

THE COMMUNITY



WE ARE CLEARBROOK

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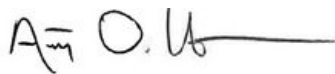


A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT/CEO

On Monday, June 14, I attended Tee It Up for Clearbrook, our first event since the COVID-19 vaccine became available. The weather cooperated, and we had a beautiful day outside with our Clearbrook community. Clearbrook suffered tremendously over the past year. We lost dear members of the Clearbrook family and were faced with challenges that we could have never imagined. Still, we never wavered on our purpose: to provide the very best for the individuals that we serve so that they can live their fullest lives. The feeling of being on that golf course was indescribable - to see people's faces without masks, laugh, and celebrate together.

It brings me an overwhelming amount of joy when I think about the families who get to hug their loved ones for the first time after the past year. Community day programs are reopening. The individuals are returning to work. Like one CILA resident, Terrance. His dream had always been to work in food service like his late mother. Because of Clearbrook, he is about to celebrate 10 years at Mariano's.

It's because of events like Tee It Up, the support of our community, the generosity of our donors, and the tireless effort of our staff that Clearbrook is able to enrich the lives of thousands. I am extremely excited for what our future holds, together.



Anthony Di Vittorio
President/CEO



THE COMMUNITY CORNER

One of our CILA residents, Jeff, is beyond excited to be able to return to work at Portillo's, his FAVORITE restaurant. It was an absolute dream for him to get hired there through Clearbrook's Community Employment Services. When the manager, Dan, found out that Jeff's birthday was on May 26, he offered to throw a small party with other residents and staff to celebrate!

TAKE A BREAK RETURNS SEPTEMBER 2021

The Take a Break team has been offering programming virtually during the pandemic! They send families YouTube activities, resources, helpful articles, and ways to have FUN at home!

The Take a Break Program is an innovative service that matches the spirit of volunteerism with the needs of families who have children with developmental delays. It gives caregivers a break from their daily responsibilities.

Take a Break will be resuming in person in September 2021.

Contact Carly at cbell@clearbrook.org to learn more or register!

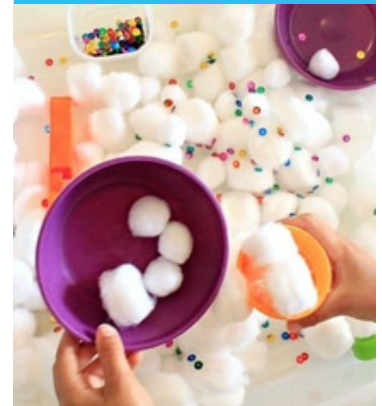
Two Summer Activities to Explore:

Deep Breathing Exercise



Place your finger on a white dot. Trace the arrow and take a deep breath in. Pause at the end of the color. Trace the next arrow and breathe out. Continue around the image several times.

Ice Cream Sensory Bin



Sensory Bin: www.fantasticfunandlearning.com/ice-cream-sensory-bin.html
Deep Breathing: www.theotttoolbox.com/rainbow-breathing/

CLEARBROOK, NWSRA, TO OPEN A SIXTH PURSUIT LOCATION IN 2022



Clearbrook will open its sixth PURSUIT location in collaboration with the Northwest Special Recreation Association in 2022.

PURSUIT is designed to meet the needs of individuals with disabilities, 21 years and older, by creating recreation and leisure opportunities, community integration, improving health and wellness, teaching life skills, and encouraging self-advocacy. It is one of a variety of community day services Clearbrook offers.

The new programming space will be based in the historic Vogelei House of the Hoffman Estates Park District. Other locations include Rolling Meadows, Hanover Park, Buffalo Grove, Wheeling, and Mount Prospect.

For information about the program, contact Heidi Raymond, Director of Admissions, at hraymond@clearbrook.org or (847) 385-5328.

CLEARBROOK WEST

In 2015, Clearbrook expanded into Crystal Lake, located off of Route 14, to help meet the needs of the communities surrounding McHenry County. Programs and services such as home-based, community day programs, residential, a mental health center, and respite are offered. There's even a vocational training program, Naturally Gifted, for individuals to improve their employment skills. The goal of these programs is to help individuals be as successful as possible in their homes and community.

Clearbrook West empowers over 200+ individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in McHenry County with six locations and counting.

PROGRAMS

CHOICE Program

Participants who attend CHOICE are given the freedom to choose their activities. By empowering program participants to become involved in their communities, they flourish as individuals, business people, and neighbors.

Respite Services

These are DHS-funded programs for eligible individuals and families in need of temporary support. Services include residential, group respite, in-home, and the voucher program.

Home-Based Services

Home-based provides eligible individuals and families with services and supports in the comfort and familiarity of their home and community. Services include educational, transitional, in-home staff, clinical, and supportive housing.

