

THE COMMUNITY

WE ARE CLEARBROOK

Clearbrook is home, a family, to over 8,000 children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

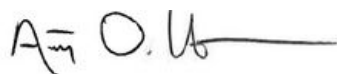
A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT/CEO

"EXPOSURE." When we see that word today we all think of COVID-19. The possibility of exposure brings on feelings of anxiety and fear. Just the chance of exposure brings on stress and worry, even if you never develop the disease. During this challenging time, I have experienced being exposed to COVID-19, and I have also been exposed to the beautiful side of the human spirit.

I have been exposed to the heroic spirit of Clearbrook staff who continue to place themselves at risk to care for and support our residents. I have been exposed to the tireless spirit of Clearbrook's leadership staff as they strive to support the staff and respond to families. We have the same goal as before the pandemic, to provide the highest level of care to those entrusted to us. Current circumstances mean we have to work twice as hard to achieve it.

I have been exposed to the generous spirit of families and donors who have stepped up their support of Clearbrook as we are challenged with great need. We don't always get to choose what we may be exposed to, but we do make a choice of how to respond.

If you only look for that which causes fear, you may be blind to that which inspires!



Tony Di Vittorio
President/CEO



THE COMMUNITY CORNER

Nurses at the Lattof Commons are true heroes. Many moved into a hotel or opted to sleep in our Krause building between shifts. This required them to be away from their families for weeks. They came in early, worked overtime, and stepped up to cover shifts.

DSP WEEK 2020

Our direct service professionals (DSP) are essential to the lives of thousands with intellectual and developmental disabilities. They work directly with our individuals, providing top-level care.


The week of September 13 was DSP Week. To celebrate, staff enjoyed daily food trucks and sweet treats, mocktails, coffee, and more.

Management worked hard to show their staff just how much their hard work is appreciated.



NEED A MASK?

Purchase a mask tie-dyed by one of our talented individuals. A portion of the proceeds will go towards purchasing N95 masks for staff who work directly with those entrusted to us.



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OUR NEW LOOK

Clearbrook has been a staple in Arlington Heights and the surrounding communities for over sixty years, entrusted by families to care for their loved ones.

This refreshed approach to our brand shows that we enrich the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities and help them embrace their potential. Our work empowers them to live their fullest lives possible.

The new shape represents the Clearbrook community, our individuals, families, staff, volunteers, donors, and leadership. Clearbrook's new brand serves as a beacon, focused on the future, and what Clearbrook offers.



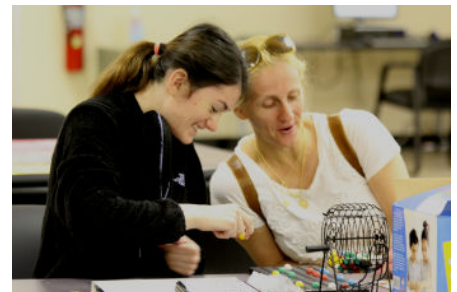
CLEARBROOK WEST

A few years ago, Clearbrook expanded into Crystal Lake to help meet the needs of the communities surrounding McHenry County.

As a response to tremendous growth in the region, Clearbrook wanted to establish an official name for the locations, programs, and services offered in the McHenry County area. Formerly known as Clearbrook McHenry, Clearbrook West reflects all areas served in the surrounding communities.

Recently, Clearbrook went through a brand refresh and Clearbrook West was able to receive its own iteration of the Clearbrook logo to further reflect their growth.

Annually, Clearbrook West supports over 200 individuals, as well as their families, in over 39 communities, seven counties, and six locations. Programs and services such as home-based, community day programs, residential, vocational and respite are offered.



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OUR RESPONSE TO COVID-19

Sadly at Clearbrook, we've lost both individuals and staff, with many more hospitalized, due to COVID-19. As one of the largest providers of programs and services for adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities in Illinois, Clearbrook is essential to the lives of an at-risk population. Even with temporarily closing community day services, we had over 400 individuals in 60+ homes.

QUICK LOOK:

- Sanitation stations installed at every facility. They include hand sanitizer, bleach wipes, thermometers, and alcohol wipes.
- Staff required to wear PPE when working with individuals.
- Masks and social distancing required.
- Improved communication system for updates to families.
- Hazard pay for staff working with COVID + individuals.
- Isolation plan created with medical director.
- Hotel and food accommodations for staff.
- Strengthened cleaning protocols.
- Developed a crisis staffing plan.
- All major fundraising events canceled or made virtual.
- Community day services closed mid-March to September following public health guidelines.
- Accumulated a large in-house inventory of PPE and supplies after thorough research of vendors and best practices.



We're so thankful for the support and generosity from our Clearbrook community. We pride ourselves on providing the best quality of care to those entrusted to us. We could not sustain this level of effort or intensity without you. To help close the gap, visit www.clearbrook.org/donate or contact Andi Wojcik, Director of Development, at (847) 385-5014.

CLEARBROOK STRONG



Clearbrook's Community Living Services hosted a Clearbrook Olympics in early June for a few homes. Staff decorated posters and cheered them on from a distance!



Staff dropped off a make-your-own birdhouse craft and birdseed for some of the Clearbrook West individuals. One of the home-based individuals, Jason, crafted his bird house and enjoyed the outdoor weather!



Corona Caroling! Back in March, staff and a resident went for a walk around their neighborhood. They sang happy songs and even played a ukulele. This wonderful story even caught the eye of Governor Pritzker. He gave us a shoutout during one of his daily updates.



The ladies of our Oakdale CILA decorated cupcakes one rainy morning. They had fun using frosting and lots of sprinkles, not to mention taste testing. Can you say YUM?!

STEP IT UP FOR CLEARBROOK

Over 600 people took to the trail, sidewalk, or treadmill to Step It Up for Clearbrook on September 26, 2020. Our annual 5K run or one mile walk took place virtually this year due to the pandemic.

Clearbrook empowers individuals to embrace their potential. Each step taken helped over 8,000 individuals live their fullest lives possible.

Thank you to the sponsors who made this event possible, including: [TerSera Therapeutics](#), [Enterprise](#), [Blue Cross Blue Shield of Illinois](#), [Gallagher](#), [Mainstay/My25](#), [RE/MAX Suburban-Sue Tharp](#), [LittleWins](#), [Dugan & Lopatka, CPAs](#), [Heartland Bank](#), and [The Health Insurance Mart](#).

Step It Up for Clearbrook is one of our largest fundraising events, bringing in over \$60,000 this year alone. Clearbrook still has a long way to go to lessen the impact of COVID-19.



FEEL GOOD ABOUT DONATING TO CLEARBROOK

Say YES to ratios that consistently beat the recommended standards used by watchdog agencies such as Better Business Bureau, CharityWatch, and GuideStar to evaluate the financial performance of a nonprofit. Clearbrook leads the pack with only 8% applied to administrative overhead. **92% of every dollar goes right back to our programs and services.**



Support Clearbrook by shopping on smile.amazon.com. Make us your selected charity and Clearbrook will receive 0.05% of your total.



"We can't imagine where our family would be without Clearbrook. They consistently go above and beyond in their efforts to elevate the lives of Clearbrook's clients." -Don Hoeg, Brother of Susie, Clearbrook CILA Resident



"Clearbrook has provided a safe environment for our son. He has become more independent during the time he has been with Clearbrook." -Brock Seney, Parent of CILA Resident, Matt