

# TCRC TIMES

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### Dear Friends and Families of TCRC

Welcome to the Spring/Summer 2020 "Quarantine" Edition of the TCRC Newsletter.

These are strange times indeed in our world and I wanted all of our individuals, families, and supporters to have an idea of what TCRC has looked like during this pandemic and how we are all coping. This newsletter will be a glimpse into some programs that are still operating and a tribute to all of our frontline workers who are keeping the individuals in our homes safe and healthy! I have said it many times and will continue to say......the TCRC staff are some of the most dedicated, selfless, caring ROCK STARS in all of the state! This pandemic created a dangerous situation, especially for the individuals that we serve, and our staff have come through time and time again by creating educational, leisure, and interactive activities for all of our residents while keeping everyone safe. This newsletter will show many pictures of quarantine activities that have occurred in the past couple of months and spotlight some other programs that are still operating.

How can you help?

Now more than ever, your donations are what will keep us moving our mission forward! Our budget is close to 70% funded by the state which means that 30% must come from other supports like grants and private donations. During this pandemic, our low vision services aren't operating, our employment programs are on hold, day programs aren't operating, and janitorial, kitchen, and early intervention are all operating on a limited basis.

Just like you all, we are excited to get things back to normal and are counting the days.

Thank you for all your support!

Jamie Durdel - President & CEO







## The Taste of TCRC Kitchen

~serves up meals for staff, stakeholders & group homes.



Our Taste of TCRC Kitchen has lost out on significant revenue and training opportunities with the lack of catering jobs and the inability to serve at our food cart but the staff continue to go above and beyond to help during the pandemic.

For \$12.00 a meal, our kitchen has offered cooked meals for a family of 4 to our staff, board members, and group homes and are averaging close to 35 meals per day. During the stay at home order, obviously many restaurants are shut down or are serving take out only and our services are doing the same. We are very proud to be able to offer a little normalcy to our TCRC family.









#### E-Newsletter

If you would like to receive this newsletter via e-mail, please contact development@tcrcorg.com





#### MISSION STATEMENT

We are committed to supporting a life of choice for individuals with disabilities.

# **Essential Services in the Community**

With the COVID-19 pandemic, our crews have been hard at work. We currently have 34 cleaning contracts that we are still cleaning daily/weekly. Out of the 34 contracts, only 5 contracts have limited our services until COVID-19 ends. Since the pandemic, 6 Supervisors and 5 crew members are still working to make sure that all contracts are cleaned and disinfected every time we clean. We normally have 32 individuals that work within the janitorial department, but currently are working with 5. We currently have 2 crews that go out during the day to clean area businesses: Illinois American Water companies, Heart of Illinois United Way office, and Illinois State Police headquarters. In the evening hours we have 4 crews that go out to businesses: Morton Industries, State and County offices, local realtors, a local trucking company and branches of Morton Community Banks. We have also just added a new contract starting May 1, 2020.

If you are interested in learning about TCRC's Janitorial Department please feel free to contact TCRC at (309) 347-7148.













TCRC Charity Golf Classic



Wednesday, August 5, 2020 12:30pm Start



# QUARANTINE



It's been a different time for all of us, so to combat this we have been doing extra activities at home; we have been sewing, taking extra rides, doing extra clean up around the house and just plain having fun. We've had a make-shift ice cream truck go around to all the houses, and even Kona Ice stop by. Anything we can do to stay home, and stay safe at this time. Thank you to everyone for helping us all get through this!



# DSP Parade

We miss our people!































### WHAT IS YOUR LEGACY?

...Create a lasting gift for TCRC

The programs and services at TCRC depend on many different avenues of revenue. A gift from your estate will help TCRC continue our mission for many years to come.

It doesn't matter how wealthy you are, leaving a gift is very easy. Small or large bequeaths are all important to our mission. There are many ways that you can give.

#### Did you know with a planned gift, you can:

- Make a larger charitable gift than you thought possible
- Take care of the financial needs of your family first
- Provide inheritances for your heirs at a lower tax cost
- Reduce your income tax and even avoid capital gains taxes
- Diversify your investment portfolio
- Increase income and effective rate of return

\*If you would like more information on how you can help TCRC in this manner, please contact Jamied@tcrcorg.com.



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### **Board Member Spotlight**







A huge welcome to Noah Menold, Tim Mueller and Chuck Nagel as TCRC Board of Directors.

Noah is an attorney at Howard & Howard Law firm and a member of the Morton Rotary Club, Tim is a Vice President at Morton Community Bank and a former President of the Morton Rotary Club, and Chuck is a lifelong educator and second term and second term board member, serving his original term in the mid to late 2000's