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Disability Resources

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SUCCESSFUL HOLIDAY OUTCOMES

During the 2011 holiday season, 727 consumers were entered into the *100 Neediest Cases Program*, which is sponsored by United Way. DD Resources received \$62,763.34 for those 727 consumers. 24 families were adopted. Five of the stories submitted by DD Resources appeared in the *St. Louis Post Dispatch*, and two of the seven consumers featured in these stories were adopted. Those individuals received additional monetary gifts as well as necessities including bedding, toiletries and baby furniture.

DD Resources would like to send a special “Thank You” to the following companies and individuals in our community for their generosity during our 2011 holiday campaign. With their contributions, many of our clients and their families received an extra special holiday gift.



- Chuck & Lori Ruff
- St. Louis Science Center
- Schlafly Brewery
- St. Louis Symphony
- Great Clips (Holly Hills)
- Great Clips (South Grand)
- Wehrenberg Theatres
- E.M. Harris Construction
- St. Louis Cardinals
- Coffee Cartel
- Elsevier
- Susie and the Girls from Meyers Café and Lounge

- St. John’s Episcopal Church
- Chi-Chi, LLC
- Greater Missouri Builders
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- Mr. and Mrs. Paul Parmely
- Mrs. Margaret Bozovich
- Miniature Museum
- James and Susan Rohr
- Missouri Botanical Gardens
- Magic House
- St. Louis Rams
- Susan Bianchi

(Select donations were made possible through the business solicitation program.)

OLD NEWSBOY’S DAY



DD Resources volunteered on Thursday, November 17, 2011, for Old Newsboy’s Day. Volunteers requested donations for newspapers on the corner of Grand and Arsenal between the hours of 6 a.m. and 9 a.m. Collectively, DD Resources’ volunteers raised \$230. These contributions go towards the Old Newsboy’s effort to raise money for area children’s charities.



(pictured above)
Regina Stevenson,
DD Resources’ Service
Advocate, volunteers for
Old Newsboys Day on
November 17, 2011.

**DD Resources’
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are now available.
If you would like a
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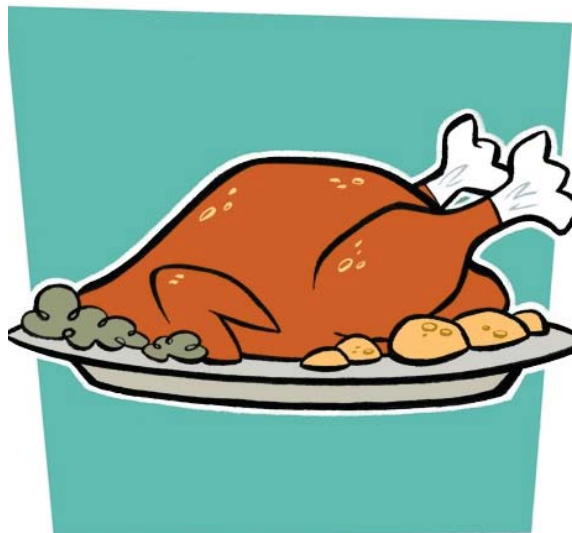
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St. Louis University Campus Kitchen

DD Resources greatly appreciates the support of St. Louis University Campus Kitchen! During the Thanksgiving Day holiday, St. Louis University Campus Kitchen provided Thanksgiving baskets to ten DD Resources consumers. Those baskets included whole turkeys, fully cooked turkey breasts, canned cranberry sauce, frozen or refrigerated pie crust, and many other Thanksgiving Day foods. This is the third year DD Resources Service Advocates have coordinated with Jenny Bird of the St. Louis University Campus Kitchen to receive Thanksgiving baskets for DD Resources consumers.



Mission: *To ensure individuals with developmental disabilities in the City of St. Louis have quality services, choices, and full inclusion.*

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SAVE THE DATES

This year's Developmental Disability Awareness Art Fair will be held at the Regional Arts Commission on Friday, March 2, 2012 at 5 p.m. Students from Gateway Elementary, McKinley Middle, Gateway High School, and Nottingham CAJT High School have been given the objective of creating artwork representing what a developmental disability means to them. Along with artwork from Turner Center for the Arts and OASIS, the winning students' artwork will be on display at the Art Fair. Todd Violette of Clear Channel radio will be hosting the Art Fair where refreshments and attendance prizes will be available.

Empathy Workshops will occur during the month of March at select St. Louis Public Schools. These Empathy Workshops consist of four activities that demonstrate to students what it is like to have autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, and mental retardation. Thus far, an Empathy Workshop with Woerner Elementary school has been scheduled for Friday, March 9, 2012 at 9:15 a.m.

DD Resources will be participating in the St. Patrick's Day Parade on Saturday, March 17, 2012. The parade will take place downtown beginning at 18th and Market Street at 11:30 a.m. For more information about marching in the parade with DD Resources, contact Rhonda Kanaday, DD Resources' Administrative Assistant at (314) 421-0090 ext. 308 or rkanaday@stldd.org.

DD Resources will have an information table at City Hall every Monday in March from 12 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Visitors will have access to information so they can learn more about developmental disabilities and the services provided by DD Resources.

Other efforts to increase developmental disability awareness during the month of March, include advertising with *Clear Channel*, *KPLR*, and the *St. Louis American*.

For more information regarding these events or current advertising efforts contact Ashley Elliott, DD Resources' Public Relations at (314) 421-0090 ext. 345 or aelliott@stldd.org. You may also visit DD Resources' website at www.stldd.org.