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**Pirates/Posterchild**



On November 20, The Pirates Organization hosted its annual Pirates Voyage at the Munster Center for Performing Arts. The event is a way for all the Pirates to come together and fulfill their purpose of supporting both TradeWinds and the Down Syndrome Association. TradeWinds poster children Erion and Eric Johnson attended with their parents, Antionette and Eric. Antionette spoke about her children and the help that they have received from TradeWinds through the "Little Treasures" Childcare and therapy.

The 2006 Pirates Admiral is Kevin Roach from LIUNA Local #41. Special guest speaker for the event was former Chicago Cub Bill Madlock.



**ENDOWMENT FUND**



The John and Helen Sourlis Endowment Fund was created in 2003 to help fund TradeWinds' programs and operating expenses on a year-to-year basis. For the past two years, we have been fortunate to have an opportunity to build our

Endowment Fund through a donor offering to match contributions 2 for 1 up to \$200,000. Incredibly, this donor has offered this opportunity again for 2006.

Income generated by this fund will be used to provide services to children and adults with disabilities who may not otherwise receive them due to growing funding shortfalls. Hopefully with opportunities such as this 2 for 1 match, we can grow the fund to an amount that will assure that no child or adult will go without services needed to ensure their growth and well-being. Please note that all donations to the Endowment Fund are 100% tax deductible for 2006 if made by December 31, 2006.

If you are interested in making a donation to the John and Helen Sourlis Endowment Fund, please call (219) 949-4000 ext. 245.



**Dates to Remember**

40th Anniversary Gala – April 21, 2007

Golf Scramble for Kids – July 9, 2007

TradeWinds 40th Anniversary, November, 2007



# 40 YEARS...

**N**ovember 2007 will mark the 40th Anniversary of TradeWinds. Many decades ago, hundreds of individuals came together from the labor, business, and civic sectors to follow a dream...that dream was TradeWinds: a place where children with disabilities could get specialized services in an environment that was far from an institutional setting. After expanding our services to reach those children as

they became adults, we now proudly serve individuals of all ages and all abilities.

Please help us recognize the past 40 years and everyone who has had a hand in keeping our mission alive. The 40th Anniversary Gala will take place on April 21, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel in Merrillville. Join us and hundreds of other community members as we recognize those who first helped build TradeWinds into the successful rehabilitation center it is today.



## AKTION CLUB

The Aktion Club and the Highland Kiwanis will be sponsoring five TradeWinds Consumers to attend Camp Sharing Meadows from December 8-10. The camp, run by the Share Foundation with the Handicapped, takes place in Rolling Prairie, Indiana. The retreat includes recreational, fellowship, and learning activities set in a non-judgmental atmosphere in which the values of



independence, self-esteem, spiritual growth, and socialization are stressed. The Share Foundation with the Handicapped assists developmentally disabled/other abled people through mini camp/values retreats.



## Change Your Attitude

*By Montel Whiting*

Some of the people you grew up with often times get into trouble,

If people didn't know you they would think you have a double.

In this life we don't have friends,

Well at least nobody to stick with me till the end.

They start doing things that I don't do robbing, drinking or doing drugs.

In my mind that behavior is for thugs!

That's why today I chose to change my attitude.



## HALLOWEEN

The ghouls and goblins were out and about this Halloween! TradeWinds celebrated Halloween with an annual trick-or-treating excursion. Within the TradeWinds halls, tiny spider men and princesses bounced around collecting treats from staff members.

But that wasn't all. This year a new tradition began....a haunted house! With help from community members Sue

Yamtich and Nancy Govert, TradeWinds staff members

Susan Abbott and Judie Fenstemaker converted the basement into a haunted house. With a flying ghouls room, operation room, spider room, and cemetery room, Consumers and staff came one by one to adventure through the haunted basement. Even Executive Director Jon Gold took a risk and found his way out alive!!



# History of TradeWinds

At TradeWinds Rehabilitation Center, we are defined by a strong foundation of people from the children and adults we serve, to the men and women who champion our cause.

**Our goal** is to help individuals grow to their potential success. This long, often winding road to success began its journey in the early 1940s where TradeWinds traces its roots back to the Lake County Association for Crippled Children, TradeWinds' Parent Organization. This association provided speech, hearing, and therapy services for children with disabilities. At that time, services were offered wherever space was available — church basements, schoolrooms, YMCAs, and rented storefronts.

**Time passed** and visionary Ted Dombrowski, the Society's Director, helped inspire volunteers from labor, business, and civic organizations to band together for the building of TradeWinds' original 15,000-square-foot building. The building was coined the "Labor of Love." The "Labor of Love" is a true testament of what people can do when the cause is greater than them. When the building was finished, TradeWinds received a Presidential Commendation for being the largest rehabilitation center built entirely by volunteers in the United States.

**Although TradeWinds** had been completed, there was no operating capital to begin serving the community. Once again, the community rose to the occasion.



Forty-six men, who later became known as the Pirate's Organization, put up enough capital so the center could begin services.

**As the children** grew into adulthood and programs flourished, volunteers came forward once again and added three new wings to the original structure. Today, TradeWinds is home to training and production operations that are a living testament to what the human spirit can accomplish.



