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Southern Indiana Autism Resource Center Now Has a Website!

The Southern Indiana Autism Resource Center, a partnership of Rauch, Inc. and Goodwill Bridge-Pointe Services, Inc. with funding from the Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County, got its website up and running in early November.

The site, www.autismsi.org, features the current lending list of books, DVD's, and toys available in the lending library as well as links to local, state, and national autism information sites. The goal of the Center and the website is to provide support and the most up-to-date information on autism spectrum disorders to families in the community.

The Southern Indiana Resource Center is located in the Fairmont Neighborhood Center at 2525 Charlestown Rd in New Albany. For more information about the Center, see the new website or contact Jill Smith at 812-945-4063 or jsmith@rauchinc.org.

Residential Project and Groundbreaking

Rauch, Inc. kicked off the start of its new Residential Project at the Groundbreaking Ceremony on November 4, 2009. The project is located in Hawthorne Glen at the intersection of Highway 403 and Salem-Noble Road in Charlestown, Indiana. This project was developed in response to a large need in the area for safe, affordable housing for persons with disabilities. It is designed to be a community in which every individual feels safe, welcomed, and supported. It is an available option for persons who may need support throughout their life. The intent is to provide an attractive safe home and a range of planned events. It will be a setting where residents can entertain family and friends and reduce the social isolation that often occurs.



The project has four phases. The first phase includes the construction of four homes, each of which will have three residents. The homes will be fully equipped with private bedrooms, individual accessible bathrooms, and shared living and dining quarters. Phase II will include four additional homes and a clubhouse that will add recreational space. In the next two phases, we hope to add eight more houses. The project, when completed, will provide homes for almost fifty individuals.



For application information, contact Terri Thomas, Director of Supported Living at 812-945-4063 or tthomas@rauchinc.org.

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2010 Imagine Awards



The 2010 Imagine Awards held March 7th at Horseshoe Southern Indiana featured singing commentator Peter Leidy. Peter Leidy is a consultant, trainer, and speaker on human services. He focuses on personalized supports and community membership for people with disabilities. He also writes and sings songs about human service and those who find themselves connected to it. Peter lives with his wife, Betsy, in Madison, Wisconsin.

We had a lot of great nominees this year, and the selection committee had a difficult time deciding on the final winners. Each award winner truly exemplifies what Rauch's mission and vision. This year's Imagine Award winners were: Individual with a disability, Annie Guitierrez; Community Leader/Volunteer working with individuals with disabilities, Jackie Madden; and Company that Employs individuals with disabilities, New Albany Wal-mart.

Congratulations to all of the winners and a special thank you to all of our sponsors and donors—without your help, Rauch would not be able to provide its many services to the community.

Pictured from left to right Jackie Madden, Annie Guitierrez, and Terry Allen of the New Albany Wal-mart.



Third Annual Autism Summit

The Southern Indiana Autism Resource Center hosted its Third Annual Autism Summit November 20, 2009. The day was broken down into two sessions. The morning session had guest speaker Dr. Manuel Casanova, professor and Kolb Endowed Chair in Psychiatry at the University of Louisville School of Medicine. Dr. Casanova lectured on the current understanding of brain changes in autism, the anatomy of the brain, and translational attempts in previously discussed discoveries into potential interventions.



Third Annual Autism Summit, cont.

The afternoon session had two speakers and attendees could choose which presentation to attend. Guest speaker Kristi Sakai, author of *Finding Our Way: Creating a Supportive Home and Community for the Asperger Syndrome Family*, discussed her writings and her life experiences living with her husband and three children, all of whom have Asperger Syndrome. Guest speaker Dr. Harry Schneider, visiting associate research scientist fellow at the Program for Cognitive Sciences (P.I.C.S.) at Columbia University Medical Center, lectured on his research in language development and benefits in his program and interventions.

The day was a great success. There were 60 attendees and we are already looking forward to next year's summit!

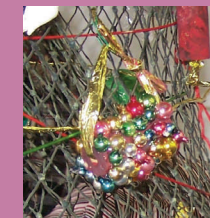


Christmas at A Place to Create

A Place to Create got a jump start on decorating for Christmas on December 2. Guest artist Larry Beisler worked with the ADA and ACCESS clients to create a Christmas tree using a circular fishing net that he found on the Ohio River. The "tree" stood from the floor to the ceiling and was covered with ornaments, lights, pinecones, and even a few peacock feathers. Many of the ornaments were handmade right in the studio from donations of everyday items. The ornaments and most all of the art designed at A Place to Create could not be made without those generous donations.



Larry Beisler is a local sculptor creating works from marble, stone, and wood. When asked about his works he said, "I hope my sculptures prompt people to look closer at nature and admire all its nuances and intricate components." Though his preferred medium is stone, this is not the first fish-net tree he has created. With business partner and fellow sculptor Russell Mills, Beisler designed the first fish-net Christmas tree in 1996 and displayed it in their gallery, Beisler Mills Gallery, in Louisville. His artwork is currently displayed at The Kentucky Museum of Art and Craft.



Volunteers Help Spruce up Rauch Industries

Saturday, December 12, five volunteers from Southeast Christian Church rolled up their sleeves and helped paint the hallways at Rauch Industries. In only a few hours, the volunteers finished the project. The small conference room is up next for painting. Boy Scout Troop One from Jeffersonville came in during their disability training in late December and painted the break room. We want to thank all of the volunteers and staff for their hard work and dedication.

Rauch, Inc. welcomes volunteer groups. If you would like additional information on projects and volunteering with Rauch, please contact the development office at 812-945-4063. We would like to hear from you.

