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## SHOW YOUR SUPPORT FOR CCC AT THE 17TH ANNUAL CHEF TASTING PARTY & AUCTION

Tickets are now available for the 17th Annual Chef Tasting Party and Auction to be held on Sunday, October 24, 2010 at The Mansion. This special event will be held from 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. We've kept the price of tickets at an affordable \$40 per person again this year.

To purchase your tickets by credit card go to our website,  
**[www.cheftasting.net](http://www.cheftasting.net)**  
or call 724-283-3198.

**Our Premier Sponsors,** insurance brokers **Simpson & McCrady LLC**, once again invite you to join them in supporting CCC by

becoming a Room Sponsor, donating a prize, or purchasing tickets to attend the event or becoming one of our featured restaurants or beverage purveyors.

**Some of our Room Sponsorships are:** Alpern Rosenthal, Kerven Subaru, Moses Jewelers, Preferred Restoration Company, Prudential Retirement and VNA of Western PA.

**Some of our featured vendors this year include:** *The Brick House, The Kaufman House, Jody's Pantry Catering, Rustic Acres Winery, JDM Coffee and Beverage Service, Goettler Distributing, Friedmans, Frank B. Fuhrer Wholesalers, Yama Sushi,*

*Level Crest Farms, Fairground Market and The Blue Shutter Bakehouse.*

**Check out our Chef Tasting website at [www.cheftasting.net](http://www.cheftasting.net).** Please support the businesses which support us through the Chef Tasting Party and Auction.

To become a Vendor, Sponsor, Prize Donor or Volunteer call Cindy Harbison at 724-283-3198, ext. 250.



## ATTENDANT CARE PROGRAM RECEIVES STATE LICENSING

We are pleased to announce The Attendant Care Program recently received licensure as a Home Care Agency through the PA Department of Health.

The state now requires standards to be met by all

home care agencies and registries delivering personal care services to the elderly and individuals with disabilities. These personal care tasks include bathing, dressing, housekeeping, errands, and meal preparation.

Pat Brennen, Executive Director said, "The licensure of home care agencies is very important and long overdue. People with disabilities and their families can feel more secure knowing their care is being provided by individuals (Continued on page 3)

## DIRECTOR'S CORNER

Dear Friends:

I am so pleased to be able to tell you that The United States Senate has passed "**Rosa's Law**" which will replace the term "mental retardation" with the words "**intellectual disabilities**" in most existing federal legislation.

"**Rosa's Law**" was first introduced in 2009. Its purpose is to replace the words "mental retardation" with the words "intellectual disabilities" and to replace the words "mentally retarded individual" with the words "individuals with intellectual disabilities" in most existing federal legislation.

The passage and subsequent

enactment of such pieces of legislation as the *Americans with Disabilities Act* and *The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act* mandate that people with disabilities should be afforded equal opportunity, full participation, independent living, and economic self sufficiency, to the greatest extent possible, and the appropriate services and supports as necessary.

Words are powerful. With the passage of "**Rosa's Law**," Congress recognized that revising the language used in many federal laws was an important way to further support the equality of all individuals, without regard to disabilities.

We can all do our part to support people with disabilities and their

families. We can embrace this change and start using the words "intellectual disabilities" and "individuals with intellectual disabilities".

Sincerely,

*Pat*

Pat Brennen, Executive Director

*"The only disability in life is a bad attitude."*

- Scott Hamilton

## CAMP APPLE BLENDS FUN AND LEARNING

Summertime is day camp time. Community Care Connections, Inc. once again provided an opportunity for kids from 5 to 21 years of age to enjoy the camping experience in a safe environment. For over twenty-five years, Camp Apple has been providing an opportunity for children with disabilities to enjoy day camp activities that are age appropriate and designed for their individual ability levels.

