

DEEPWOOD
FOUNDATIONMaking a Lifetime
of Difference

Brighter Futures

DEEPWOOD FOUNDATION

www.deepwoodfoundation.org

Deepwood Foundation Makes a Difference Through Community Assistance

In the first six months of 2010, the Deepwood Foundation, successfully supported numerous families in Lake County by awarding 83 grant requests, totaling over \$39,000.

With grants, given through the Deepwood Foundation Community Assistance Program, students, adults and families received adaptive equipment, gas cards, therapeutic horseback riding, respite services, medication, clothing, assessments, diapers, teaching tools, and specialized formulas.

The remaining grants were given as scholarships and support to assist children and adults in attending community activities and specialized camps including New Avenues, Adapted Advantage, Academic Fun and Fitness, Camp Cheerful, Camp Sue Osborne, Willoughby Fine Arts, and Re-Education.

“We have been able to assist so many deserving families this year and hope to serve many more,” commented Tia Kozlovich, Board President. “The Foundation could not exist without the support of our donors and participation of our community and the partnership of supporting programs such as Lake County Board of Developmental Disabilities/Deepwood, (LCBDD).”, Willoughby Eastlake Schools, Doc’s Deepwood Run, Western Reserve Junior Service League, Knights of Columbus St. Bedes, Junior Women’s Club of Mentor and other non profit programs.”

The Deepwood Foundation has several events scheduled throughout the end of 2010 to secure support to continue benefiting Lake County residents. The Foundation will hold its 14th Annual Dining fund raiser on Saturday, November 6th, at La Malfa, embracing an Italian theme –

An Evening With Deepwood . . . Bella Sera

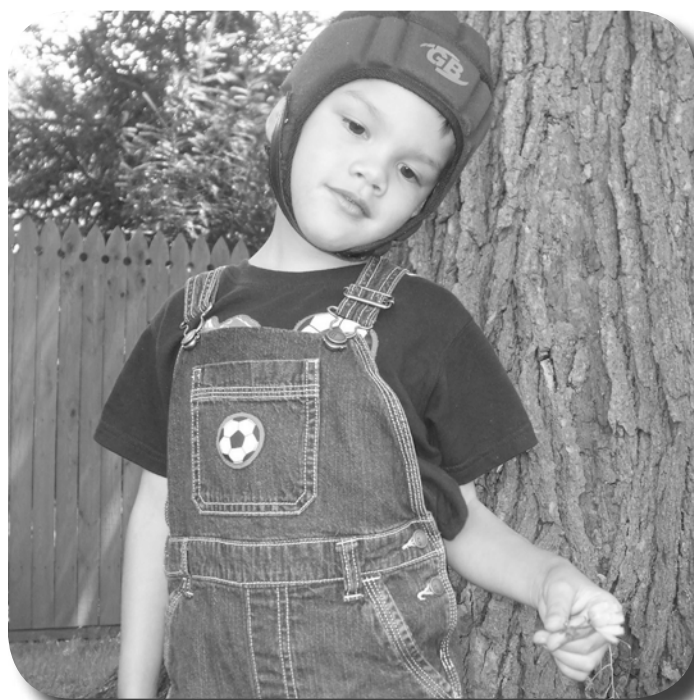
The Evening will honor Western Reserve Junior Service League and the Ron Guenther Family for their continued dedication and commitment to those with Developmental Disabilities. The benefit will include music and dining, a live and silent auction, along with the Wonderful Wheel of Wine.

Individuals or businesses interested in sponsoring any of the Deepwood Foundation’s upcoming events can contact Rikke Coach at 440/350-5208.

How You Can Help

While showing some signs of recovery the current economy both locally and nationally has impacted most charities. Costs of services and supports for people with disabilities continue to increase and gaps between what is covered by insurance and what is not continue to grow. The Deepwood Foundation remains committed to its vision to provide support for individuals of all ages with developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential.

The Annual Campaign begins in September and continues through December. Please consider a tax deductible donation. Your support will help us to reach our goal of creating brighter futures by making grants and gifts available to those with developmental disabilities.



