

THE COMMUNITY



WE ARE CLEARBROOK

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



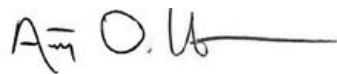
A NOTE FROM OUR PRESIDENT/CEO

With every change of season comes a renewed sense of energy and excitement. I look forward to seeing our individuals get excited for Halloween and to celebrate the holidays. Seeing the joy on their face reminds me why I come to work every day—to empower over 8,000 people to live their fullest lives possible and embrace their potential.

Clearbrook will see a lot of growth this coming fall. We will be opening our second Community Mental Health Center (CMHC) location for individuals diagnosed with a mental illness and an intellectual/developmental disability. It is located in Rolling Meadows. Our new community day program location will open in Northbrook, encouraging individuals to pursue their interests while utilizing community-based resources.

Clearbrook West will also open a new community day program in Woodstock, along with our fourth CILA home in McHenry County.

Clearbrook could not do this without you, our valued community. Because of your generosity, our individuals have access to everything they need to lead enriched lives. I wish you much peace and happiness as fall approaches.



Anthony Di Vittorio
President/CEO



THE COMMUNITY CORNER

Terrance, whose dream has always been to work in food service like his late mother, just celebrated his 10 year anniversary with Mariano's—a job that Clearbrook helped him find through our Community Employment Services Program.

Congratulations, Terrance, on this huge milestone! The Clearbrook family is so proud!

DSP WEEK 2021

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 12 was DSP Week. To celebrate, staff enjoyed food trucks, sweet treats, car washes, coffee, and more.

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



Car wash for CILA staff



Breakfast for Getz staff



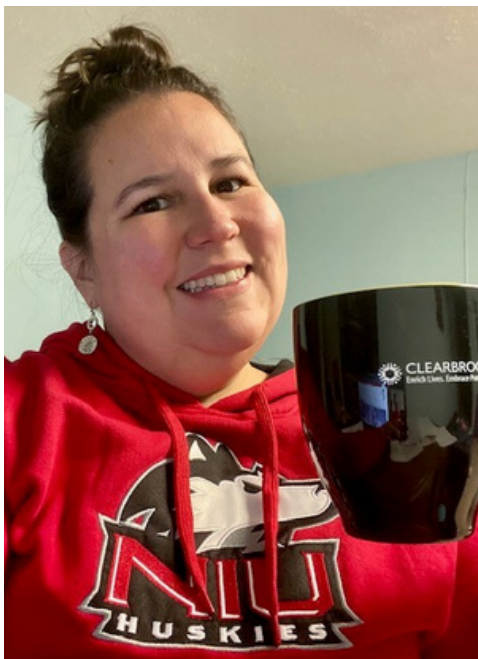
Snacks at Clearbrook West



Coffee and donuts for CILA staff



Ice Cream at ACES



CLEARBROOK INVESTS IN STAFF

Ten dedicated staff are pursuing their master's in special education with a concentration in Applied Behavior Analysis (ABA) at Northern Illinois University. This specialized program will equip staff with the knowledge they need to better serve those in our care.

Clearbrook joins Little City and Turning Point in this cohort, a program that NIU provides for its community partners at a reduced rate. The group will take two courses per semester. There are ten courses total. The cohort should graduate in May 2023. Way to go, Clearbrook staff!

Naturally Gifted, located in Crystal Lake, is designed to offer vocational enrichment and hands-on skills training for our individuals. All products are made with therapeutic-grade essential oils by our individuals.

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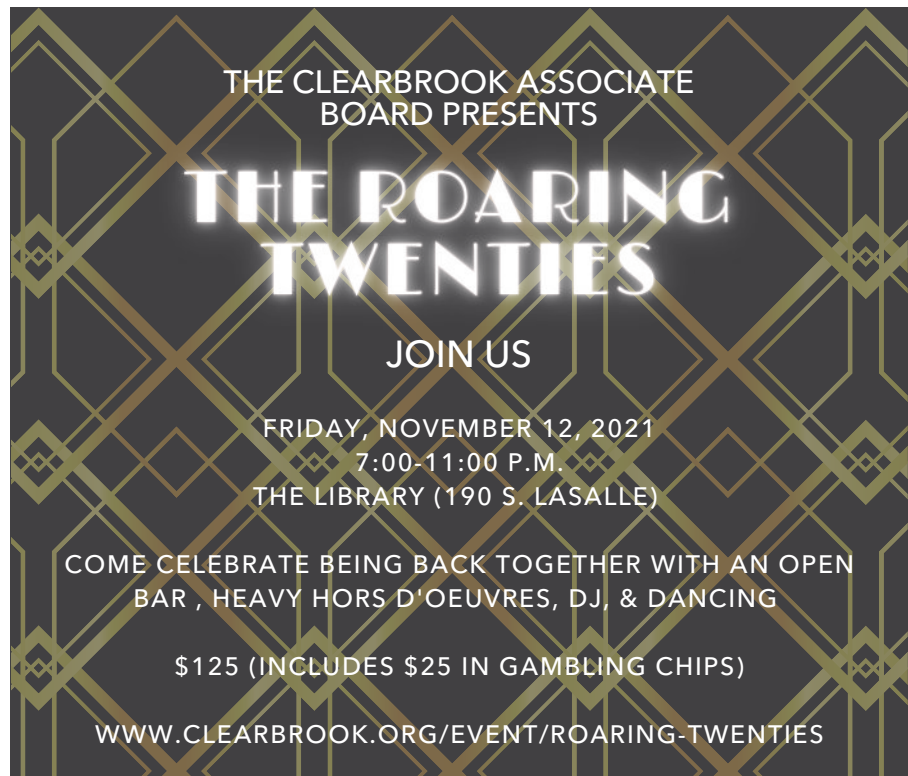
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UPCOMING EVENTS

