

Building Blocks Winter 2008

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2008 Imagine Awards Features Patrick Henry Hughes

Patrick Henry Hughes, who has captured the hearts of Metro Louisville with his talent, determination and grace, will be the featured guest at the Rauch Foundation's 2008 Imagine Awards to be held at Caesars Indiana on Saturday, March 1, beginning at 5:30 p.m. Born without eyes and other disabilities, Patrick has excelled academically and as an accomplished musician throughout his life. He is perhaps best known as a trumpet player in the University of Louisville marching band, dutifully wheeled around the field by his father who also accompanies him to classes on campus. Patrick and his family were recently selected to be the recipient of a new, fully accessible home built by businesses and individuals from throughout the region and spearheaded by ABC's "Extreme Makeover."

Now in their eighth year, the Imagine Awards have rapidly become a preeminent event

in the Metro Louisville area. Three awards are presented, one to an individual with a disability, another to a community leader and a third to a business or organization that has advanced the cause of people living with disabilities. Nominations for the awards are currently being solicited and will be reviewed by a panel of regional judges.

Corporate sponsorships for the event, which includes extensive media exposure, begin at \$1,000, with table for eight at \$600 and individual tickets at \$75. Please contact the Development Office at Rauch, Inc. (945-4063) for sponsorships, tickets or further information.



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To support people
with disabilities
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while encouraging a
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that acknowledges the
value and contribution
of all people.



Rauch Receives Community Foundation Grant

Rauch, Inc. recently received a grant from the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana in the amount of \$2,500. The majority of the funds will be used to purchase car seats to assist in transportation needs in our Healthy Families program. This includes assistance to medical appointments and various community agencies to access resources. The remaining funds will be used by our Early Intervention services to purchase equipment to assist young children with disabilities in working on sensory issues, including, but not limited to, sensory defensiveness, sensitivities and processing issues. Rauch is grateful to the Community Foundation of Southern Indiana for its continuing support of children and families in the region.



More than 100 employees of Rauch, Inc. gathered at the Mt. St. Francis Retreat Center in December for the agency's annual In-Service training day sponsored by the Staff Development Committee. In addition to workshops required for annual employee certification, the day included an inspirational speaker, great food, door prizes and the annual departmental competition. This year, each department designed a calendar for 2008 featuring employees and significant upcoming agency events. The entry by ACCESS won the competition.

Rauch to Launch New Transition Effort



Rauch, Inc. is launching a new effort to support people with disabilities transition from public and private schools to available community services. Underwritten with a \$15,000 grant from the Caesars Foundation of Floyd County, Rauch's transition team will host quarterly informational meetings for students with disabilities and their families, establish a coalition of area service providers to insure that everyone is made aware of the new program, host a one day conference to assist in the transition process, as well as several social functions for the students.

Rauch Receives INSHARP Certification



In a special ceremony featuring the Commissioner of Labor of the State of Indiana and other officials from Indianapolis, Rauch, Inc. was recently recognized for our ability to manage and maintain a proactive safety and health program. Commissioner of Labor Lori Torres presented the award to CEO Bettye Dunham and the Safety Committee at Rauch.

A strong safety and health program is a priority at Rauch since it impacts every client and employee of the agency. To receive the statewide recognition, Rauch demonstrated exemplary management and leadership in work-related injuries and illnesses. This included conducting onsite analysis, implementing hazard procedures and control programs, training employees, supervisors and much more.

INSHARP is only available to businesses meeting the highest safety and health standards. We are proud of our staff for working so diligently to achieve this recognition.

2007 Pinnacle Award Winners Honored



Four staff members of Rauch were recognized with a Pinnacle Award at the recent In-Service event for exceptional service to our clients and the agency. (Nominations came from fellow employees.) Pictured above are CEO Bettye Dunham, Stacy Hicks of Industrial Services, Sherri McGannon of Interpreting Services, LaTonya Crutcher of Supported Living and Deanne Woods-Byrd, Director of ACCESS and chair of the In-Service event. Not pictured, but still an award winner, is Debbie Sacksteder of Supported Living who was "on-duty" that day. Congratulations to Stacy, Sherri, LaTonya, and Debbie!