Community Mental Health Clinic (CMHC)

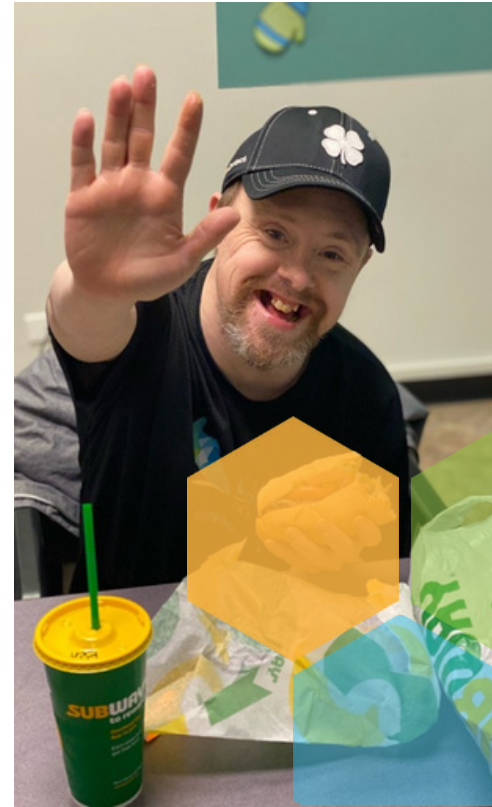
The CMHC serves the residents of McHenry County who have an intellectual/developmental disability or have a major mental illness. It is designed to support the community while providing additional support to the current individuals Clearbrook West serves.

Residential Services

Clearbrook West has three CILA (Community Integrated Living Arrangement) locations in Crystal Lake and is expected to open a new home later this year. Services and supports are matched based upon the individual's needs.

Community Employment

Clearbrook West provides opportunities for individuals to learn employment skills. Job coaches are able to evaluate habits and workplace readiness in a variety of fields. They have their own vocational training site, Naturally Gifted.



CARE FOR YOUR LOVED ONES BEYOND YOUR LIFETIME

There are many ways that you can give to Clearbrook to ensure we are here for your loved ones beyond your lifetime. You can talk with us today about making future gifts. Consult with your tax and financial advisors when considering the amount and timing of your charitable gifts.

Ways you can support Clearbrook:

- Give through a will
- Give through a living trust
- Give the proceeds of a life insurance policy
- Gifts of retirement plan remainders
- Give bank or investment account remainders

Questions?

Contact Andi Wojcik, Director of Development, at [847-385-5014](tel:847-385-5014) or awojcik@clearbrook.org



"My husband and I were so anxious about our son, Danny, moving out of our home and into a new place. My father helped put it all into perspective. He told me that choosing Clearbrook to be part of Danny's life is a gift to Danny, a gift to my other children, and a gift to myself. He couldn't have been more accurate. So many years later, and we are reminded daily how grateful we are that Clearbrook will be here to care for Danny when we are gone."

Sharon Wein, Clearbrook Board Member & CILA Parent



UPCOMING EVENTS

www.clearbrook.org/events



TEE IT UP RAISES \$40,000

Over 75 golfers came out to Riverwood's Ravinia Green Country Club on Monday, June 14, to support Clearbrook. In addition to the perfect weather, guests enjoyed 18 holes of golf, lunch, dinner, and a silent auction.

Tee It Up for Clearbrook marks a return to in-person events. During the dinner program, two individuals Clearbrook serves in their residential program, Terrance and Matt, addressed the crowd to share how Clearbrook has changed their lives. Terrance, whose dream has always been to work in food service like his late mother, is about to celebrate his 10 year anniversary with Mariano's—a job that Clearbrook helped him find. Matt talked about all of the fun things he likes to do with his roommates.

Special thank you to the event's sponsors: the Hoeg family, Althoff Industries, Fifth Third Bank, Gallagher, Jewel Osco, ACT Appraisal, PRP Wine, Sedgebrook, Half Day Brewing Company, RE/MAX Suburban—Sue Tharp, Precision Homes, Synercomm, and Canon.

DID YOU KNOW...

Clearbrook is home, a family, to over 8,000 children and adults impacted by intellectual and developmental disabilities. We care for them—and their families—by providing support across the lifespan, helping them to live their fullest lives possible.

PERSONALIZED SERVICES



92% OF EVERY DOLLAR DONATED GOES RIGHT BACK TO OUR MISSION.



900+ STAFF



60 locations



160 communities



16 counties



60 years of experience

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.**

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"Clearbrook provides our son with essential life tools to help him live his fullest life. Coming from a large family it was important to us that Marty always be surrounded by those that bring a sense of comfort, safety, and empowerment." -Dedrie Moloney, CILA Parent



"Words are simply inadequate, insufficient, to properly express how grateful we are to be members of the Clearbrook family. Clearbrook has provided us with what we never thought would be possible. Peace of mind that our son has his own life, in the community, is safe, happy, and cared for." -Brian Rubin, CILA Parent and Clearbrook Board Member