## Oct. 25th Luncheon

On Wednesday, October 25, a very important celebration took place at Resorts East Chicago Casino. The TradeWinds 40th Anniversary Celebration Kickoff was announced in the crowded Resorts Ballroom. Along with the 40th Anniversary, TradeWinds celebrated 10 successful years of the TW Sign Shoppe, as well as a new name and logo change. At the event, Mr. Larry Alt of The View was awarded Ambassador of the Year by the TW Sign Shoppe.

The well-needed name and logo change are a way for TradeWinds to redefine who it is serving and what services it is offering. "We wanted to fully encompass everything we do here at TradeWinds. 'Rehabilitation Center' no longer defined everything we did to help individuals of all abilities," says Jon Gold, Executive Director of TradeWinds. The new name "TradeWinds Services" is a minor change, but the logo really tells the story of TradeWinds. "We wanted to keep the sails since that is why we were originally named. We also wanted to incorporate the presence of family into



the logo. The new logo is a true description of the mission of TradeWinds," Gold includes.

The luncheon, which was sponsored by Resorts East Chicago Casino, consisted of three speakers: Mr. Bill Wellman, Mr. Jim Dye, Sr., and Mr. Bob Anadell, all of whom had a very instrumental role in TradeWinds and its success which is being recognized through a year-long 40th Anniversary Celebration, the theme of the TradeWinds Gala on April 21st that will

conclude in November of 2007.

"November 2007 is the actual 40-year anniversary of the original incorporation date of TradeWinds. This anniversary celebration and the Gala in April will pay homage to all the labor, civic, and business sectors that originally came together to help make TradeWinds transform from a dream into reality. We really want to make this a year of looking back and say thanks to everyone who had a hand in the last 40 years of success," remarks Susan Abbott, Director of Marketing & Development for TradeWinds.



## FIELD TRIPS

Art of Living (AOL) is a facility-based program that serves the needs of individuals with severe physical and developmental disabilities. The program focuses on skill development and training through a variety of methods including art therapy, music therapy, and sensory integration. Over the previous year, the program has added another component called "Community Integration



Connection," which interacts AOL and Adult Training classes with the outside community. This approach is both a practical and pragmatic way to help develop needed skills. Outings include bowling, miniature golf, dollar store, grocery store, malls, hayrides, and luncheons. The skills that are enforced include eye-hand coordination, range of motion, reading, money management, and multiple social skills.

In addition, the Children's Department has been active over the past few months taking trips to Fair Oaks Farm and County Line Orchard in Hobart. The children were shown how cows are milked and the way milk is processed. But most excitingly, the children got to see a baby calf being born!





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Lake Area United Way is an organization that strives to mobilize people and communities to create lasting changes in conditions that improve lives. United Way funds are directly distributed back into the community through organizations like TradeWinds. TradeWinds has been a proud recipient and supporter of United Way for over 30 years.

*Thank You Lake Area United Way for all your support!*

### MISSION STATEMENT

TradeWinds is dedicated to providing support services and training designed to promote individual choice, growth, and self-sufficiency for people of all ages and abilities.

We seek to enhance the quality of life for both the individual and the community-at-large.

## Golden Thoughts

A Message from the Executive Director



As we come to the end of 2006, I want to extend my sincere appreciation to the thousands of people who have chosen TradeWinds as a service provider for themselves or their child.

The vast array of services that TradeWinds offers for people ranging in age from infants to seniors would not be made possible without the support of TradeWinds dedicated Board of Directors, community leaders, and thousands of generous donors who believe in our mission. Daily, I am encouraged by the dedication of our staff members who work as a team with adults enrolled in services, as well as with patients of children with special needs, all focused on the development of personal skills and achieving goals of independence.

United, we look forward to 2007 as we celebrate 40 years of opportunities provided to people we serve seeking to improve their quality of life. What began as a vision in the early 1960s in the mind of Ted Dombrowski, our founder, has evolved into an operation that serves over one thousand children and adults annually. I believe the individuals involved in the beginning of TradeWinds would be extremely amazed and proud of the fact that we have the continued support of many of the founding Board members along with the founding members of the Pirates

association to help us celebrate our 40th anniversary. Though our primary affiliation has changed from the Crippled Children's Society to now being a proud member of the Lake Area United Way, we continue to have an extensive list of donors who support our agency both on an individual and corporate level.

This milestone anniversary presents an opportune time to slightly modify our name to reflect the expansion of services over the decades to serve the needs of the community. TradeWinds, which began as a center that provided medical rehabilitation and therapy services for only children, has developed into an expansive menu of educational, vocational, employment, and independent living services for children and adults of all abilities. With that in mind, I respectfully unveil the name of "TradeWinds Services" along with a fresh new logo, which we will be doing business as under our original incorporated rehabilitation center.

I personally invite each of you to attend our 40th Anniversary Gala on April 21, 2007, and encourage you to celebrate four decades of memories that have touched the lives of not only the people served, but thousands of our supporters.

Thank you for being one of the many people who make a difference in the lives of children and adults in our community.

**Jon Gold**  
Executive Director

