



Enrich Lives. Embrace
For Individuals with Intellectual and Deve

THE COMMUNITY

WE ARE CLEARBROOK

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

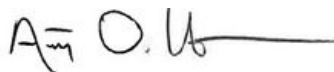
A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT/CEO

We are in full swing in 2023, adapting to new norms, working through hurdles, and celebrating our accomplishments. Our individuals and staff were able to enjoy holiday celebrations in person - participating in decorating, crafts, and attending festivities within their communities. Our new Ability Center is up and running; many individuals are receiving critical physical and occupational therapies needed using specialized equipment, experiencing significant improvement in their mobility. Those are accomplishments worth celebrating!

Although we have so much to be thankful for, we are still facing challenges and feeling the impact created by the worker shortage. Our direct care staff continues to go above and beyond to fill in the gaps created by this shortage and hiring is a top priority. Our Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) are speaking out and advocating for higher pay on the state level and we are doing everything we can to support their efforts. Our individuals thrive when their staff thrives, and the DSPs need their community behind them.

As we look to this uncertain future, I stay positive and turn to our community and families for support. I know one thing is for sure, Clearbrook needs more help to be able to provide the best for those in our care. I invite you to read the advocacy section in this newsletter to see how you can get involved and help make our voices heard.

Together, we are Clearbrook.



Anthony Di Vittorio
President/CEO



THE COMMUNITY CORNER

In November, we celebrated our employees for their five, ten, fifteen, twenty, twenty-five, thirty, and thirty-five years of tenure at the Employee Recognition Luncheon held at Toscana Restaurant & Lounge.

We celebrated with gifts of special swag which included laptop bags, sweatshirts, winter coats, Ipads, and more.

We are so grateful for the dedication and commitment that our employees bring with them every day. They are PROUD of the work they do, and we are thankful for each of them!

2022 YEAR IN REVIEW

Here are just a few of the highlights from 2022.

- 30 individuals moved into a Clearbrook residence.
- 213 adults joined our Home-Based Services program, ending the year with 1,404 total served in the program. Clearbrook is the largest provider of this service in Illinois.
- CHILD Therapy Services program served over 402 children in the past 12 months.
- Individual Placement Services (IPS) program is up and running and has placed 20 individuals in the workplace.

With the Clearbrook community behind us, we will continue to empower thousands with disabilities to live their fullest lives possible.

Learn more about 2022 by viewing our annual report at www.clearbrook.org/financial-information.



HAPPY HOLIDAYS

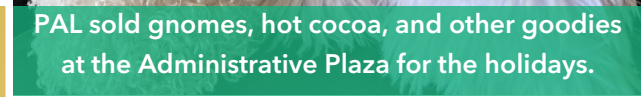
The holiday season is always a special time at Clearbrook. Individuals celebrated in their communities, homes, and day programs. They also enjoyed a Christmas concert at Getz played by students from Wheeling High School orchestra.



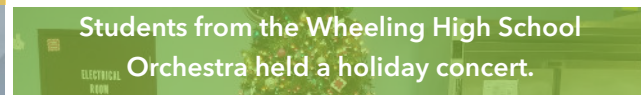
Santa and his elves made visits to day program holiday parties!



Eugene decorated Christmas trees at Getz.



PAL sold gnomes, hot cocoa, and other goodies at the Administrative Plaza for the holidays.



Students from the Wheeling High School Orchestra held a holiday concert.



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clearbrook.org/jobs



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SAVE THE DATE

The Shining Star Ball

35TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2023

Four Seasons Hotel Chicago

120 E. Delaware Place

Chicago, IL 60611

www.clearbrook.org/event/ssb

UPCOMING EVENTS

www.clearbrook.org/events

Shining Star Ball

April 28, 2023

Chicago

Challenge Golf Outing

July 2023

Highland Park

Step It Up for Clearbrook

September 23, 2023

Arlington Heights

Friends Wine & Beer Social

June 24, 2023

Itasca

Mad Hatter Mayhem Pub Crawl

July 22, 2023

Chicago

SAVE THE DATE
STEP IT UP FOR CLEARBROOK
5K RUN/1 MILE WALK
September 23, 2023
Cronin Park



ASSOCIATE BOARD: TOPGOLF IS A PAR-TEE!

The Clearbrook Associate Board hosted an event on Saturday, January 21 at Topgolf in Schaumburg. The Associate Board is a group of young professionals committed to increasing awareness for Clearbrook and raising funds to support our mission. Over 90 participants attended the event and helped raise over \$30,000 for Clearbrook. Throughout the night, guests enjoyed an open bar, dinner, raffle, Topgolf bays, and an evening of golf. A special thank you to event sponsors Assurance, Workday, Precision Homes, AutoFX, and John and Gretchen Auerbach for helping to make the night possible.

To learn more about the Associate Board, please visit clearbrook.org/associateboard/



ADVOCACY: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

On Friday, February 10 at Park Central Banquet Hall, Illinois Legislators joined Clearbrook for breakfast to learn about our mission and the support we need from our state. Clearbrook DSP Nina Kpai and Clearbrook families shared their stories to express the critical support and funding we need to support our DSPs and the individuals we serve. We were honored to have everyone join us and look forward to working with them to ensure the longevity of Clearbrook.

To learn more about Advocacy events, contact Joe O'Sullivan, Advocacy Manager at josullivan@clearbrook.org or 847-385-5017



Joining Clearbrook's advocacy network is easy and our optimized program allows you to make an impact with just a few clicks. Just scan the QR code!

CLEARBROOK ON CUE

After 3 years online, Clearbrook on Cue is returning to in-person programming! This long-running partnership with the Metropolis School of Performing Arts provides actors with disabilities an opportunity to rehearse a full show and perform it on stage.

On **June 12 at 6pm**, YOU can see how living with a disability does not hold individuals back from doing what they LOVE! We can't wait for the fun to begin again!



PUT A SPRING IN YOUR STEP

Spring is here and Clearbrook residents and community members will once again have the opportunity to enjoy the Fogelson Family Garden located in the back of the Lattoff Commons.

The garden allows residents to enjoy the outdoor space three seasons out of the year. It includes trees, flowers, and a covered pavilion with seating. While located at the Commons, this is available for use by all of Clearbrook. The garden also serves to honor valued members of the Clearbrook family.

Join us by dedicating a brick, bench, or tree to honor someone or something. You may choose to purchase one of these items to thank a staff member, celebrate a birthday or anniversary, remember a loved one, or for whatever you wish!

DEDICATION OPTIONS



To learn more about dedication, visit clearbrook.org/brick or contact [Andi Wojcik](mailto:awojcik@clearbrook.org), Director of Development, at [847-385-5014](tel:847-385-5014) or awojcik@clearbrook.org.

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 11% applied to administrative overhead.
89% of every dollar goes right back to our programs and services.

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Annual Report



Check out our 2022 Annual Report
www.clearbrook.org/financial-information

SIBLINGS MAKE THE BEST FRIENDS

SIBLINGS DAY IS APRIL 10!

Beginning **April 3rd** read about some of the siblings in Clearbrook's community.

They will be our Featured Families at:

www.clearbrook.org/give