



The Gary Plumery Foundation

Enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Newsletter

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Gary's Corner

One year after Bill and I moved to California, Aunt Sylvia, Uncle Carl and Gary came to visit us. One afternoon during the visit, I brought Gary to my office. He only wanted to talk to the girls in my office - he walked up to each cube and introduced himself and asked their names and what they were working on. At one of the workstations, my co worker Barbara asked Gary where he worked and he answered "Mc Donald's". Barbara asked Gary what he did there? Without missing a beat, Gary answered "I run the place!" We all loved it and the entire staff instantly fell in love with him.

– Marilyn Haugh

If you would like to submit stories for inclusion in Gary's Corner email Rich at Plumery@aol.com.

Summer Camping Trips

There were three camping trips again this year. The first trip in mid July was to the Winding River Ranch campground near Rocky Mountain National Park, which included a half-day rafting trip with the National Sports Center for the Disabled. This event was attended by ten clients. Highlights of the trip were, of course, the rafting, a trip to Hot Sulphur Springs Resort hot springs, and a special Sunday event at the campground - a homemade pancake breakfast with HUGE pancakes! The group traveled over Trail Ridge Road for the trip home.

The second trip was to Wilderness on Wheels, which has become an annual trip because of its accessibility and location. On August 14, five clients were transported to this campground to enjoy fishing, hiking and communing with nature. They returned home the next day with their limit of fish (less a few that were consumed at supper the night before).

The last trip was to Reverend's Ridge campground in Golden Gate Canyon State Park just outside Denver. This was a fun trip attended by six clients who fished, hiked and had a great time just relaxing in the cabin and yurt that the Gary Plumery Foundation had rented for them.



2009 Holiday Wish List



The Gary Plumery Foundation is proud to sponsor the Holiday Wish List again this year. We hope to be able to fulfill 40 clients' requests this holiday season! You are invited to participate in one of two ways.

Option 1 - Pick a name from the enclosed Wish List and e-mail Cheryl Kassner at cmkassner@telecorockies.com or call Cheryl at 720-895-4705. Please provide your name, the name of the individual(s) and which gift(s) (1,2,3) you are going to purchase. Then wrap your gift(s), label the outside with the client's name and give them to one of the Gary Plumery Foundation contacts listed on the last page of the newsletter.

Option 2 - Mail a check for your donation and we will use the funds to purchase the gifts from the wish list. The mailing address is Rich and Laura Plumery, 7119 Mountain Brush Circle, Highlands Ranch, CO 80130.

The Gary Plumery Foundation will be hosting the gift giving for the clients on December 17, 2009 at Developmental Pathways.



Kayaking with the NSCD

More Outings

Eight clients went kayaking with the National Sports Center for the Disabled on September 9. The NSCD traveled from Winter Park to Bear Creek Lake Park in Lakewood to meet the group for this introduction to canoeing and kayaking. These experts of adaptation made the day very enjoyable for everyone involved. The group canoed and kayaked around the lake for two hours!

On Saturday, October 17, seven clients attended the Refuge Roundup at the Rocky

Mountain Arsenal Wildlife Refuge. After viewing the many vendors and displays and attending a bison tour of the arsenal, the group went to Old Chicago Pizza on Colorado Blvd. and enjoyed a pizza lunch paid for by the Gary Plumery Foundation.

Fourteen clients and several staff attended a fishing day at Lake Lehow on Friday, June 12 arranged through the Colorado Department of Wildlife. The Gary Plumery Foundation supplied a hot dog lunch for all attending. The weather was perfect, and everyone enjoyed a fun day of fishing and being outside.



Fishing at Lake Lehow

Day Program Annual Picnic

This event is looked forward to by the clients served in Developmental Pathways Day Programs (two sheltered workshops, two activity services day programs, a Special Projects team and Special Events). The staff from these programs organized and facilitated games, crafts, dancing, and a picnic lunch for the participants. The Gary Plumery Foundation purchased the food for this event, which served over 200 people.



Line Dancing

Twice a year, volunteer Teri Karjala leads a series of six weekly line dancing lessons. She teaches the basic steps to 20+ clients. Those clients then have the opportunity to meet at the Stampede Dance Emporium in Aurora on the third Wednesday of every month for a line dancing lesson in the community. The attendance at the Stampede is usually smaller than Teri's lessons, but it has become a fun event for all involved. Participants in the line dancing program receive t-shirts paid for by the Gary Plumery Foundation upon completion of Teri's lessons.

Barracudas Softball League

The Gary Plumery Foundation made it possible for twelve Developmental Pathways clients to participate in Denver Parks and Recreation's softball league this summer. Every Friday throughout the summer, the Barracudas team competed with other Denver area teams and had a great time.

