



# THE COMMUNITY

## WE ARE CLEARBROOK

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



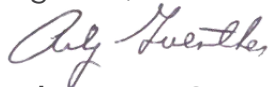
## A NOTE FROM OUR BOARD CHAIR

As we close out our fiscal year, I've been reflecting on the last 12 months we've had at Clearbrook. In the past year, our staff have done a fantastic job, and we have accomplished a lot. We opened the Vogeli House in Rolling Meadows, the sixth Pursuit location. We officially opened the Fairview CILA, which serves as home to four women in Woodstock, and we plan to continue to expand our services in that community. The Fogelson Family Garden was installed last fall in the back of the Lattoff Commons. Residents and staff have been enjoying the garden and pavilion this spring and summer. Two hallways at the Commons have undergone renovations, with plans to renovate the remaining ones throughout the upcoming year. The Ability Center opened in Rolling Meadows; many individuals are receiving critical physical and occupational therapies needed using specialized equipment, experiencing significant improvement in their mobility. We invite you to visit us for a tour and witness firsthand the profound impact of your support.

I am just now stepping into my new role as Chair of the Clearbrook Board of Directors, and it's an exciting time to do so! There are a lot of positive changes and expansions happening at Clearbrook. Our mission remains the same: to empower adults and children with intellectual/developmental disabilities to live their fullest lives possible.

Your generous support has made all of this possible. With your generosity, we can continue to make a positive impact and bring greater enrichment to the lives of people with disabilities.

Together, we are Clearbrook.



**Arlington J. Guenther**  
Chairman of the Board



## THE COMMUNITY CORNER

Clearbrook staff launched a new Diversity Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Committee!

The DEI Committee holds monthly lunch and learn events that can be attended in person or accessed over Zoom. Monthly topics have included Autism Acceptance, Asian American and Pacific Islander Heritage, Pride Month, and more.

# ABILITY CENTER

The Ability Center is now open in Rolling Meadows and serving individuals in need of physical, occupational, and speech therapies.

In occupational therapy, Brian has been diligently striving to enhance his shoulder strength and mobility, vital for safely repositioning himself in his wheelchair. Alongside various range of motion and strengthening exercises, he uses a multi-purpose mirror which has emerged as a game-changer in Brian's remarkable progress. By providing instant visual feedback, the mirror empowers Brian to self-correct and achieve optimal positioning. The results have been astounding: Brian has swiftly advanced from maintaining an even, upright shoulder and head position for a mere one to two seconds to an impressive forty seconds! With ongoing strengthening exercises and consistent utilization of the mirror, his occupational therapist is highly optimistic that Brian will soon accomplish his occupational goals.



# ADVOCACY: CHANGING LIVES!

Thanks to the hard work and diligence of our grassroots advocates, we are pleased to announce that beginning on January 1, 2024 Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) will receive the **largest wage increase funded to date**, marking the third consecutive year of DSP wage increases.

We are proud of our staff members like Nina Kpai, Clearbrook families, and supporters who attended legislative events to tell their stories and advocate for the wage increase.

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



To learn more about advocacy events, contact Joe O'Sullivan, Advocacy Manager at [josullivan@clearbrook.org](mailto:josullivan@clearbrook.org) or 847-385-5017.



# SHINING STAR BALL RAISES \$1.5 MILLION

Just over 300 people came together at the Four Seasons Chicago on April 28, 2023, to honor Clearbrook. As our largest annual fundraiser, it typically brings in \$1.2 million in support of the mission. This year, Clearbrook's Shining Star Ball raised \$1.5 million.

"This year's event was truly incredible. It was energized by a live auction, paddle raise, and dancing. We celebrated 35 years of the Shining Star Ball, which has had a huge impact on Clearbrook. Over \$30 million was raised in the past 35 years through this event alone. People have been so generous with their support, and we are so grateful." said Annie Palubicki, Clearbrook's Vice President of Development and Marketing.

Proceeds from this event will help underwrite Clearbrook's Mental Health Centers, a collaborative program for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Thanks to the generosity of the people who attended the black-tie gala, Clearbrook will be able to continue and expand mental health support for adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities who are also diagnosed with mental illnesses.

This year, we honored the members of the Shining Star Ball Committee for their dedication to the Clearbrook mission and the impact they have had over the past 35 years.

Clearbrook would like to humbly thank all of the Shining Star Ball's sponsors, volunteers, donors, and attendees for their support. Special thanks to our Shining Star Ball committee who ensures the success of this event year after year!

We hope you will join us at the Four Seasons on Friday, May 17, 2024 for the next Shining Star Ball. Mark your calendar!



The Shining Star Ball Committee was honored at the event.



