



G & G Living Centers, Inc.

Celebrate Life

“We empower people to maximize their independence”

Summer 2008



4th Annual G & G Living Centers, Inc. Golf Tournament & Raffle a BIG Success



After a week of rain, the clouds parted just in time for the 4th Annual G & G Living Centers, Inc. Golf Tournament and Raffle. The tournament was held on June 13, 2008 at the Guttenberg Golf & Country Club. Sixty-four golfers enjoyed a day full of great golf, fun, prizes, sunshine, and a picnic catered by The Stadium Bar & Grill. The tournament raised over \$5,000.00, which will benefit the G & G Foundation. G & G Living Centers, Inc. partnered with the Birdies for Charity program which will match a percentage of the funds raised at the tournament.



Lisa Marie Bischoff, Community Relations & Development Director for G & G Living Centers, Inc. says, “This year’s tournament was our most successful golf tournament ever. The support we received from the community and sponsors was incredible. Their support demonstrates our community’s commitment to the individuals that receive services from G & G Living Centers, Inc.”

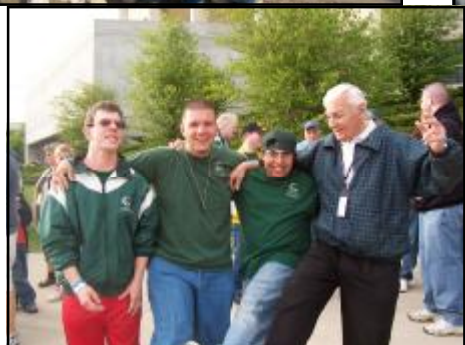
G & G Living Centers, Inc. would also like to thank the following people for volunteering their time and talents at this year’s tournament- Tonya Anderegg, Tina Brown, Natisha Burmeister, Sharie Greve, Laura Hoffmann, Deb Hogan, Lora Kolker, Mike Mellon, Shannon Petsche, and Regina Shafer.

See page 5 for a complete list of this year’s sponsors.



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**Athletes Attend Special Olympics
Track & Field Events**



Regional Track & Field Results

Mike-	SB Throw-1 st	50 m. dash-2 nd
Lisa-	TB Throw-1 st	25 m. walk-1 st
Brian-	SB Throw-2 nd	50 m. dash-3 rd
Jon B.-	SB Throw-3 rd	100 m. dash-1 st
Russell-	SB Throw-1 st	50 m. dash-2 nd
Greg-	SB Throw-4 th	50 m. dash-3 rd
Heather-	SB Throw-2 nd	50 m. dash-2 nd
Randy-	SB Throw-2 nd	50 m. walk-1 st
Shawn G.-	SB Throw-1 st	50 m. walk-1 st
David-	SB Throw-2 nd	50 m. dash-4 th
Meagan-	SB Throw-1 st	50 m. walk-1 st
Julie-	SB Throw-3 rd	
Jesse-	100 m. dash-2 nd	200 m. dash-1 st
Shawn O.-	SB Throw-1 st	200 m. dash-1 st
Jessie-	SB Throw-1 st	50 m. dash-2 nd
Tim-	TB Throw-1 st	25 m. walk-2 nd
Danny-	SB Throw-2 nd	50 m. walk-2 nd
Jon E.-	SB Throw-scratch	25 m. walk-1 st
Mary-	30 m. Straight-1 st	30 m. Salom-1 st
Doug-	SB Throw-3 rd , 100 m. dash 1 st , Relay-1 st	
Logan-	SB Throw-3 rd , 100 m. dash-1 st , Relay-1 st	
DJ-	SB Throw-1 st , 50 m. dash-1 st , Relay-1 st	
Joe-	SB Throw-2 nd , 100 m. dash-1 st , Relay-1 st	

State Track & Field Results

Mike A.-	SB Throw-4 th	50 m. dash-4 th
Lisa-	TB Throw-1 st	25 m. walk-2 nd
Russell-	SB Throw-2 nd	50 m. dash- 3 rd
Randy-	SB Throw- 3 rd	50 m. walk- 8 th
Shawn G.-	SB Throw- 3 rd	50 m. dash- 5 th
Meagan-	SB Throw- 1 st	50 m. walk-1 st
Jesse-	50 m. dash- 6 th	
Shawn O.-	SB Throw-4 th	200 m. dash-3 rd
Jessie S.-	SB Throw- 2 nd	50 m. dash- 1 st
Tim-	TB Throw- 3 rd	25 m. walk-2 nd
Mary-	30 m. Straight-1 st	30 m. Salom-1 st
Mike V.-	Shot Put- 5 th	100 m. dash- 1 st
Doug-	SB Throw- 3 rd , 100 m. dash-1 st , Relay- 2 nd	
Logan-	SB Throw-1 st , 100 m. dash-2 nd , Relay-2 nd	
DJ-	SB Throw-2 nd , 50 m. dash-4 th , Relay-2 nd	
Joe-	SB Throw-2 nd , 100 m. dash-4 th , Relay-2 nd	



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Summer Time!



