



# Celebrate Life

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**G & G Living Centers, Inc.**

**Winter 2008**

## **G & G Living Centers, Inc. Endowment Fund Offers Tax Credit for Donors**

The G & G Living Centers, Inc. Board of Directors recently voted to establish an endowment fund to support G & G Living Centers, Inc. The endowment fund was established with the Community Foundation of Greater Dubuque in partnership with the Clayton County Foundation for the Future. The endowment fund allows donors additional tax benefits when supporting G & G Living Centers, Inc. financially. Donors wishing to contribute to a permanent endowment program may be eligible for the Endow Iowa Tax Credit, which gives donors a permanent endowment fund of a 20% tax credit over and above the State and Federal deductibility. These tax credits were passed by legislation called “Endow Iowa,” and are authorized tax credits to be distributed on a first-come, first-serve basis throughout the state.

If you would like to donate to the G & G Living Centers Foundation Endowment Fund or to G & G Living Centers, Inc., please contact Lisa Marie Bischoff, Community Relations & Development Director for G & G Living Centers, Inc. at [lbischoff@gandgliving.org](mailto:lbischoff@gandgliving.org) or (563) 252-3811 ext. 18.

## **G & G Living Centers, Inc. Annual Satisfaction Survey Results**

Parents, guardians, and individuals that receive services from G & G Living Centers, Inc. annually complete satisfaction surveys on the agency. The survey measures participants’ satisfaction with G & G Living Centers, Inc. for the following areas– rights, dignity & respect, natural support networks, health, safety, staffing, services & supports, community involvement, and personal security. G & G Living Centers, Inc. is pleased to share this year’s survey results with you.

*“We are continually thankful for the support and services that G & G Living Centers, Inc. has provided.”*  
*Guardian Comment*

97.73% feel that the agency supports individuals in exercising their rights and responsibilities.

97.73% feel that the agency treats individuals with dignity and respect.

93.02% feel that the agency assists with or promotes individuals to stay in contact with their natural supports network.

95.45% feel that the agency provides individuals protection from abuse, neglect, mistreatment and exploitation.

97.78% feel that the agency provides individuals with the best possible health.

95.35% feel that the agency provides individuals with safe environments.

95.35% feel that the agency provides individuals with adequate staff resources and supports.

*“Everyone at G & G is very positive and supportive.”*  
*Individual Comment*

93.33% feel the agency provides individuals with positive services and supports.

95.56% feel that the agency provides individuals and their families/guardians with continuity and personal security.

90.91% feel that the agency thoroughly encourages individuals to become engaged in community life.

*“Your agency is doing a great job. I can’t say enough good things about G & G!”*  
*Parent Comment*

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## **G & G Athletes Compete in Special Olympics Bowling Competition**

The 2008 Special Olympics Regional Bowling Competition was held on October 25, 2008 at Maple Lanes in Waterloo, IA. Congratulations to the G & G Living Centers, Inc. athletes! First place finishers competed at the State Bowling Competition on November 22nd in Des Moines, IA. G & G athletes were unable to attend due to winter weather.

**1<sup>st</sup> Place Winners:**

Richard  
Shawn O.  
Danny  
Joe

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place Winners:**

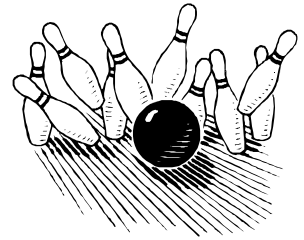
Brian  
Jon B.  
Greg  
Heather  
Adam  
Steve

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners:**

Russell  
Jon E.  
Randy  
Shawn  
Logan  
DJ  
Mike V.  
Rachael

**4<sup>th</sup> Place Winners:**

Mike A.  
Doug  
Jesse  
Norman



Thank you to all the coaches/volunteers who assisted the athletes: Stephanie Hansel, Mike Mellon, Gus Elgers, Sunny Sporer, Eric Walters, Andrea Kirby, Sharie Greve, Echo Wilson, Ashley Kueter, Mike Spielbauer, and Rick Worthen.



### **2009 Special Olympics Events**

<b>Basketball Regional</b>	<b>Feb. 7, 2009</b>	<b>Cedar Falls</b>
<b>Basketball State</b>	<b>Mar. 13-14, 2009</b>	<b>Iowa City</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field Regional</b>	<b>Mar. 29, 2009</b>	<b>Cedar Falls</b>
<b>Track &amp; Field State</b>	<b>May 21-23, 2009</b>	<b>Ames</b>

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## **G & G Living Centers, Inc. Welcomes New Board Members**

G & G Living Centers, Inc. welcomed two new members of the G & G Board of Directors at their November meeting. Darla Kelchen, Executive Director of the Clayton County Development Group and Sue Purcell of Mercy Caremor Pharmacy have joined the eight person board. Lorrie Meier, Chief Executive Officer for G & G Living Centers, Inc. says, “Both Darla and Sue bring a great depth of knowledge in their respective fields. We are proud to have them on our Board of Directors and as members of the G & G Living Centers, Inc. team.”

