



The Rainbow Village Voice

Providing Neighborhood Homes for People with Developmental Disabilities
Spring 2011

Walk Run 'n Roll for Rainbow Village

Rainbow Village has teamed up with nine local organizations to raise awareness and money for people with developmental and cognitive disabilities. The Walk Run 'n Roll is certain to be an amazing event and Rainbow Village is inviting you to join us on **Saturday, May 7th** at **Creve Coeur Park**. This fun-filled event includes activities for people of all abilities and will be entertaining for the entire family. Participating in the event will show that you support individuals and families facing obstacles everyday.



For People of All Abilities

Register today at: ***WalkRunNRoll.org***

Can't make it to Walk Run 'n Roll? Still want to support Rainbow Village and people with developmental and cognitive disabilities? Visit <http://lsfstl.donorpages.com/WalkRunnRoll2011/RainbowVillageTeam/> to donate to Rainbow Village's Fundraising Team. You can help us meet our online fundraising goal of \$2,500!



**TOGETHER WE MAKE A DIFFERENCE
FOR PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES!**



Saturday, May 7, 2011

Creve Coeur Park • Tremayne Shelter

9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Event Schedule:

9:00 am	Event Check-In, Resource Fair Opens
9:30 am	Fox Trot Starts
10:00 am	5k Fun Run Starts
10:30 am	1 Mile Walk Starts

Festivities will continue until 1:00 pm

Dining Out for Disabilities!

Eat at **The Corner Pub & Grill** in Chesterfield **after 5 p.m.** on **Tuesday, May 3rd**. Proceeds will support Rainbow Village and Walk Run 'n Roll. The Corner Pub & Grill is located at 15824 Fountains Plaza Drive, Chesterfield, MO 63017. Check out their menu, which has many gluten-free options, at www.cornerpubandgrill.com.

Our 2011 Picnic is Coming Soon!

Come join us for our **4th annual picnic** at **Stacy Park** on **Sunday, June 5th** from **1–4 p.m.** If you attend our picnic, you will enjoy a day filled with BBQ, music, and lots of entertainment. All Rainbow residents, their families, and our agency partners are invited to come enjoy this fun event put on by the Rainbow Village Board of Directors and staff. Stacy Park is located in Olivette at the corner of Olive Boulevard and North Warson Road. Please **RSVP to Jo-Ann Goldstein** at 314.567.1522 ext. 201 or at jgoldstein@rbvstl.org. We can't wait to see you all there!

Rainbow Village is always looking for handy helpers to do a variety of activities in order to keep our 51 homes looking beautiful. If you are interested in volunteering for Rainbow Village, please contact Jessica at 314.567.1522 ext. 209 or at jgraham@rbvstl.org.

The Survey Says...

Thank you for taking the time to fill out our 2010 satisfaction survey. We send these surveys to parents, guardians, and staff members of our partner agencies in order to see how we are doing. We appreciate feedback on how well we maintain our homes because it helps us to improve our overall services and to better serve your family member.

We were so pleased to hear that almost all of the respondents see Rainbow Village in a positive light and that no one surveyed feels negative about our organization. We learned that 99% believe that the interior of our homes are average or excellent and all of you feel the same about our exteriors. Rainbow Village received many compliments on the condition of the homes and the way in which we maintain the properties. Although many people felt that landscaping was what they liked best about the exterior of the home, some of you believed that your family members' home needed better landscaping.

We have thoroughly gone over each survey and we plan to keep up the good work on the positive comments and make changes where needed. This being said, we could use your help! Are you interested in volunteering your services, donating supplies, or funding a project in order to make your recommended improvements? If so, please contact Jessica at 314.567.1522 ext. 209 or at jgraham@rbvstl.org.

Rainbow Village's New Partners

Until 1993, Rainbow Village partnered with one support service agency. As we continued to grow, we began working with more agencies and today we are fortunate to work with 14 support service agency partners! Our newest partners are **Community Choice Inc.** and **Austen-Dooley Company**.

Community Choice, an independently owned and operated business, formed in 1998. They provide residential services and personal care attendant services to individuals with disabilities who wish to live in the community. The Community Choice mission is to enhance the quality of life for individuals with disabilities by ensuring that they have opportunities to achieve their greatest potential through quality residential living and staffing supports. They currently have two residents living in a Rainbow home in St. Peters.

Austen-Dooley was started in Lee's Summit, Missouri, in 2001. The company's goal is to provide support services that will enable individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve and maintain physical well being, pursue personal satisfaction, and participate as family and community members. In 2005, Austen-Dooley expanded into the St. Louis area and in 2010, began their partnership with Rainbow Village. They provide support services to one resident in a home in Hazelwood.

Meet Jessica Graham

Our Community Relations Coordinator, Jessica, joined Rainbow Village's staff of 11 in July. She has already proven to be a valuable co-worker by organizing many groups for volunteer projects and updating social media for Rainbow. Using her writing and editing skills that she acquired at the University of Kansas, Jessica has been able to greatly benefit both the operations and the development departments. In her free time Jessica is a freelance copy editor and enjoys reading, going to see live music, and spending time with friends and family. When asked about Rainbow, she said, "Rainbow Village provides a beneficial service for people with developmental disabilities in our community. I feel privileged to be a part of an organization with such a caring and important mission."



Visit our updated website at www.rbvstl.org. If you have any suggestions or comments, please contact Mike Rea, Director of Development and Community Relations, at mrea@rbvstl.org or at 314.567.1522 ext. 207.