



CREATIVE LIVING

Living. For the physically disabled.

NEWS Fall 2018

Our Resident Assistance program makes it possible for Andrew to live life on his own terms. And it's your support that makes this vital program possible.

For nearly 45 years, this life altering program has been a hallmark of Creative Living. Because it unlocks the potential of every resident to live their life the way Andrew is living his.

**FULLY.
PRODUCTIVELY.
INDEPENDENTLY.**



A MESSAGE FROM MARILYN FRANK, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

At Creative Living, we count on the support of individuals, corporations, foundations and service organizations to help us in our mission to provide assisted living for individuals with severe physical disabilities. The continued success of Creative Living requires maintaining high quality facilities and our Resident Assistance Program. This year our budget for the RA program is over \$322,507. All of our donors should trust and be assured that their contribution is not only needed, but vital to our resident's quest for independence. Their independence is made possible through our Resident Assistance Program. It takes over \$1,246,443 to operate our organization. Contributions make up over one-third of our income. Financial and in-kind support is vitally important to transforming and impacting the lives of the residents of Creative Living. **You, our donors, have transformed the lives of the physically disabled through your donation to our annual campaign.** Our heartfelt thanks go to our ongoing friends whose continued support makes all the difference in affecting the lives of our residents. Thank you!



Our Resident Assistance program provides assistance to

34 residents 24 hours a day, 7 days a week, and 52 weeks a year at both complexes.

We staff 17,520 hours each year.

Our residents thank you.

Resident News



Creative Living resident, Lora Stilke was a few weeks shy of completing school, when on Feb. 24, 1993, she and a classmate were in a car accident that left Lora in a coma for two months with residual effects of the traumatic brain injury, which precluded her from completing the DVM degree. She persevered and went back to school and completed another degree but never lost her passion for veterinary medicine.

We are thrilled to share that Lora was awarded her honorary degree at her class reunion last month! It was a huge surprise and Lora has been beaming since! Lora spends her time working for the Columbus Clippers, volunteering, spending time with family and friends and is known (and appreciated) for her endless energy and contagious smile.

Congrats, Lora, we are so excited for you!

We had surprise visitors at Creative Living! Red and his partner, Regina Shoopman stopped by to see a few of our residents. Regina heads up the Mounted Patrol Program at The Ohio State University. We feel very lucky to be located in such a vibrant and community minded neighborhood!



MARK HARRIS 1965 - 2018



We were deeply saddened by the news of Mark Harris' passing. Originally from Canton, Ohio, Mark became a resident at Creative Living in 1991. Mark loved watching movies and was especially interested in technology. Though Mark remained a private person, he maintained strong relationships with his

family and friends, including a close friendship with one of our RA's. Mark's presence at Creative Living will be missed.

CREATIVE LIVING CELEBRATED 45 YEARS OF COMMITMENT TO OUR MISSION AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING!



Creative Living's Mission : Creative Living exists as a non-profit organization encouraging independent living for adults with severe physical disabilities by providing wheelchair accessible housing and assistance and by creating a supportive environment for people to learn, work, live and contribute to the community.

More Creative Living News!



Please help us welcome new resident, Kyle Garvey, to Creative Living! Kyle will be moving into our Perry St. location early December. He has an infectious smile and we are thrilled to have him! Look for his bio in the next newsletter! (We'll let him settle in first!)



Residents Adam Helbling and Andy Fox (pictured in our Annual Campaign this year) traveled to Fort Wayne, Indiana to participate in a regional rugby game. Wheelchair rugby is played indoors on a hardwood court, and physical contact between wheelchairs is an integral part of the game. Nothing is off limits for these two friends and thrill seekers.

PARTING COMMENTS FROM MARILYN FRANK

Dear Donors and Friends,

As we welcome Bob Overs as our new Executive Director, I reflect on the past 17 years as your director.

We have gone through many changes but our mission has remained the same. I can't say I embraced every change but I have grown as a person. I had the honor and privilege to work with so many board members, committee chairs, residents and staff. I have many memories going with me.

I hope you're ready to explore our vision, opportunities and challenges through new eyes.

As Dr. Suess said, "Don't cry because it is over, smile because it happened".

