

DISCOVER YOUR ABILITIES

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Clients*



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DISCOVER YOUR

HOW TO GET YOUR STORY PRINTED

We are always excited to hear about all of the wonderful successes from around the state, but we know that there is much more to report on.

If you have a **success story** you would like to have included in “Discover Your Abilities” please be sure to submit it to us.

We also welcome information regarding **events** going on in your area, pictures of **art** you have created, **pictures** you have taken, **short stories** or **poems** you have written, and much more.

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THE AGENCY

Creative Community Living Services, Inc. was established in 1973 for the purpose of providing residential supports for adults with developmental disabilities. These residential supports are based in the community and vary greatly according to individual needs and desires.

In 1973, there were few choices for people with developmental disabilities and their families when it came to residential supports. The men who founded CCLS believed that institutions were not the only answer and that all people could, given the chance, live productive and fulfilling lives in the community. These gentlemen started the company, found a house on the east side of Madison, and negotiated with various levels of the government to allow eight people

to move into it from the State Institutions. In those days, an eight-bed group home was almost unheard of in Wisconsin, and many people were skeptical as to the future of CCLS.

Today, CCLS is one of the largest, most diverse residential providers in the State of Wisconsin. We are proud of our service record and are continually looking towards the future. All of our corporation's actions are based on our Mission, Vision, and Philosophy.





MEET CHARLES SAGLER, MAINTENANCE ASSISTANT

In November of 2006, CCLS Western Region lost a valued friend and employee, Leroy Buchholz. While Leroy's loss left a considerable void, Charles Sagler has stepped up to take on Leroy's work for the region.

Charles had some big shoes to fill and has done a good job of it. Charles took over the position left by Leroy in December. Charles cleans the Western Region office and has done some yard work also.

He is an asset to CCLS and the maintenance department. He enjoys interacting with the office personnel and staff who drop by the office. Charles works hard to keep the office clean—not an easy job since he has nine ladies to pick up after!

Charles lives on South 6th Street, a live-by setting. His interests are cars, riding his bike and his cat, Tigger.



CLIENTS OFFER INSIGHT INTO CCLS SERVICES

Angela (left) and Karen (right) visit with staff at CCLS' corporate headquarters in Watertown.

The corporate office of Creative Community Living Services, Inc. (CCLS), located in Watertown, spent the month of October celebrating both the organization's 34th anniversary and National Disability Awareness Month.

Recently, two CCLS clients who are served in Beaver Dam – part of the organization's Central Region – visited with staff members at the corporate office in Watertown. The clients, Angela and Karin, highlighted some of the different experiences and living situations encountered by CCLS clients across the state.

Angela (Angie) has been a CCLS client since 1989. She lives independently in her apartment with her two cats and works

15 hours a week at Green Valley Enterprises. She also enjoys performing karaoke every Thursday night. Angie receives four hours of service per week from CCLS, in which a residential coordinator comes to her home to support her in activities of daily living such as housecleaning and grocery shopping.

Karen has lived in CCLS' group home on Mackie Street in Beaver Dam since 2001. She also works at Green Valley Enterprises and is very involved in the community. Karen enjoys bowling and has competed in Special Olympics in that sport. She also enjoys visiting with her sisters and her sister's dog Daisy.



KEEPING UP WITH JAMES

BY JENNIFER RADLOFF

Just when Mary Ann wants to sit down and relax from a hard day's work, she's off again taking James to bowling or basketball or speed skating. Those are just a few things that Mary Ann, James Pazekiewicz's mother, has James involved in.

James is served by CCLS in our waiver program and lives at home with his mother Mary Ann and father James. But year round, James is involved with sports through Special Olympics; people might recognize him from the Milwaukee area team.

When he's not out practicing the many sports he participates in, he is working hard at McDonalds three days a week. As you can see in the picture James is a hard worker, and he reports that he loves his job!

James became a local celebrity this last January after the [MyCommu-](#)

[nityNOW.com](#) paper did an article about a local bowling ally and chose James as the front page star. The article announced that the South Park Lanes Bowling Buddies was celebrating 25 years this year. James was interviewed and quoted in the article a few times. He continues to bowl two nights a week in the fall and winter seasons. James stated if he could do one thing year round he would bowl!

James keeps him self busy and motivated with the help of his mother Mary Ann and father James who transport him to and from activities. However, James is proud to say that he could get himself any where in Milwaukee just by taking the city bus!

James's big 40th birthday was just last month and he continues to keep on trucking! Way to go James, and keep up the hard work!



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NEW BIKES ON PINE VIEW ROAD

SUBMITTED BY BETH JOHNSON

When the clients at 402 Pine View Road in Black River Falls inherited a three-wheeled bike from a client who had passed away, they discovered that it was so much fun that it created sharing problems. However, with the help of area businesses, funds were soon pooled to purchase two additional bikes. Now the individuals living at Pine View Road are having a lot of fun with their bikes, riding around the area of their house and the fairgrounds. A local newspaper, the Banner-Journal, also featured them in a story.



Thanks to the generosity of local businesses and individuals, Bob, Jen and Frank can now go cruising regularly on their new bikes.

The residents at Pine View Road thank the following Black River Falls area businesses and individuals for helping to purchase their new bikes:

Black River Therapeutic Massage

Al Muth Harley Davidson

D and K Rental

Caldwell Bankers

Barb and Gary Hoyer from KFC

Brett Hammas

Todd Pearson

SOUTH CENTRAL REGION SUMMER FUN



OUR MISSION

The mission of Creative Community Living Services, Inc. is to establish and provide individualized community supports. These supports will preserve and enhance the dignity and rights of those who must rely on others as they seek their own level of independence.

OUR VISION

CCLS is the premier provider of creative and innovative services reflecting the highest standards of excellence and integrity.

OUR PHILOSOPHY

We believe that every person is a valuable human being, and therefore will be treated with respect and dignity.

We believe that there is dignity in risk, and that risks must be taken to grow beyond the safety of preconceived limitations.

We believe that all people deserve to live in and be part of the community.

We believe that the physical environment of a community program reflects the dignity and worth of the individuals who live and work there, and therefore must be well-maintained.

We believe that all people deserve the right to choose, guide, and/or direct the way they live.

We believe that all services must operate from a solid financial base, and we will negotiate contracts that will provide adequate funding.

DISCOVER YOUR ABILITIES

DISCOVER YOUR ABILITIES is a quarterly publication of Creative Community Living Services, Inc. The publication's purpose is to promote independence, self-advocacy, awareness, and activities to individuals who have a desire to discover their abilities.

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