Dear Friends,

Spring brings renewed energy to all of us at 21 Plus as we gear up to become a Medicaid provider of support services for people with developmental disabilities. The transition is scheduled to begin during the summer. The opportunities that we offer now will still be available to those who currently participate. However, it is exciting to know that we will be able to serve more people and help those families who have a loved one living at home. We look forward to shaping the future of 21 Plus under this new business model.

Our work on behalf of children and adults is more important than ever as families make their choices. Help us spread the word that 21 Plus can offer respite, recreation, training and employment. Make 21 Plus the provider of choice for families.

As more people take advantage of the opportunities at 21 Plus so does our need for well-trained, caring employees, for volunteers to help with marketing, and for service groups to take on painting and yard work projects at our programs. Your support is integral to our continued presence in the community.

When you volunteer or donate, you are contributing to our future. Thank you for your past, present, and future commitment and generosity.

Message From The Executive Director
GIVING BACK TO THE COMMUNITY

Patty Siebert from Twin Oaks Drive volunteers for various worthwhile causes in the community. Anyone who knows Patty knows that she’s an animal lover. It’s no surprise that she sponsors dogs through the Share-A-Pet Program at Popcorn Park Zoo. So far she has sponsored two dogs. She visits her current shared-pet, Sammy, regularly, taking him for long walks and spending time with him.

Patty is also involved in collecting donations for the Salvation Army and the Food Bank. She actively seeks donations from her peers, staff, and family, and donates various times during the month.

Recently she added one more organization: Locks of Love. Locks of Love collects donated hair to make wigs for people who have lost their hair while battling cancer. Patty was growing her hair to donate when she found out that they would only accept non-chemically treated hair. So she cut off nearly a foot of her own hair in order to grow it out again as virgin hair, and will cut it again when it is long enough to donate.

Thank you, Patty, for the difference you are making in the community.

PERSONAL ACHIEVEMENTS

Milestones are reached every day in our programs. 21 Plus is proud to share some of our individuals recent personal achievements -

⇒ (pictured above with his sensei) Tim Walsh of Mizzen Avenue was promoted to yellow belt in karate.
⇒ Alice from Annex group home faced her fear of heights by parasailing with her staff Natashi.
⇒ Shannon from Onyx Drive gathered up half of her collection of notebooks, markers and colored pencils and donated them to young children in need.

WE ARE HIRING!!

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⇒ Competitive pay scales
⇒ Flexible schedules; day/evenings
⇒ Full & Part-time hours
⇒ Direct Care and management positions

Call our HR department at 732-240-3118, x217, or email jobs@21plus.org
**Supported Employment**

The Supported Employment department has been working with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) to coach and place people with disabilities in competitive employment, giving them a sense of community, responsibility and respect. 21 Plus has found employment for people at Wawa, Easy Spirit, Forever 21, A&P, and Board of Social Services, and more.

In order for 21 Plus to help someone find employment, they must be referred by DVR. 21 Plus will stay involved until the employee is successful at their job.

This is how Supported Employment helped one person. Chris is a 28 year old man who has Asperger’s Syndrome. He relocated from Vermont and began working with our SE department. The Employment Specialist accompanied Chris on his job interviews, and showed him appropriate ways to interact with a potential employer. In July of 2014, he was offered a job at Easy Spirit. Chris reports that he loves his work. His manager says that he is the best employee he has. “I wish all of my employees were like him!” Chris has excelled in customer service, and was honored at work for getting a perfect score from a shopper. If we can help you obtain employment, call the Supported Employment department at 732-240-3118.

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**Hostess With The Mostest**

Ursula from 6th Avenue loves Avon products and parties. In December, she hosted an Avon party for her friends. She invited 10 friends, and prepared veggie platters and smoothies for the group. Her Avon representative put together a lovely product display. Ursula and the group sampled beauty products and enjoyed a few Avon party games. Even those who aren’t too comfortable in a crowded social gathering admitted they enjoyed the comradery.

Ursula was able to make a few sales, and happy to earn credits as the party hostess which can be exchanged for free Avon products.

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**DVR Services**

21 Plus provides employment assistance as a vendor for the State Division of Vocational Rehabilitation Services.

Contact us at 732-240-3118 for more information.

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**Save The Date!!**

21 Plus Foundation, Inc. 9th Annual Golf Classic
Monday, July 13, 2015
Oceanaire Golf & Country Club in Waretown, NJ
Shotgun Start: 1:00pm
Golfer Fee: $225 per golfer

Sponsorship Opportunities are available and volunteers are needed. Can you lend a hand?

Last year we raised over $25,000 to help with unfunded needs at 21 Plus.

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