Matthew

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Dear Deepwood Foundation

Well the Swing set is here and up, I would like to thank you all for working so hard to make this happen, the joy on Mikey's face is just indescribable! He helped in the making of his project and has played and done so well on it. You had given him a wish that was bigger than life to him. My heart goes out to all the hard workers who are able to help children with disabilities and give a part of themselves to so many children, even without knowing them, that takes special people! I am so fortunate to have been blessed with such an amazing little boy, who everyday reminds me of the good in life along with his siblings, Thank You again. I am forever grateful . . . (((((HUGS)))))) from my family!



Look for the Flame in Lake County

FLAME, a group from upstate New York made up of 11 people with developmental/physical disabilities, including autism, Down's syndrome, mental retardation and blindness, is capturing the world's attention but their message remains the same. The band from **Lexington Center, Fulton County Chapter, NYSARC, Inc.**, wants to **change the world** through music. They are a phenomenon that inspires people and changes the way the general public view people with disabilities. People of all ages and backgrounds connect with this special rock band, especially those who have a disability. Parents are often overcome with emotion watching **FLAME**, seeing that it's possible to have their child achieve great things and, even more importantly, have a fun, fulfilling life.

FLAME began in 2003 from a recreation program at Lexington. The plan was to have the band play at the agency and around town. However the profound effect they have on their audiences made it impossible to keep **FLAME** within the confines of

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Eastlake middle-schoolers dance for a cause

By Cassandra Shofar



Photo courtesy of The News-Herald

Eastlake Middle School Students hit their eighth hour – out of 12 – of dancing for the school's first ever Autism Awareness Dance-a-thon in the gymnasium, at 35972 Lake Shore Blvd., Saturday night. The event, which ran from noon until midnight, included 78 dancers and raised \$4,500 to be donated to the Deepwood Foundation for support of autism awareness. The event was headed up by Casey Cook, guidance counselor, and Janine Zampini, algebra teacher, at the middle school.



Fulton County. Word spread and requests for hire began pouring in and **FLAME** now averages over 90 paid performances per year, including concerts in 11 different states (NY, NJ, PA, Wash DC, ID, MA, ME, VT, RI, IN, CT.) and in Europe and soon to be OHIO. They perform for national and statewide conventions, corporate conferences, civic events, school functions, dances, and private parties. Their song list contains over 100 classic hit rock, country and blues songs from the past five decades.

The Deepwood Foundation is proud to present "Flame the Band" at Lakeland Community College on April 28th to kick off the annual conference for disabilities, "Transitions." Call the Foundation office @ 440-350-5208 for additional information.

We Want to Share a Chair

The Foundation wants to *Share a Chair* with the community through its program that expands therapeutic opportunities available to children and adults with developmental disabilities. The *Share a Chair Program* loans new and used rehabilitative and adaptive equipment at ***no cost*** to families who do not have the resources to pay for such necessary items.

The program allows individuals to develop specific skills with a fun and meaningful format. Access to a wide range of equipment gives caregivers, parents and children a variety of therapeutic and play experiences. A variety of resources are available based on therapist recommendations. Equipment will be available for loan periods allowing children and adults to have access on a temporary basis, either for skill development or for exploration of suitable equipment for future purchase. Available equipment will be distributed first come, first serve. This wonderful program truly helps to make a difference in the lives of so many children and adults.

The *Share a Chair Program* would not be possible without the generous support of Ronald McDonald House Charities of Northeast Ohio and Western Reserve Junior Service League and the generosity of community donors.

SAVE THE DATE!



Monday 6/14/10

Dear Deepwood Foundation's Rikke,
 Madeline and I just wanted to thank you so much for helping us get out in the fresh air. The duct bike is working out great and we really really are grateful for the wonderful program at the



Foundation). We would never have been able to get anything like this ourselves.

Sincerely,
 Cindi + Maddie K.
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Maddie

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 Submitted work will be displayed in A Bldg.
 From September 30-October 31

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 First bike out at 11:00 am. Deepwood Campus

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