During the months of July and

August campers "beat the heat" by participating in water balloon toss and other water related games. They were also involved in nature hikes, making treats to share with each

### IT IS OUR MISSION

*To provide programs and services that empower children and adults with disabilities to live more independently in their homes, schools, neighborhoods and communities.*

other, music and videos and all kinds of action games. A special field trip included a visit to the Pittsburgh Zoo.

Camp Apple came to a close on August 12. The staff is already planning for next year, and the kids are anxiously awaiting Camp Apple 2011 too!

For more information about Camp Apple contact Program Director Carol Schultz at 724-283-3198, ext. 222.

## MARK THESE DATES ON YOUR CALENDAR

Aug. 25	Chef Tasting Committee Meeting	Oct. 6	Chef Tasting Committee Meeting
Aug. 26	Family Connections Parent Support Group	Oct. 13	Chef Tasting Committee Meeting
Sept. 6	Labor Day—Agency closed	Oct. 21	Family Connections Parent Support Group
Sept. 8	Positioning & Mobility Clinic	Oct. 24	Chef Tasting Party & Auction
Sept. 8	Chef Tasting Committee Meeting	Oct. 27	Board Meeting
Sept. 22	Chef Tasting Meeting	Nov. 3	Annual Awards Ceremony
Sept. 29	Board Meeting	Nov. 10	Positioning & Mobility Clinic
Sept. 30	Family Connections Parent Support Group	Nov. 25 & 26	Thanksgiving Holiday—Agency closed

# WALK & ROLL STROLL FOLLOWED BY ANNUAL PICNIC

CCC consumers, families, staff and volunteers came out in full force to celebrate the 4th Annual Walk & Roll Stroll and Picnic on Saturday, August 7, 2010.

Over \$1,050 was raised by those who participated in the Walk & Roll Stroll. Barbara Spinneweber won first place for bringing in the most sponsorship money. Second place was won by Lori Schultz, with C.J. and Family coming in third.

Following the Walk, everyone enjoyed a picnic featuring home-made dishes brought by those who attended.

Children and adult games were hosted by the staff of Infant-Toddler

Therapy Services and the Attendant Care/Homemaker Chore Programs.

Picnic participants had a chance to win prize baskets donated by CCC staff.

Special thanks to the volunteers who made all this fun possible: Sue Rudisill, Barbara Spinneweber, Roxann Stickney & family, Joanna Lui, Carrie Eichner, Samantha Mead, Bob Rhoades, Eileen Gordon, Paula & Tung Nguyen, Sean Daugherty, Diane Early, Paula Lieberum, Lyn Goehring, Cindy Harbison, Pat Brennen, Jane Thompson and Carol & Gary Schultz.

Special thanks also to Courtney

Rhoades who gave the invocation.

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who have been screened for criminal records and who are highly trained.”

The new regulations reinforce the already high standards of care provided by the Attendant Care Program, which has been serving Butler County of over 20 years. The program has expanded its services to include residents in Venango, Lawrence and Clarion counties as well.

For more information about the Attendant Care Program, please contact Program Director Eileen Gordon at 724-283-3198, ext. 229, or by email at [egordon@communitycareconnect.org](mailto:egordon@communitycareconnect.org)

# “CANOE” PADDLES UP FUN AND PROFIT FOR CCC

On June 11, 12 & 13 the Western PA Solo Canoe Rendezvous was held at Cooper’s Lake Campground. Seasoned canoe enthusiasts and beginners alike enjoyed camping and paddling around the lake.

CCC staff, Jennifer Michel and Cindy Harbison and volunteer Cheri Scott sold breakfast and lunch items on Saturday, June 13th to those who attended the event. All proceeds from

the food sales benefit CCC programs and services not funded by government grants. Thanks to the Western PA Paddle Sport Association, especially Bruce Kemp and Becky Sheeler for giving us this opportunity to educate new people about CCC and raise money as well. A good time was had by all!



## Interdenominational Bible Study Begins in January

CCC is again sponsoring the Bible Study for teens and adults with intellectual disabilities.