Thank you,

Marilyn

With sincere appreciation to Linda Ruediger for her gift of over \$69,000 to our campaign. She and her husband, Glenn, who died last year on Christmas Day, have been very generous to Creative Living over the years

Facility News

We have been busy preparing for a new resident move in and making necessary repairs for winter!

- Apartment 9, at our Perry Street location, is currently receiving a complete remodel.
- New countertops were installed in three apartments.
- New cooktops and refrigerators in several apartments.
- New rooftop HVAC unit in Apartment 10.



BREW REVIEW

Thanks to the generous support of our sponsors, donors, breweries and guests, the 8th Annual Brew Review was a tremendous success!

We raised over \$27,000!

Brew Review was well attended and enjoyed by all. As always, we appreciate the support of our event sponsors. Without their contributions, we could not continue to host three fundraisers each year.

Nine local breweries deserve credit for donating their time and resources to attend the event and engage our guests. Thank you to Strongwater, our venue, for providing the perfect space to support a successful fundraiser.

To our volunteers, event committee, Board of Trustees, staff and committee, we thank you for ALL you do to support Creative Living.



Pictured from left : Board President, David Berentz, Grange Emerging Leaders - Heather Connor, Jessica Hogue, Creative Living Executive Director Marilyn Frank, Sarah Maggied and Grange Emerging Leader, Graydon Spanner.

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Longtime board member, Mark Peacock, brought a group of Motorists Insurance employees to put together nearly 2,000 mailings for our Annual Campaign. If you received our campaign, these generous folks assembled it to be mailed! We are so grateful for their help! Thanks to Mark and the whole Motorists team!

THANK YOU, GRANGE EMERGING LEADERS!

Grange has long been a friend and partner of Creative Living. From Board Members, volunteers and donors; their impact on our organization and residents is immeasurable.

Recently, a hand selected group of Grange employees, going through the 'Emerging Leaders' program, collaborated with Creative Living staff to lead us through a process evaluation. Heather Connor, Jessica Hogue and Graydon Spanner spent countless hours looking at our processes for fundraising, specifically our three annual events.

Their efforts to streamline and improve our fundraising process is an enormous contribution to Creative Living. We look forward to utilizing their results and insights for years to come! THANK YOU!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE --- DAVID BERENTZ



2018 has been an amazing year for Creative Living! It has also been a year of change. After serving as Executive Director for the last 17 years, and serving Creative Living in different capacities for over 40 years, Marilyn Frank is retiring at the end of this year. We thank her for her many years of outstanding service. Her passion and hard work will be greatly missed! Marilyn will remain in the Columbus area in her retirement. We hope to see her at many of our future events! After learning of Marilyn's

retirement, we launched a search to identify her successor. I am pleased to announce that Bob Overs has accepted the position of Executive Director. We are excited to have Bob join us and bring his passion and energy to the team.

We are also going through some change on our board. At our November board meeting, we elected several new members to our executive committee. We are happy to add the leadership of Elizabeth Rogers, Jim Martin, and David Kulkis. And after 8 great years leading our board, Todd Ackerman stepped down as President. We thank him for his outstanding leadership during this time. As the incoming President, I am thrilled that Todd will remain on our board and continue serving our great cause. I look forward to working with Bob, Todd and our entire board, and our staff and residents, to continue pushing Creative Living to new levels.

This fall was our 25th annual Golf Classic. A big thank you to our sponsors, our volunteers, the event committee, and New Albany Country Club for hosting a wonderful event. With your support, we raised over \$112,000! The money raised helps fund our resident assistance program that provides 24/7 on-call service to our residents. Again, thank you for all that contributed to the overwhelming success of this event!

Our 2018 Annual Campaign recently kicked off. If you haven't already received our wonderful campaign piece, please keep an eye on it in the mail. We hope that you consider making a donation. Every dollar helps to fulfill our mission of helping our residents live full, productive, independent lives.

On behalf of the entire board, our staff, and our residents, thank you for all your support and contributions throughout the year. Your generosity is the reason Creative Living is thriving and is in position to do wonderful things to support our residents. Best wishes to you and your families for a wonderful holiday season!

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