



The Gary Plumery Foundation

Enhancing the lives of people with developmental disabilities.

Newsletter

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Gary's Corner

Gary was in the hospital after falling off his bike. He had to have surgery on his jaw and had to have his teeth wired shut for eight weeks. Gary told us that a priest had come by the night before his surgery. I asked what the priest has said. Gary responded that he made the blessing sign and said "I hope you live" Gary looked at me and said, "and I did." He then looked up to the sky and said "Thanks God!"

When Gary was going to catechism class for his First Communion, I thought I should review his lesson. I said, "What do you say when the priest holds up the host and says 'the body of Christ'?" Gary replied, "I say, Hi Lord!"

—*Sylvia Plumery*

If you would like to submit stories for inclusion in Gary's Corner, email Rich at Plumery@aol.com.

*** 2010 Holiday Wish *** *** List Campaign ***

Last December, gifts were distributed to over 32 clients who do not otherwise receive gifts for the Holidays. Gifts ranged from exciting electronics to basics like coats and hats. It was a joyous, fun evening for all. This event is a much anticipated Holiday tradition for Developmental Pathways clients.

2011 Holiday Wish List



The Gary Plumery Foundation is proud to sponsor the Holiday Wish List again this year. We hope to be able to fulfill 40 clients' requests this holiday season! See our o Holiday Wish List Insert for inspiration and information about how you can help make the Holidays a little better for these individuals.

Dance, Dance, Dance!

The Earth Day Dance this year was held April 21 with 38 clients present. This event, partially funded by the GPF, was a fun night of dinner, dancing, crafts and games. Everyone viewed the results of a competition held with the clients to see who could create a useful or pretty item from recyclable material. The results were quite imaginative!

In March, 42 clients attended the Mardi Gras 2011 Celebration at Developmental Pathways Aurora office. They danced to their favorite DJ music, played games and ate pancakes. The GPF funded most of this event and it was a great opportunity for everyone to break out of the 'winter blues'.

The Harvest Moon Dance is becoming the Harvest Moon Football Kickoff Dance because there are so many football fans who love the Broncos. The Harvest Moon Dance was on September 15 this year.

And the annual Monster Mash Halloween Party was held on Thursday night, October 27. This is a favorite dance with the clients, who all come in costume, get their pictures taken, and compete for prizes for costumes.



Camping Trips

There were two camping trips for Developmental Pathways clients this summer. The first was on Friday and Saturday, July 8th and 9th to Wilderness on Wheels located just this side of Kenosha Pass. Above is a photo of the boardwalk to the top of

the mountain, which clients take each year. The second trip was to Bear Creek Lake Park in Lakewood on August 19-21. This was a one night trip for yurt campers and a two night trip for all others. There is plenty of fishing at both campsites and a swim beach at Bear Creek Lake Park.



Friday Fun Trips

Friday Fun Trips occur throughout the year to events and interesting sites around the Denver area. In the past, clients have attended the National Western Stock Show, Bandimere Speedway, the Denver March Pow Wow, the Christmas celebration at the Governor's Mansion, a tour of the Denver Mint, the US Olympic Training Center in Colorado Springs to name just a few.

Picnic, Mateys!

Developmental Pathways' Day Program picnic was August 4 this year. This event was attended by 200 clients and staff from the various day programs of Developmental Pathways. It's a fun-filled picnic at Cherry Creek State Park. The theme this year was "A Pirate's Life for Me" with costumes and water play and a picnic of hot dogs and hamburgers. Jeff the DJ was also there to play everyone's favorite tunes.

Barracudas Bowling

Ninety one clients bowled in league bowling once a week for six months throughout the winter of 2010/2011. This was funded by the GPF as well as were the t-shirts presented to the clients at the end of the season. This event is look forward to by all of the clients. It is a chance for them to spend time with their friends doing a sport that they love and are good at. They wear their bowling shirts with pride. The bowling season for winter 2011/2012 has also just recently started.

The 9th Annual Gary Plumery Foundation Golf Tournament was held at the Pinery Country Club on August 1, 2011 and raised \$10,000.00, which will be used to sponsor more events and activities for developmentally disabled individuals.

Upcoming Events

Every year, the Gary Plumery Foundation sponsors a Special Olympic End of the Year Banquet. This year it will be held on November 18. Nearly 100 athletes and 15 coaches come together for this event where everyone enjoys a dinner and receives a certificate and recognition for their participation throughout the year.



Dog Sledding, always a very popular activity, is planned for March, 2012.

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Developmental Pathways, Inc.

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