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Program Updates!

Structured Day Program Thrives

by Kim Egan

As summer draws to a close and as the holidays fast approach, I would like to share with you the progress our programs are making despite the economy. Specifically, our **Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI) Structured Day Program (SDP)** is flourishing. This is due to the framework of the program as it was developed with and for the participants. The individuals in the program are a part of the day-to-day planning and are able to participate in meaningful life activities while in a supported and safe environment. It has been an honor to be involved in the development of this program. Thank you to all of the participants and the staff who make this program so wonderful.

Our SDP is currently running on **Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays** each week and we soon to be open once a month on **Saturday evenings**.

If you have a TBI, or know someone who does, and you are interested in this program please contact **Erin Drury** at (845) 672-0627 x147.

A "Hot" Golf Event

The sun beat down on a hot July Friday. Despite the 100+ degree weather, 90 dedicated golfers came together to raise their golf clubs to support the **9th Annual Chris McCarthy Golf Outing**. This event is sponsored by the McCarthy Family in honor of their son and brother, Chris, who died several years ago.

The event was 'hot' in more ways than just the weather. Beside a great round of golf at the beautiful New York County Club, complete with prizes for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placement, along with best dressed, most honest, and sloppiest golfers there were great raffle prizes—including a 32 inch flat screen TV! The night's live auction featured generous packages featuring tickets to the NY Jets, the NY Yankees, as well as several popular concerts. Participants were also treated to a delicious dinner with a special comedy performance by Tom Cotter.

Over \$46,000 was raised for the **Chris McCarthy Fund** at the **Epilepsy Society of Southern New York**. This special fund provides summer camp scholarships for Chris' Kids; special socialization day trips for those people we serve, and maintains the **Chris McCarthy Socialization Room** located in our West Nyack office.



Upcoming Events



4th Annual Orange County Bowl-a-thon

November 12th 2011 5:30-8pm
Colonial Lanes, Chester, NY
In memory of Joseph P. Edwards, Jr.
In association with



Epilepsy—Taking Control

Fall 2011 Conference Series by the
Northeast Regional Epilepsy Group

Saturday September 24, 2011.
Saturday October 1, 2011
9am-Noon each day.

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Services Corner!

ESSNY/CPI program reminders:

The Epilepsy Society of Southern NY and Capabilities Partnership provide an array of services including the following:

- ◆ Epilepsy Education & Training
- ◆ Advocacy
- ◆ School and bus driver trainings
- ◆ TBI Programs including service coordination, structured day program, counseling,
- ◆ Independent living skills training and positive behavioral supports
- ◆ OPWDD Programs including service coordination, community habilitation
- ◆ Family Support Programs
- ◆ Vocational Programs including job coaching and development
- ◆ Support Groups

If you are interested in a specific program or would like to hear more about the agency, please contact us at (845) 627-0627! We look forward to hearing from you!

Fun Despite The Rain

50 staff and consumers had a wonderful Sunday afternoon in early April when they were treated to a delicious dinner and show at the Westchester Broadway Theatre. The show, "Singin in the Rain" certainly did not disappoint! This time honored classic with its famous songs, wonderful costumes and great acting was truly a special treat. And the delicious dinner added to the special day. Again, the **Chris McCarthy Fund** provided a wonderful afternoon for some very special friends of the Agency.

Summer Fun

13 children went to summer camps this summer with the help of scholarships from the **Chris McCarthy Fund**. Chris' Kids spent this summer at swim camps, day camps, sleep-away camps, town camps, sports camps and horse-back riding camps. All had a wonderful time and Chris McCarthy is surely smiling down on all these children!

Our Mission

THE MISSION of the **Epilepsy Society of Southern New York, Inc.** and **Capabilities Partnership Inc.** is to provide comprehensive services to people with epilepsy and other neurological, physical and developmental disabilities and their families for the promotion of independence and quality of life. All of our services and programs focus on activities which help the individual live independently in the community with dignity.

Our vision encompasses a continued dedication to those we serve, a broadened scope of services with increased opportunities for all who suffer in isolation and a community of acceptance for all.

2010 Financials

Rounded to Thousands with % difference from 2009

	ESSNY	CPI
Revenue and Support		
Fees & Grants	\$873.8	\$904.0
Contributions	\$10.9	\$0.0
Interest Income	\$0.3	\$0.0
Other (incl McCarthy Fund)	\$170.7	\$0.0
	\$1,055.7 -14.2%	\$904.0 2.4%
Expenses		
Program Services	\$971.7	\$735.1
Support Services	\$143.2	\$86.1
	\$1,114.9 -11.1%	\$821.2 1.7%

Increase in Net Assets (\$59.2) \$83.1

For more details on the financials for either the Epilepsy Society of Southern New York and/or for Capabilities Partnership, inc., or to review the IRS Form 990 please contact us on 845-627-0627.

Spotlight on Staff: Tommy Fiore



It is with great pleasure that we announce the promotion of **Mr. Thomas Fiore** to the position of our new Structured Day Program Coordinator. Tommy has been employed with the agency since 2004 as a Community Habilitation and ILST Specialist. During this time, Tommy has received extensive training in serving the TBI population and has had the opportunity to develop an "expertise" in working with individuals with disabilities. His consumers say he is a "natural"; compassionate, hard working and a wonderful advocate. Please join us in congratulating Tommy and wishing him well in this new endeavor.



SDP 
Happenings!

Myrna Genauer, Senior Employment Specialist started a Home Cooking class for the **Structured Day Program** participants. Each month, a new recipe will be taught.

On August 3, 2011, baked breaded chicken, fried zucchini and herbed tomatoes was the menu of the day. Thank you to Allison Bennett for the tasty tomatoes and zucchini from her garden.

Erin Drury, Manager of Consumer Independence, said she sees a great benefit in the increased independence of participants when they learn how to cook for themselves. "It increases their awareness of good nutrition and shows how easy it is to work in the kitchen. All share in this work—cook the food, set the table, clean up—and share in a great meal!"

An Olympic Dream Come True!

CPI/ESSNY is pleased to congratulate Vocational Services consumer, Jermaine E.! In July, Jermaine won a Silver medal and 2 Bronze medals in Power Lifting at World Games of the Special Olympics in Athens, Greece. Jermaine already held the New York State Special Olympics record for a dead lift of 555 lbs. Jermaine was also given the honor of carrying the Special Olympics flag into Opening Ceremonies. Jermaine truly enjoyed his time in Athens and made many friends from all over the world. Jermaine also appeared on CNN, Good Morning America, and Access Hollywood to promote the Games. Competing in the World Games was a goal of Jermaine's and he achieved his dream! Jermaine has a new goal of going back to World Games as an assistant coach. We are very proud of Jermaine and wish him all the best!

*Come Join Our
Rockland Adult
Support Group*

Which will continue after its summer hiatus on September 19th, then on the third Monday of each month at the Palisades Center Mall from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Community Rooms. This West Nyack location is easily accessible via public transportation.

Contact education3@essny.com for more Information and to be registered on our mailing list.

-- Coming soon: A Social Group for Teens and young adults!
Please contact Kristen on 845-627-0627 ext 121

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