



# CLEARBROOK

Enrich Lives. Embrace Potential.

*For Individuals with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities.*

# CEO UPDATE

October 2024

Dear Clearbrook Team,

September was another busy month for Clearbrook!

DSP Week was celebrated from September 8-14, recognizing our amazing Direct Support Professionals for their dedication and the exceptional care they provide. Their commitment and compassion changes lives every day. They are truly the embodiment of our mission - enriching lives, and helping our clients embrace their potential.

Recently, I had the opportunity to appear on Fox 32 alongside clients Donna and Michelle. While the segment focused on Step It Up, it also provided the opportunity to share about our mission, potentially bringing in more support and resources for our efforts. **In case you missed the segment, you can view it [HERE](#).** You can read more about the success of Step It Up on the following page.

We held an Impact Society event to honor donors who contributed over \$5,000. It was a wonderful opportunity to show our appreciation and highlight the impact of their support. In addition, we also began connecting with potential donors in the Barrington area. These events help expand Clearbrook's mission into the community.

Thank you for your hard work and dedication. Together, we continue to create lasting change.

With gratitude,

**Jessica Smart**  
Clearbrook President/CEO



Transition Outreach Specialist, Michelle Schwartz, taught a six day Financial Wellness class for our HBS Supportive Housing group. Great work Michelle!



The CFC team hosted an event for Clearbrook children and their families at the Kohl Children's Museum. Over 400 people joined them to play, laugh, and learn. Thank you CFC team for all you do to help children thrive!



I want to make sure my newsletters are filled with what YOU want to hear. **[SEND ME AN EMAIL](#)** with your thoughts on what my newsletters should include!

# DSP WEEK

DSPs are the heart of Clearbrook. Throughout DSP week, we honored them with goodies, treats, and lots of love! There were many activities during the week including painting, comfort dogs, guacamole dip creation, and so much more. Thank you DSPs!



## STEP IT UP WAS A SUCCESS!

Over 800 people participated in Step It Up for Clearbrook on September 21. Thank you to all of you who walked, ran, brought clients, volunteered, and supported this event! Without your help, this event would not have brought in a record breaking amount of over \$115,000.



## CLIENT CORNER



1815's FunFest was a blast! They played games outside and had a magician perform. Senator Mark Walker stopped in for a visit too!



Ashley, a Clearbrook HBS client and Duck Derby Ambassador, was a guest on WGN to share her experience in the Special Olympics.



Two clients, Donna and Michelle, joined me on Fox 32 Chicago to talk about Step It Up. They both did a wonderful job and I am so proud of them.