations for ____ at $100 per person OR reserve ____ tables of 10 at $1000

Name__________________________________________________________
Address ____________________________________________ Phone (___)_____
City __________________ State __________ Zip _______________

☐ I am unable to attend Ollie’s Dream 2014, but I’m enclosing $_________ as my contribution to Ollie Webb Center, Inc.
☐ I would like to donate an oral auction item (goods/services valued $350+)
☐ I would like to donate an oral auction item (goods/services valued $50-$350)
☐ I would like to place an advertisement in the program ($75 1/2 page, $150 full page)
☐ I would like to volunteer (various tasks before, during and after event) (age 21+)

SAVE THE DATE!

We are excited to be a part of our city’s giving holiday - Omaha Gives! on May 21st!

OMAHA GIVES!

powered by the Omaha Community Foundation

The Omaha Community Foundation is challenging you to support to your favorite causes by donating during Omaha Gives!

Ollie Webb Center, Inc. has the chance to win matching funds and prize money for donations coming in. Get ready to prove how generous Omaha can be! Learn more at Omahagives24.org
**Put Your Honey to Use**

**Grilled Apples with Cheese and Honey**

**Ingredients**
- 1 large or 2 small tart apples, peeled and sliced into 1/2 inch thick rounds
- 2 teaspoons almond or canola oil
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 ounce Sharp Cheddar or Parmigiano-Reggiano Cheese
- 2 tablespoons chopped pecans-toasted
- 4 teaspoons honey

**Preparation:**
Preheat grill or grill pan to medium heat. Toss apple slices with oil and sugar into large bowl. Grill apple slices until just tender and lightly marked, turning only once, about 6 minutes total. Shave cheese into thin strips with a vegetable peeler. Top the apples with a sprinkling of cheese and nuts and then drizzle with honey.

Serves 2
Omaha Film Classic

Please join us on Friday, May 23rd as Omaha Film Historian Bruce Crawford hosts his 34th tribute, to classic films with special guest, Oscar winning actress and TV legend Patty Duke and her film classic, “The Miracle Worker;” one of the finest films ever made!

**Friday May 23, 2014 • 7:00 p.m.**  
**at the Joslyn Art Museum**  
**2200 Dodge Street, Omaha NE**

Tickets are $22.00 at all Omaha Hy-Vee Food Stores customer service counters, and go on sale beginning April 30th.

Artist, Nicolosi will once again unveil a commemorative envelope for the U.S. Postal Service, honoring our guest and the film. For more information: call 402.926.8299 or www.omahafilmevent.com

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**Zoo Pass Available to 2014 Arc Members!**

For 2014 the Arc of Omaha has a free Family Zoo Pass available for use by its members. It will allow 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 any time 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, he must present the pass and check in at the Visitors Center.

**Call Kerree at 402.346.5220 ext. 10, to reserve the Family Zoo Pass.**
Grandparents & Extended Family Workshop

This Workshop is designed for grandparents, aunts, uncles & other extended family members of children with disabilities.

**Date:** Saturday, May 3, 2014  
**Location:** ESU #3, 6949 So. 110th St., Omaha Nebraska  
**Lower Level: Cass/Douglas Room**  
**Time:** 8:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.  
**Fee:** $5 for individuals, $7 for couples  
**Confidential scholarships available:** Call Mahaila Ramold at 402-597-4936 to inquire.

**Agenda**

- **8:30** Registration and Breakfast (Provided)
- **9:00-10:30** “Why is my Grandchild Behaving that way?” Understanding the reason behind negative behavior so you can help teach a more desired behavior. National Presenter: Joanie Garro, MA, BCBA
- **10:30-10:45** Break
- **10:45-12:15** iPad 101 Learn why this technology is useful for people with Special needs and how to use it. Presenter: Dixie Trevarthen, Region Assistive Technology Consultant
- **12:15-1:00** LUNCH (Provided)
- **1:15-2:00** Break Out Session 1: Choose from a variety of disability related topics
- **2:00-2:45** Break Out Session 2: Choose from a variety of disability related topics
- **2:45-3:30** Wrap-up & Evaluation

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**Grandparents Workshop-Saturday, May 3rd, 2014**

**Registrations due: April 23, 2014**

*$5 for individuals, $7 for couples, no refunds*

Mail to: ESU #3, Mahaila Ramold 6949 South 110th St., Omaha, NE 68128, E-mail: MRamold@esu3.org

Please make checks payable to ESU #3, Grandparent Workshop, and attach registration form.

