

BOARD WORK

The board will hold its annual **Board Retreat** on **Saturday morning, November 14th**. The retreat will provide the opportunity for various board councils and committees to communicate and collaborate on the development of action plans to support accomplishment of the new strategic objectives. Please put this important date on your calendar!

PASSAGES

Our condolences to **Jeanie McKinley** on the passing of her father-in-law. We also offer our sympathy to the **McBee family** on the loss of **Steve McBee**. Steve knew no strangers and was the inspiration for the Bean Bash. The event will continue to be held in his honor and he will certainly be missed!

On a happier note, congratulations to **Carol Leonhart** on her appointment as interim manager at the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (Covington office).

Special congratulations to **Barbara Howard** and **Dorothy Goettsch**, both were honored with awards from the NKY Development District. Barbara was presented the Community Leadership award for her work here at Redwood, where she has served more than 30 years. Dorothy was given the Outstanding Volunteer award for her service the past 13 years in our Adult Independence programs.

Welcome **April Detwiler** and **Emily Ulbricht**, Redwood's new billing specialists.

UNITED WAY

Each year at this time, individuals all over America have the opportunity to make a difference for others by participating in their employer's United Way Campaign.

United Way is about doing what matters most – improving lives and strengthening our community.

Your contribution to United Way will enhance individual lives and improve our entire community by helping children thrive, neighborhoods become vibrant, and people of all ages remain healthy and self-sufficient. Please give generously.

SPECIAL EVENTS

A Bang Bang Night for Redwood presented by **Bonefish Grill** was absolutely spectacular with over 250 guests! Special thanks to chair **Lynn Schworer**, and our good friends at **Bonefish**, for a wonderful evening of fun, delicious food, cocktails and fundraising for Redwood.

We hope everyone will stop by Bonefish Grill in the next few months for dinner or drinks and to extend a personal thank you for their support of our mission. Please tell your server, or a manager, how much you appreciate what they did for Redwood.

As summer draws to a close, start looking forward to fun fall events. The **Bean Bash** at **noon** on **Saturday, October 10th** at Turfway Park. Admission is only \$3. Children under 12 are free. You can also register in advance for the Bean Bash Dash (5k) that will begin at 11 a.m. or the Texas Hold Em' Tournament at 2 p.m. To learn more, visit www.beanbash.org for event and registration information.

Redwood is in need of donations for the live and silent auction. Contact **Shannon Hollenkamp** (331-0880 or shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org) in the development office to help.

Specialty Interiors will once again host **A Night at the Races** to benefit Redwood. The event will be held on **Friday, November 13** in the St. Agnes Undercroft. More details to come.

Congratulations to August Derby winners: **Karen Stapleton, Michael J. Byrne, Margie Meehan, and Kare To Be Helpful – Connie Howe!**

HEALING TOUCH WORKSHOP/SCHOLARSHIPS

Redwood is once again sponsoring a Healing Touch Workshop, **September 26 & 27, 2009** from **8:30 a.m. – 6 p.m.**

Healing Touch is a gentle, complementary energy-based approach to health and wellness. The goal is to restore harmony and balance to the human energy system through a heart-centered caring relationship and the use of contact/non-contact touch. This can greatly assist the body in its natural ability to heal.

There are five scholarships available to Redwood staff and volunteers for the price of the Healing Touch Notebook (\$30).

For more information or to make a reservation for the class, please contact Redwood Nurse **Chris Wilson** (331-0880).

CINCINNATI BELL LEARN PROGRAM UPDATE

If you or someone you know is a Cincinnati Bell customer, they could be earning money for Redwood.

Redwood will receive \$10 for every household that enrolls in CB Learn and makes a school designation. (Users must only register once.)

CB Learn participants that purchase these new products and services will receive the following donations:

New Subscription = Donation to Redwood

Home Phone - \$20

Wireless - \$100

Unlimited Everything Bundle = \$20

ZoomTown = \$40

Complete Protection = \$20

**Residential service only. Other restrictions may apply.*

Enrollment is FREE. To register, or for more information visit:

<http://www.cbts.cinbell.com/CBLearn/?id=9>

CALENDAR

09/22 – DynaVox Training (3:30 – 5 p.m.)

10/02 – Agency In-Service (Redwood Closed)

10/10 – *Bean Bash*

10/27 – DynaVox Training (3:30 – 5 p.m.)

11/13 – *A Night at the Races* by Specialty Interiors

11/14 – Board Retreat (8:30 a.m. – noon)

11/26 – Thanksgiving holiday – Redwood Closed

11/27 – Thanksgiving holiday – Redwood Closed

FAMILY CORNER

The Arc of Kentucky is now accepting applications for its 2009-2010 **Advocates in Action/Self-Determination Leadership Training Academy**. This training program is designed to train individuals with disabilities, family members, siblings of family members with disabilities, or professionals working with people with disabilities to be independent and to be the strongest advocate and self-advocate that they can be.

The training will provide state-of-the-art knowledge about issues relating to developmental disabilities and build competencies necessary for Advocates in Action participants to become advocates who can effectively influence public policy.

The Advocates in Action Leadership Academy will include two 2-day training events to be held in Frankfort. The first session will be **November 13-14**; the second one will be held in **February, 2010**. Travel expenses for lodging, mileage, meals, respite care and support services for program participants will be reimbursed according to individual needs.

For more information or to apply, visit:

<http://www.arcofky.org/AdvoAction/>

WISH LIST

Special thanks to **Pierce Oka** for hosting another successful Game-a-thon to benefit Redwood.

Items/support still needed include:

Carpet cleaner Mops Vacuum	Play food MagnaDoodles Bubbles Hard cardboard books Playdough Dress-up clothes
Games (Operation, Lucky Ducks, Uno, Hullaballo Cranium, Checkers, Battleship, Crazy Eights and Go Fish)	External hard drives Laptops Digital cameras
Wet wipes and tissues	Wrought iron patio furniture
Batteries (all types)	Portable suction machine (for first aid/emergency kits)

THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

Believing in people before they have proved themselves is the key to motivating people to reach their potential.

- John C. Maxwell

COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS

This is your newsletter. Suggestions or comments for/about articles are welcome. Direct responses to **Shannon Hollenkamp** at Redwood, 71 Orphanage Rd., Ft. Mitchell, KY Phone: 331-0880, Fax: 331-6177, Email: shollenkamp@redwoodnky.org