This unique learning experience will begin in January 2011. Information regarding dates and times will be available in the upcoming months.

# HAVE YOU MET OUR BOARD MEMBER . . . ?

. . . Marilyn Rodgers.

Our current Board vice president, Marilyn has been volunteering for CCC for over 25 years. While still working as a vice president for PNC Bank she joined the Board when we were looking for someone with banking and finance experience. Because of her brother George’s involvement as a

consumer of our services, Marilyn thought she and CCC would be a perfect match.

Now that she is retired, Marilyn can spend as much time as she wants reading and traveling. She also finds time to volunteer as receptionist for CCC several times a month as well.

When asked why she has spent so many years dedicated to this one agency, she replied, “I feel the agency provides much needed services to the community in a very loving way. Everyone I have ever been involved with throughout the organization has always put the needs of the clients first. Great people!”



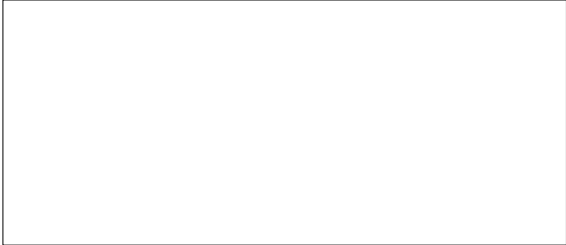
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**Cindy Harbison, Director, Public Relations & Development**

**Janice Moore, Office Manager**

## BEAUTIFUL WEATHER MAKES SAILING CONNECTION A BIG SUCCESS!



A hot, sunny day, a cooling breeze and the aroma of hot dogs grilling on the shore—what a better way to enjoy the 2010 Sailing Connection held on

Saturday and Sunday, June 26 & 27, 2010. Thanks to the dedicated volunteers and the 146 people who came out to enjoy a sailboat ride and supported our refreshment stand, this annual event raised \$1,470.24 to benefit CCC's programs and services.

We'd like to thank our Sponsors, Wind & Water Boatworks, Crescent Bay Marina—Rentals, Lake Arthur Sailing Club and Western PA Paddle Sport Association for their support.

Thanks also to the captains and crews of the 14 sailboats which provided rides to those who attended: Jack & Diane Criste—BIG-O, Dick & Cassie

Lloyd—CASSANDRA, Rich Landau—CONTINUANCE, Warren Barton—DESSERT FIRST, Marty & Kathy Mitchell—DREAM CHASER, Barb & Steve Orstein & Chuck Byrne—IRISH ROVER, Jim Clark—MAGI'S MATE, Sean Stull—MATATA HAKUNA, Chuck & Floy Pease—MORE LIKE IT, John Albertson—MY GIRL, Tom Westman, ODE TO JOY, Ken & Patty Adams—SAILABRATION, Dan Mayhugh & Beryl Gilmartin—SUNDANCER, and Gary & Carol Weaver—WANDERING STAR.

Special thanks to our "land volunteers," Donna McKee, Bruce Kemp, Bill Perkins, Marylyn Boulet, Larry & Leslie Dailey, Dottie Steenson and John & Beth Paladini, who kept everything running smoothly throughout both days.

We owe special recognition to Paul

Egbert of Wind & Water Boatworks for organizing such a great event year after year.

Staff, family and friends of CCC were on hand both days to provide refreshments to all who participated. We couldn't do it without the help of: Tung & Paula Nguyen, Jennifer Michel, Pat Brennen, Joanna Lui, Carrie Eichner, Samantha Mead, Jane Thompson, Bob Rhoades & family, Sue Rudisill, Janice Moore, Eileen Gordon, Ricki & Wade Hood, Becky & Mike Werner, Sean Daugherty, Carol Schultz, Paula Lieberum & family and Connor, "The Hot Dog King."

*"Never a ship sails out of the bay  
But carries my heart as a stowaway."  
- Roselle Mercier Montgomery*