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*Information provided in alternate format at your request (i.e. Braille, interpreter, etc.)*

*Scholarships available if needed to pay for registration.*

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**Brought to you by:** ESU#3 and Ollie Webb Center, Inc. PRISM Project
HOOKED ON FISHING - DATE CHANGE

SAVE THE DATE:
Sunday June 22, 2014 • 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Would you like to spend the day fishing with your kids? That is the day we will be having our Hooked on Fishing event at a private well-stocked lake just outside of Omaha. Mark your calendars and stay tuned for further notice about reservations. Lunch, bait and equipment included for your use.

Happy Mother’s Day Door Dazzle Paint Party
Hosted by Annie Anderson and Celeste Mitten

For Mothers of children, teens and adults with any kind of disability.

Friday May 9, 2014
from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

Home of Annie Anderson (Mom to George)
at 1418 South 139th Street – (139th and Pacific Street in Trendwood)

Cost: $20.00 per person. Make your check out to Melissa Stary and send it in with your registration.

Food: Finger sandwiches and homemade Tea with fresh fruit will be provided. Participants may bring a dessert to share if they would like.

Please help us welcome Melissa Stary as she provides instruction and supplies to make Door Dazzle – large (18 inches) painted wood pieces to hang on your front door with a wreath holder. Each Mom may pick out their favorite wood piece to decorate. We will take reservations for up to 15 people so please fill out the reservation form below and send in your check addressed to Melissa Stary.

SAVE THE DATE

Fire and Safety Day
Saturday July 26, 2014
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 contact:
dgehringer@olliewebbinc.org
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: May 13, 2014 or June 3, 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 5/9 or 5/31) (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 : _______________________

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Food & Friends (May 13) ........................................................... (DISCOUNT) $15 Arc member/ $20 non-member
$20 Arc member/ $25 non-member at the door
iPad Class (May 6, 13, 20, 27) ........................................................... (DISCOUNT) $60 Arc member/ $65 non-member
$70 Arc member/ $75 non-member at the door
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

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
Introducing a new evening class for Just Friends Teens and Adults Services members!

“Beginners iPad Training Class”

We will learn about: Movement of screen; volume control; safety with the machine; using Safari and Google; typing notes and learning about navigating through various apps.

This event is open to both the Just Friends teens, and adult services. Teen pricing is listed below. (See the adult services page for information regarding ages 19+).

**Dates:** Tuesdays May 6, 13, 20, 27  
**Time:** 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Location:** Ollie Webb Center, Inc.

Cost: $60 for Arc members/$65 for non-members (IF you registered and paid by 4/18)  
$70 for Arc members/$75 for non-members at the door.

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, 6/11, 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.
Introducing a new evening class for Just Friends Teens and Adults Services members!

“Beginners iPad Training Class” We will learn about: Movement of screen; volume control; safety with the machine; using Safari and Google; typing notes and learning about navigating through various apps.

Just a few of the things we’ll learn about while taking turns with our iPads: *If you have your own iPad to bring, you will not have to take turns with a classmate. Otherwise, you’ll be sharing OWCI’s iPads. This class will be taught in 4 parts.

**Dates: Tuesdays May 6, 13, 20, 27**
**Time: 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.**
**Location: Ollie Webb Center, Inc.**

Cost: $60 for Arc members/$65 for non-members (If you register and pay by 4/18)
$70 for Arc members/$75 for non-members at the door.

RSVP by April 18th by calling or e-mailing Amanda Clark at 346-5220 *31 or aclark@olliewebbinc.org.

**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 lightning

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 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.

**May 6:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by May 2 or call/e-mail by May 5.

**June 10:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by June 2 or call/e-mail by June 9.

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Lunch and Movie

Lunch and Movie is an afternoon of relaxing and socializing over a hearty lunch and after that we watch 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.

**May 17:** Send RSVP form to Amanda by May 14 or call/e-mail by May 16.

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

Cinco de Mayo Dance!
Friday, May 2 • 7:00 - 9:00 p.m.
Mockingbird Community Center: 10242 Mockingbird Drive

Light snacks, refreshments, dancing and live band The Babbling Tabbies!
$10 for participants and no charge for staff and parents who eat. If you bring someone new to OWCI events – you’ll both get $2 off admission!

Send RSVP to Amanda Clark by April 28th or e-mail or call by May 2nd aclark@olliewebbinc.org or call Amanda Clark at 402-346-5220 ext. 31

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!

Friday, June 13 • 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.
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 : _______________________

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Food & Friends (May 6) (June 10) ........................................... $15 Arc member/ $20 non-member
Lunch and a Movie (May 17) (June 21) .................................. $15 Arc member/$20 non-member
Cinco de Mayo (May 2) ............................................................. $10 /$0 staff/parents who eat
iPad Classes (Tues. May 6, 13, 20, 27) ..................................... $60 for all 4 weeks
Annual Picnic at Hanscom Park (June 13) ............................... $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.