Attendees danced the night away in the Four Seasons ballroom.



David, an individual Clearbrook serves, enjoyed the evening with his sister, Erin.

Enrich lives of thousands by joining the  
Clearbrook team!

[clearbrook.org/hiring](http://clearbrook.org/hiring)



**STEP IT UP FOR CLEARBROOK**

**SEPTEMBER 23 | CRONIN PARK**

**ARLINGTON HEIGHTS | [STEP.CLEARBROOK.ORG](http://STEP.CLEARBROOK.ORG)**

# UPCOMING EVENTS

[www.clearbrook.org/events](http://www.clearbrook.org/events)

**Mad Hatter  
Mayhem Pub Crawl**

July 22, 2023

Wicker Park  
Chicago

**Step It Up for  
Clearbrook**

September 23, 2023

Cronin Park  
Arlington Heights

**Challenge Golf  
Outing**

July 17, 2023

Exmoor  
Highland Park

**Don't Stop  
Believing**

September 24, 2023

Pinstripes  
South Barrington

## NEW PROGRAM SITE IS OPEN!

We have completed a renovation of the program space at our Clearbrook plaza, and we are excited to begin the new fiscal year welcoming individuals to this unique supported employment day program.

The 1815 Employment Day Program space will empower clients to make independent choices during their non-working hours. They can opt to participate in community outings, attend classes such as budgeting, art, and resume building, or engage in leisure activities such as puzzles, reading, gaming, and socializing with friends.



## FRIENDS WINE & BEER SOCIAL

Clearbrook organized a captivating twist on their traditional event by hosting a casino-themed soiree. The delightful affair took place at Church Street Brewing Company on June 24th. Over 150 attendees were treated to a remarkable experience featuring a beer and wine social, an open bar, and an array of Church Street signature beers, fine wines, and tantalizing cocktails. Additionally, guests indulged in a loaded buffet, took part in the silent auction, and had the chance to try their luck at blackjack, poker, roulette, and more!

The evening was nothing short of extraordinary. "It was just so fun. We had the brewery to ourselves which created a fantastic atmosphere. The food was outstanding, the drinks were delicious, and everyone had a marvelous time" said Board Member, Sharon Wein. More than \$35,000 was raised.

Clearbrook would like to thank our sponsors: UVANTA, Workday, Allen and Janet Lattof, Dugan & Lopatka, Canon, Mary Ellen and Barry Masek, Rubin Law, and Jewel Osco.



## LEAVE YOUR MARK



Through the generosity of the Fogelson Family Foundation, Clearbrook installed a new outdoor space at the Lattof Commons, our largest intermediate care facility (ICF) in 2022.

Make a lasting impact on Clearbrook by acquiring a personalized brick, allowing you to commemorate someone or something special. By purchasing a brick, you have the opportunity to express gratitude to a dedicated staff member, celebrate a milestone like a birthday or anniversary, cherish the memory of a loved one, or use it for any other meaningful purpose you desire.

There are also opportunities to name a tree or a bench in honor of a loved one. Bricks will be installed twice a year—once in the fall and once in the spring.

To honor your loved one today, go to [www.clearbrook.org/brick](http://www.clearbrook.org/brick). There are 3 different brick sizes to choose from.

## BECOME A MONTHLY SUSTAINER

At Clearbrook, our needs are ongoing along with the services and supports we provide. *We invite you to become a Partner in Potential by making a monthly gift to Clearbrook.*

Clearbrook recognizes and develops the *potential* of individuals, programs, the organization, and staff. Your monthly gift will enrich individuals' lives by helping them obtain the fullest quality of life through Clearbrook's various programs and services.

Your monthly gift will have a large impact on our community.

*Setting up a monthly contribution is safe and easy!*

You can sign up online by scanning the QR code or call Katie Veatch, Development Manager, at 847-385-5008.



## FEEL GOOD ABOUT DONATING TO CLEARBROOK

Embrace the assurance of ratings that consistently surpass the recommended standards set by respected watchdog agencies like Better Business Bureau, CharityWatch, and GuideStar. Clearbrook stands at the forefront, with a mere 11% allocated to administrative overhead.

This means that a remarkable 89% of every dollar directly fuels our programs and services, maximizing the impact of your support.



In recent years, Clearbrook has opened many new program locations. We would love to show you around!

Contact Andi at [awojcik@clearbrook.org](mailto:awojcik@clearbrook.org) to schedule a tour.

12 Clearbrook individuals competed in the Special Olympics Summer Games. They won medals in bocce, swimming, track and field, and more. We are so proud of everyone who participated!



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Enrich Lives. Embrace Potential.

For Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.