Other members of the G & G Living Centers, Inc. Board of Directors include– Rob Fontaine, Board Chair, Al Krueger, Vice Chair of Finance, Forest Brown, Vice Chair of Governance, Terry Kane, Secretary, Board Members Jeanne Kramer and Eric Sullivan.

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## **G & G Human Rights Committee Seeks Additional Members**

The G & G Living Centers, Inc. Human Rights Committee (HRC) is currently seeking additional members. The HRC committee provides observation, review, and assessment of supports offered by G & G for individuals with developmental disabilities. Meetings are held at the Activity Center in Guttenberg at noon once a month on Thursday and lunch is provided. The Human Rights Committee is made up of volunteers from the community and members of the G & G Living Centers, Inc. team. No prior knowledge or experience is required to be an HRC member, as on-going training and education are provided at meetings. If you are interested in becoming a member of the G & G Human Rights Committee, please contact Regina Shafer, Manager of Quality Assurance at [rshafer@gandgliving.org](mailto:rshafer@gandgliving.org) or (563) 252-3811 ext. 21.

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### **G & G Living Centers, Inc.**

**would like to thank the following companies and individuals who have made donations to G & G Living Centers, Inc. and the G & G Foundation in the last quarter.**

Jaime Ambrose	Marjorie Elsinger	Knights of Columbus	Shannon Petsche	Lori Wallace
Lori Ambrose	Darlene Everett	Council #4148	Gwen Porter	Brenda Walters
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Lisa Bernhard	Nancy Fowlkes	Esther Kolz	Richard Schieltz	Tricia Whittle
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Lititia Bond	Sharie Greve	Michelle Kueter	Regina Shafer	<b>Memorials received:</b>
Tina Brown	Jackie Gull	Patricia Kulper	Patricia Spielbauer	In memory of
Toni Bryant	Angel Hakert	Helene Lammers	Clarence Sporer	Donald E. Hansel,
Terry Bucknell	Mary Hallock	Joe Malin	Hope Sprague	Judy Hansel Brown, and
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Loretta Cook	Jennifer Hinzman	Lorrie Meier	Betty Thompson	In memory of
Mary Cook	Laura Hoffmann	Lindsey Miller	Erica Traver	Sharon Kolz
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Becky Decker	Rayma Huggins	Jude Mousel	Upper Mississippi	
Tanya Drips	Janet Jasper	Stephanie Paulson	Gaming Corporation	<b>Thank you for your</b>
Josh & Aubrey Dudley	Rachel Jaster	Cheryl Pearcy	Rodney Varner	<b>support!</b>
Bridget Ehrhardt	Terry Kane	Adele Peters	Tricia Jo Vogt	

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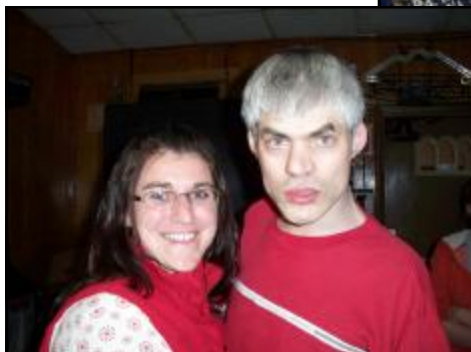
## **G & G Holiday Party**

The G & G Holiday Party was held at Lakeside Ballroom on Friday, December 12, 2008. Staff, individuals, friends, family, and volunteers came together to celebrate another great year at G & G. Thank you to the G & G Holiday Party Committee members for their hard work and planning—Stephanie Paulson (Committee Chair), Marcia Harbaugh, Gwen Porter, Jen Radl, Bridget Ehrhardt, Laura Hoffmann, Deb Hogan, Aubrey Dudley, Janet Jasper, Shantel Berns, and Melissa Hyde.

Here are some photos of the festivities.



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**Happy Holidays from G & G Living Centers, Inc.**

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## Looking for a great gift this Holiday season?

Bring your list to your local Garments & Goods stores located at 420 S. River Park Drive, Guttenberg and 106 N. Washington Street, Edgewood. Both stores offer a variety of locally handmade gift ideas including– signs, woodcrafts, candles, benches in a variety of sizes and colors, plant stands, garden tool caddies, wooden toys, folding utility tables, and much more.

