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NEW GROUP HOMES



In 2007, TradeWinds will be breaking ground on two additional group homes in Hobart and Crown Point. The homes will be similar to the current four homes in that they will house individuals who require 24-hour care. The two homes will hold a total of 16 individuals and be modeled after the home that is currently being occupied at Forest Avenue in St. John, IN.

Local trade unions have been working with TradeWinds and have committed to a great deal of volunteer efforts.



TradeWinds and Opportunity Enterprises Come Together

TradeWinds Services and Opportunity Enterprises (OE), both celebrating their 40th Anniversaries, are proud to announce that they will be joining together to help promote each other's services to the business community of Northwest Indiana. The services will include the TW Sign Shoppe and OE Confidential Paper Recycling. Both United Way agencies have had numerous meetings to share ideas and do some brainstorming. "Since we both work for the same cause, it only made sense that we build a relationship together to ultimately make sure that all individuals in Northwest Indiana get the same opportunities. This venture will help bring two strong forces together to work as a team," says Jon Gold of TradeWinds.



Look for your postcard in the mail promoting a strong, worthy cause.

Mark Your Calendar

- TradeWinds 40th Anniversary Gala – April 21, 2007
The Radisson Hotel, Star Plaza*
- Golf Scramble for Kids – July 9, 2007. Briar Ridge Country Club.*
- TradeWinds 40th Anniversary – November 28, 2007*

40th Anniversary



"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 in the United States built entirely by volunteers.

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

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.



November 2007 Marks the 40th Anniversary of TradeWinds Services.

Many decades ago, hundreds of individuals came together from the labor, business, and civic sectors to follow a dream... 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 sponsored five TradeWinds Consumers to attend Camp Sharing Meadows last December. The camp, run by the Share Foundation with the Handicapped, took place in Rolling Prairie, Indiana. This

year, the club will be holding car washes and other fundraisers in order to sponsor five more individuals.

In addition, the Aktion Club had the Board of Elections come to TradeWinds on March 7 to display and show the club members how to operate a voting machine. Local elections will be held at TradeWinds for staff members and outside community members, and this year, Consumers will have an opportunity to register and vote if they choose. Volunteers from the Board also introduced a handicap-accessible terminal to the Consumers at TradeWinds to register a total of 39 individuals.



Pirates/Posterchild

Annually, TradeWinds selects a child to represent the organization and the individual success that the childcare and therapy services experiences throughout the year. This year, the TradeWinds childcare staff has chosen two brothers who have excelled in therapy, summer camp, and the "Little Treasures" childcare program.

Eric, 6, and Erion, 5, will be honored at the TradeWinds 40th Anniversary Gala on April 21, 2007. The two brothers, who are easily confused as being twins, love being at TradeWinds and with the friends they have met here. Eric and Erion will be at the Gala with their parents, Antionette and Eric Johnson, to experience an evening of glamour.

On November 20, 2006, The Pirates Organization hosted their 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. Antionette spoke about Erion and Eric and the help that they have received from TradeWinds including learning the basic steps for kindergarten and Erion's success in the speech program, which has helped him overcome some obstacles and improve his communication skills.



In Memory of...

Lyndia Jones



On Friday, March 2, hundreds of people gathered at the Antioch Missionary Baptist Church to remember Lyndia Jones. Lyndia, an Internal Case Manager at TradeWinds, was a loving

wife and mother of three. Born in Chicago, Lyndia went to Calumet College for her undergraduate and was working on her Masters Degree in Quality Assurance.

At TradeWinds, Lyndia provided counseling to the Consumers, but at church, Lyndia had a different job. She not only sang and directed the church choir, but Lyndia had received her Ministerial License and was ordained in April of 2001.

Your life, legacy, and spirit of excellence will forever be etched in our minds and hearts.



Meet Hope Lewis

Hope Lewis has been working at TradeWinds for the past five years; the first two years spent as a Day Services Case Manager and the last three years as Department Manager for Day Services. Hope is an important asset to TradeWinds, not only because she goes above and beyond the call of duty to

make sure the individuals we serve are getting the best services available, but she used to be a Consumer at TradeWinds as well.

Hope was rendered legally blind and paralyzed at the age of 19 from Gillian Beret Syndrome (a disease affecting the central nervous system causing optic nerve damage). After one full year of physical therapy, she regained the use of her limbs but her visual impairment remained.

Still facing vision loss, Hope enrolled herself in the TradeWinds Visions Program and learned to master Braille, life skills training, and orientation and mobility. After embracing her challenges in life, Hope went on to receive a bachelor in Sociology degree and later her masters from Indiana University Northwest.

"Hope is a strong advocate for the Consumers here at TradeWinds. She is a dedicated employee and does an excellent job fulfilling the mission of the organization," states Tony Soeka, Director of Workforce Development.

After working at TradeWinds, Hope has adopted a mission that includes enhancing the quality of life for the individuals with whom she works.





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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.

Wish List

Domestic Skills Training

- Kitchen appliances
- Washer
- Dryer
- Refrigerator

Group Homes

- Furniture – living room appliances, dining room appliances

Childrens Services

- 3 picnic tables for summer camp
- Booster seats for "Little Treasures"



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 such as 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!

MEET ANGIE TOVO

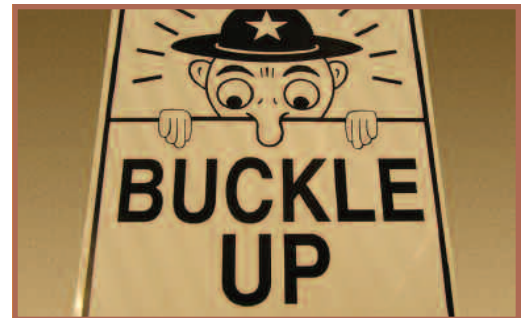


The TW Sign Shoppe has two main goals: to provide quality signage to NWI at a competitive price and to provide jobs and skills training to TradeWinds Consumers in an effort to help them become independent. One of these Consumers is Angie Tovo. Angie has been a Consumer at TradeWinds since 1998 and has worked in the TW Sign Shoppe since it first opened 11 years ago.

Angie works hard with the TW Sign Shoppe team producing banners and golf signs during the week, but this is not her only job. In fact, Angie works not two, but THREE different jobs. Through Globe Star's Quality of Work Life (QoWL) program, Angie has acquired a job as a

cashier at the Globe Star Café in the Hammond Courthouse and at the Merrillville Florist and Tea Room where she washes dishes and makes salad trays. She says that while she wants to stay at TradeWinds a little while longer in order to work on her people skills, she eventually wants to work with children.

Angie currently lives in Merrillville with her parents and says her favorite part of working at TradeWinds is "doing the signs and taking measurements."



Gary resident Joe Kujanik delivers his buckle-up signs to be posted by businesses, organizations, or individuals in yards and parking lots. Since he retired in 1986, he has been promoting seat belt safety through his buckle-up project. He has spent over \$15,000 of his own money to follow this dream. He has used the TW Sign Shoppe to make the signs because it also helps Consumers find work. TW Sign Shoppe just celebrated 10 years last October at the luncheon.