Upcoming Events

- * Special Olympics End of Year Banquet - November, 2009
- * Holiday Wish List - December, 2009
- * Mardi Gras Dance - February, 2010
- * Dog Sledding - March, 2010
- * Earth Day Dance - April, 2010
- * Eighth Annual Gary Plumery Foundation Golf Tournament - July 27, 2010

Developmental Pathways, Inc.

Developmental Pathways is a non-profit agency created to serve persons with developmental disabilities and their families. Pathways provides a broad array of services so that participation in community life is attainable for every individual with a developmental disability. For more information contact:

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Please help us to make this another special year for those who are living in group homes. The clients listed on this list may not be spending the holidays with family or may have families with great financial difficulties. With your help, we can make their holidays a little bit happier this year.

| Name | Gift #1 | Gift #2 | Gift #3 |
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| Dan H. - family interactions are extremely limited. | Nintendo DS, blue or black | Nintendo DS Games: football, mind teasers, spelling, math | Game case package: head phones, stylus, case |
| Julie O. - has family who provide some support. These would make her extremely happy, and would be put to good use. | Portable DVD Player, Panasonic, black, pink, silver | 6 to 8 Drawer Dresser w/ Mirror, cherry or oak, short w/ framed mirror. | |
| Adam F. - family does not have financial means to support him. | Portable DVD player, Panasonic, black | Portable DVD Case, black | |
| Malcolm D. - has lost some of his eyesight and does not have family participation in his life. | Electric Razor (Norelco, Schick) black or silver | Leather Stereo Chair (black leather) for a tall man, w/ speakers in the head rest | |
| Venus E. - lives with her family in the community, and they struggle to make ends meet. | TV/DVD Combo (Best Buy, Wal-Mart) | | |
| Ray T. - lives with family at home. There is a lack of consistent family financial resources | Gift Certificate - Burlington Coat Factory | Pull behind backpack, sturdy, wheeled case | |
| Shannon H. - has no family involvement; a small woman with a very fast smile. | Disney Princess cash register | Piggy Bank | Puzzles, no more than 100 pieces |
| Jim W. - has no family involvement. | DVD's: 3 Stooges, animated | Soft stuffed animals | Animal picture books |
| Terry O. - family is involved in his life but they are financially unable to provide for some of his needs. | DVD's: old TV series such as Lone Ranger, Brady Bunch | Afghan Blanket - blue, red or pink | Back pack - green or blue, large |
| Kei R. - a vibrant young woman who likes to dance. Has some family involvement, but not very much support around the holidays. | Gold necklace, 18" heart locket or pendant | DVD Player | Art supplies: coloring books, colored pencils, fuzzy postrs, 100 piece puzzles |
| Sharon D. - has no family that are involved in her life. She relies on this agency to provide her holiday. | Gold or silver necklace, 18", heart locket or pendant | House slippers, pink or purple size 9.5 | Bath Robe, pink or purple |
| Wayne G. - does not have much family involvement in the area; lives alone. Nice elderly gentleman | Men's mountain bike, black, blue or grey | Bike lock w/ key | |
| Eric B. - family lives in another state and he has little involvement. | Broncos Bed room set, Full size | Broncos wall art | |
| Su Ling L. - does not have much family involvement, and is still reeling from the loss of her mother last year; an avid artist. | Hobby Lobby Gift Certificate | Art Classes, \$75 (Aurora Parks and Rec.) | |
| Daryl H. - has little family involvement. | Gift Card- Game Stop/ GameCrazy | Gift Card - Target | Michael Jackson "Beat it" CD |
| Mike O. - has very little family involvement; an engaging man with bright blue eyes who becomes more involved in activities each year. | Gift Card, Ross | DVD Player (Sony) | Leather jacket, XL, black |
| Betty M. - came to the agency as an adult with no family. She is joyful and has a great sense of humor. | Terrarium, 20 gallon, long, not tall "All Living Things" Brand (Petsmart) | Bedding for terrarium, 10 quart Bag, Cypress Bedding (Petsmart) | Comforter set, twin size, purple, Colorful/Flowers |