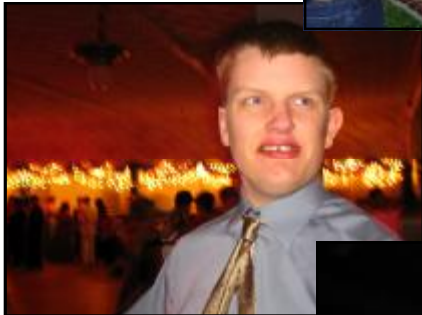
LIVESTONG Walk in Guttenberg



Edgewood Rodeo Days Float



Richard checks out the Guttenberg Fire Department.



Clayton Ridge Prom 2008



Summertime Fun!
By: Shawn & Jesse
Summer-sometimes cold mostly warm
Days are long nights are short-
Birds sing: kittens play
I ride my bike and go to parades
There are town celebrations
Picnics in the Park
Go to Osborne to see the animals
We start up the grill
And sing (to the Moon)
We go see ball games
And go to camp
We love the sunshine and
Homemade ICE CREAM
Summertime-the fun time of the year!

G & G Living Centers, Inc. Receives Grant from Dubuque Racing Association

G & G Living Centers, Inc. is the recipient of an \$8,000.00 grant from the Dubuque Racing Association (DRA). Funds from the grant will be used to purchase items for a sensory integration area and additional activities for individuals with autism.

Lorrie Meier, Chief Executive Officer for G & G Living Centers, Inc. says, “The demand for providers that provide services for individuals with autism has increased and will continue to do so. G & G Living Centers, Inc. is committed to meeting this need. With this grant from the Dubuque Racing Association, we will be able to purchase equipment and better meet the needs of individuals with autism.”

A majority of funds from the grant will be used to purchase items for a sensory integration area at the Activity Center in Guttenberg. A large sensory wall will be the focal point of the sensory integration area. Additional sensory items will also be purchased such as balls, brushes, weighted blankets, pillows, and music to allow individuals a wide variety of sensory activities to choose from.

The remaining funds will be used to purchase additional activities for the Autism Activity Program. This program provides a structured environment for individuals with autism including activities to encourage communication, socially acceptable behavior, sequencing, and increase attention spans. The additional activities will allow individuals to learn new skills, including vocational skills. The vocational kits meet the vocational needs of individuals at different skills levels and allow individuals to progress to additional kits as their skills increase.

G & G Living Centers, Inc. would like to express our gratitude to the Dubuque Racing Association. DRA, you have made DRA-matic results in the lives of individuals with autism at G & G Living Centers, Inc.

Casey (front) tries out the new sensory wall purchased with funds from the Dubuque Racing Association.



G & G Living Centers, Inc. Receives Alpine Communications Grant



Natisha Burmeister, HCBS Manager, assembles a picture schedule with materials purchased with funds from Alpine Communications.

G & G Living Centers, Inc. has received a grant from Alpine Communications in the amount of \$1,000.00. The grant was used to purchase Boardmaker Software, Visual Training Systems, and timers for individuals with autism and mental retardation.

Natisha Burmeister, Home & Community Based Services (HCBS) Manager for G & G Living Centers, Inc. explains, “Individuals with autism and mental retardation may not be able to process spoken language, so pictures are often used to communicate. Boardmaker software includes a library of over 4,500 pictures that allows us to create personalized communication cards and picture schedules to meet the unique communication needs of each individual.”

Visual Training Systems assist individuals in daily tasks such as bathing, brushing teeth, hand washing, and grooming. Individuals simply following a sequence of photos to complete an activity or task. “Our mission at G & G Living Centers, Inc. is to empower people to maximize their independence. Visual Training Systems allow individuals to be independent each day,” adds Burmeister.

Thank you Alpine Communications!

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How to be an Advocate for People with Disabilities

Have you ever wondered how to be an advocate for people with developmental disabilities? The Iowa Developmental Disabilities Council can help. The Iowa DD Council was created following the passing of the federal Developmental Disabilities Assistance and Bill of Rights Act. The DD Council’s vision for Iowans with disabilities and their families are to be fully included in communities of their choice. This vision is promoted through the development of services and supports for people with developmental disabilities and their families.

The DD Council also publishes a newsletter, *infoNet*, with information on what is happening in Des Moines including proposed legislation, how you can get involved, and much more. For more information on *infoNet* or to sign up to receive upcoming issues log on to- <http://www.infonetiaowa.com/index.php>

Or Contact-

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Thank you for your support!

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**Garments & Goods Crazy Days Sale
420 S. River Park Dr., Guttenberg
Saturday, August 9th
9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
In Store Specials!**

**Huge Yard Sale at Activity Center
602 Kosciusko St., Guttenberg
Saturday, August 9th
8:00 a.m. to Noon
All clothing 25¢ each**