**May 16: Meeting**
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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**How to be an Effective Advocate**

- **You have a personal story to share**
  Do not assume that others will do the advocacy because “they know how to advocate.”

- **Collect factual information**
  You are the expert on your child, have the confidence to keep track of the facts and speak up about them.

- **Positive thoughts**
  Believe that you have the ability to change a situation and that the result can be a win/win for both parties.

- **Follow through**
  Make sure that the change is actually enacted. Tell people thank you for their help. Kindness goes a long way.

- **Be a Resource**
  Policy makers can’t understand the impact of their decisions without you. They can’t know all the situations.
OLLIE’S PHOTO GALLERY

Enjoying the Easter Egg Hunt!
A native of Creighton, Nebraska, Joannie Serres moved with her family to Omaha in January 2009. It wasn’t until the late winter of 2013 that Joannie joined Ollie Webb Center, Inc. (OWCI), yet over the past year she has become well-known amongst her peers and staff as the sweet, funny friend she is. Joannie has worked hard in her classes at OWCI, and says her favorites are her cooking class and her film studies class. Joannie likes her film class, “because they show people with disabilities doing all kinds good of things.”

Having worked for 17 years in Creighton, Nebraska, at a care center, Joannie is no stranger to work. With the help of OWCI staff, Joannie found a job at Panera Bread in November 2013, and thinks “everyone there is very nice.” Joannie began running food and cleaning tables, but has recently been given new responsibilities, like stocking cups and cleaning the soda machine. Joannie takes great pride in her position at Panera Bread, and “wants to work hard and do a good job.”

With her residential staff, Joannie has been making a point of trying new things. She has been regularly exercising, eating new foods, and visiting new places. Joannie loves to swim at the gym! She recently tried bleu cheese with her salad – “This is really good!”— and has been cooking healthy meals at home. “It’s been hard getting my family to try it, but I think it tastes good!” And so does her residential staff! Of the new places she has been, a few of Joannie’s favorites were Lauritzen Gardens and Hollywood Candy in the Old Market. Joannie has also learned how to renew her library books from home and is learning how to ride the city bus. Go Joannie!

When she’s not in class at OWCI, working, or with residential staff, Joannie likes to spend time with her family. She helps care for two of her nieces and her newest nephew. Joannie also likes to watch movies and read books. She is a member of the Next Chapter Book Club, and says, “I like everybody in the group, and I like what we are reading.” They recently finished Black Beauty.

In the future, Joannie would like to find a place of her own or live with a friend. She looks forward to taking more classes at OWCI, getting new responsibilities at Panera Bread, and trying new things. We are proud to recognize her accomplishments and feature Joannie in this month’s Gazette! Keep up the good work, Joannie!
Performance Notice

for

Loud Mouths 2014

Omaha’s only playwriting festival by people with developmental disabilities

Thursday & Friday, May 15 & 16 at 7:00 p.m.

Admission: $5 at the door / No reservations

Community Engagement Center Auditorium
University of Nebraska Omaha • 6601 Dodge Street

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

Loud Mouths 2014

The Art of Imagination (the arts program of Ollie Webb Center, Inc.) is proud to present the third annual performance of Loud Mouths 2014: New Plays by the Students of The Art of Imagination. This is the only playwriting festival in Omaha by people with developmental disabilities.

Three original scripts were produced during a writing process beginning this past January under the mentorship of Artistic Director Jim Hoggatt. In March, rehearsal drafts of the plays were given to the directors (Jim Hoggatt, Stephanie Anderson, and Nils Haaland) for a rehearsal process which will culminate in performances May 15 and 16 at 7 p.m.

Auditions were held in early March in which 16 actors with and without disabilities were cast. The production is being designed by Selina McCormack with assistance from Casandra Ohle. Rehearsals are being overseen by stage manager Mindy Cotner.

This year the festival is excited to welcome back playwright Amy S. Bennett with a script titled The Nerdy Girlfriend. This is Amy’s third entry in the festival in as many years. Taylor Hess is returning for a second year with a new play called, Possessed! And the festival will be introducing a new writer, Cassie Lacy, and her play Not Getting Along.

Admission to the festival is $5 per person at the door. No advance reservations. The performance will also feature The Art of Imagination’s Jingle Jangle Jive singers and a display and sale of student photographs.

For more information contact: Jim Hoggatt at 402-342-4418 ext. 30 or jhoggatt@olliewebbinc.org.
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It’s Free!