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| Jody N. - has no real family involvement, is non ambulatory; loves music, likes bells and tambourines to move with the rhythm. | TV | Remote control "Moon in my Room" (Discovery Channel Store) | |
| Dan U. - a well-known character loved by all; loves to spend time talking to staff. Family does not respond to his letters. | Radio, CD/Tape player, smaller size | DVD Player | Floor lamp, black |
| Chris J. - parents are not local and are not capable of providing many gifts for him. He has limited funds and recently experienced a financial hardship. | Sports Authority gift card for bike repair, any amount | Avalanche Jersey, Size XXXL | Broncos/ Av's T-Shirts, Size XXL |
| Michael D. - has extremely limited means, does not have family support at the holidays. | Wal-Mart Gift Card, \$25 increments | | |
| Dan A. - does not have much family involvement and will not be receiving many presents from them. | Winter Coat, XXL, Black, Water proof, zipper style | Cotton Shirts, XXL Blue, Red, or Green, Long Sleeve or button up | Large fuzzy winter hat and waterproof gloves, dark color |
| Erin W. - a young woman who loves to giggle and to make others laugh; loves pretty, sparkling things. | Party Lights, Black, LED Disco Lights | Party Lights, 8" Mirror/Disco Ball, Multi-colored | |
| Dale H. - the hardest worker in his group home. He loves going to work and gets upset if he has to miss a day; no friends or family who could provide him with gifts. | Indoor Basketball Hoop game, very small, attach to back of door | The Disney Movie "Up" | Sunglasses, Buddy Holly Glasses |
| Sabrina S. - has no family involvement. She lives a fairly isolated life, and likes pretty things. | New TV at least 20"; need converter box as well | | |
| David B. - his mother passed away recently; has very little family involvement. | Down comforter; dark color, masculine, Queen | Practice net for driving golf balls. Any golf accessories | Flannel bed linens for Queen bed |
| Amy A. - currently unemployed & has very little, if any, contact with her family. Amy is trying to keep healthy and fit. | Winter Coat, dark color, XXL | Penny's gift card for clothing | |
| Mark D. - no local family involvement. He is a tall gentleman who is mainly non-verbal. | Penny's gift card for clothing | BoomBox, desktop size | |
| Melvin L. - has regular contact with his mom, but she may not be able to provide him with a TV. | TV for Bedroom | | |
| Carol S. - has no contact with her family; has recently spent much of her funds on vet bills for her sick pet. | Penny's gift card for clothing | | |
| Debbie B. - has minimal family involvement, and lives fairly independently on very little money. | Bed in a bag, full size, red tones | throw pillows for couch, floral | Soft blanket, throw size, red floral |
| Theresa M. - family lives nearby but is largely uninvolved in her life. They speak only a few times a year. | Feminine bed linens, pinks, full size | Large, pink bathroom towels | Bath lotions, soaps, etc., pink floral scents |
| Joan C. - a hard-working woman who loves to deck herself out with pretty things. She has minimal family involvement. | Bedding, Yellows and pinks, Queen | Ladies soft bath robe, long, purple, XXL | Slippers, purple, Size 10, slip on |
| Mike W. - His dad has limited funds and is unable to provide such gifts. | Flat Screen TV | Dallas Cowboys jacket | |
| Richard B. - has no family involvement and depends on staff for holiday joy; definitely appreciative of any holiday gifts. | Bronco's Sweatshirts and sweats, Size XXL | Bronco's wall art | Carhardt Coat, Size XXL |
| Justin A. - a pleasant, gregarious young man who uses a weelchair; he has a ready smile and really likes sports! | Sweat Pants/fleece pants, Nuggets, Medium | Sweat shirts/T-Shirts, Nuggets, Medium | Nuggets Posters |



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Eighth Annual Golf Tournament

The 8th Annual Gary Plumery Foundation Golf Tournament, presented by Ed Stammel, ISU Insurance Services of Colorado and Feldhake & Associates, PC, was held July 27th once again at the Pinery Country Club in Parker, Colorado. The tournament was a huge success, raising over \$15,000 for the foundation, which is helping special needs individuals in Arapahoe and Douglas Counties to improve their quality of life. This is our only major fundraiser of the year which supports all of the programs we fund, including the Holiday Wish List (see newsletter and enclosure).

The day began at 8:00 with a shotgun start for the 100 eager golfers who were once again provided with a beautiful Colorado golf weather day and some sharp looking shades from Rick and Nancy Milner from Maxx Sunglasses. It was also a great day to spot the local wildlife while searching for wayward golf balls. The golf was followed by lunch with entertainment provided by Jolly Demis, who has once again donated his time and humor to the foundation. We were also blessed to receive thousands of dollars worth of donated items to raffle. Thanks to all who donated.

Many thanks to all of our sponsors who contributed greatly to the success of the event in a year when many companies and individuals are curtailing their charitable contributions. They all stepped up to the plate and made this our best year yet! These businesses, which are listed below, are doing some great things for our community and we hope you support them as they are supporting us.

We also want to thank the Pinery staff for all of their help and great service and Dan Cohrs from Developmental Pathways who worked his magic in getting sponsors and golfers to the event. Thanks to all of you friends and family, many of whom traveled a great distance to the event, who volunteered and participated in the tournament; without you it would not have been nearly as successful. We love you!



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All the Plumerys' relatives and friends who traveled from out of town to be with us for this event.