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CLEARBROOK CHALLENGE RAISES \$150,000

Over 100 golfers came out to Highland Park's beautiful Exmoor Country Club on Monday, July 12. Guests enjoyed lunch, dinner, and 18 holes of golf on the prestigious course designed by famed golf course architect, Donald Ross.

During the brief dinner program, Anthony Di Vittorio, Clearbrook President and CEO, and event committee chair, Peter Billmeyer of Bespoke Commercial Real Estate, spoke about the importance of the event and Clearbrook's mission. It is because of the support of the people that attend these events that Clearbrook is able to enrich the lives of thousands of adults and children with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Special thank you to the event's sponsors: Bespoke Commercial Real Estate, Wintrust, Arly and Karen Guenther, Frank ten Brink and Jeannine Cleary, BakerTilly Advisory & Audit, Heathrow Scientific, Horton, AIG Retirement Services, Chris and Kathy Perry, Assurance, CD Group, Carson Wealth Management Group, Copper Fiddle Distillery, UVANTA, and Church Street Brewing Company.



YOU SAVED FOR YOUR FUTURE. HELP US PROVIDE FOR THEIRS.

As the year draws to a close, you may consider ways to make a year-end gift to Clearbrook. If you are 70½ or older, you can give directly from an IRA to Clearbrook—up to \$100,000 per person annually tax-free by making a qualified charitable distribution (QCD). This amount may be reduced if you continue to make IRA contributions.

Consider this:

- QCD gifts can be especially advantageous for those who do not expect to itemize and for those whose deductions are limited.
- QCDs can count toward your required minimum distribution.

Benefits from other year-end gifts

- A gift of long-term appreciated securities bypasses capital gains tax, allowing you to give more at a lower cost.
- Payments from certain life income plans may be taxed at rates lower than ordinary income tax rates.
- This year, there is a non-itemizer deduction of \$300 individual/\$600 couples for cash gifts.
- For 2021, there is a 100% deduction for cash gifts against adjusted gross income.

If you are thinking of making a year-end gift to Clearbrook, please let us know so we may provide the proper receipt and express our sincere thanks. To learn more about supporting Clearbrook, visit clearbrook.org/donate or contact [Andi Wojcik](mailto:awojcik@clearbrook.org), Director of Development, at [847-385-5014](tel:847-385-5014) or awojcik@clearbrook.org.

ADVOCACY

Clearbrook's advocacy program educates and activates a network of individuals, families, staff, volunteers, donors, and all others who support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Through our program, Clearbrook advocates are able to communicate directly with legislators to help shape policy to benefit the intellectual and developmental disability community.

The focus of Clearbrook's advocacy efforts is on gathering grassroots support for our agenda by tapping into the large network of existing supporters and calling upon them to communicate with state legislators.

As the network grows, so will Clearbrook's influence over policy. Through this program, Clearbrook will pursue policy goals to benefit the organization as a whole and all individuals in our care.

The Clearbrook Action Center is a centralized hub for all advocacy initiatives where advocates are able to learn about current issues, find their legislators, register to vote, take action on our campaigns, and more. Here, advocates are able to express their support or opposition to key pieces of legislation and fight to secure additional supports for individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities through multiple modes of communication. Text "Clearbrook" to 313131 to join our advocacy network today. To learn more, visit www.clearbrook.org/advocacy.

STEP IT UP FOR CLEARBROOK

Over 500 people participated in Step It Up for Clearbrook on September 18, 2021. Our annual 5K run or one-mile walk was held in person at Cronin Park in Arlington Heights. Participants could also choose to complete the run/walk virtually.

Thank you to the sponsors who made this event possible, especially our presenting sponsor TerSera Therapeutics. Others include RTC, Enterprise, Active Alarm Company, Rubin Law, Pace, Dugan and Lopatka, AutoFX, Barry and Mary Ellen Masek, Mainstay, Delta Dental, and Favorite Healthcare Staffing.

Thanks to the generosity of our community, over \$85,000 was raised.



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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"All of the staff we met made us feel right at home. I know my brother felt it too. He was smiling a lot. At one point, when he was snuggled in his bed he verbalized " I like it here. I could cry." Amazing for someone who has difficulty expressing his feelings."

-Nancy Gonzalez, Brother of Mike, Lattof Commons Resident