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2011 Chef's Tasting Experience is an Impressive Success

*Envision Celebrates
the Daily Victories of
the People We Support*

This Spring, over 200 guests turned out for "A Chef's Tasting Experience," making this 2011 Small Victories Celebration a tremendous fundraising success for Envision's program sites. **Chef Rodelio Aglibot**, "The Food Buddha," and **Chef Lee Ann Whippen** served as honorary event chairs, judging the delectable dishes prepared by ten of Kendall College's finest culinary students. Celebrity judges Stephen Langlois, Matt McMillin, Jenn Wylie, John Peter Lalogenes, and Michelle Fire, along with all event guests sampled a diverse palette of food and rated their top preferences which was very difficult because all of the culinary students' creations were exceptionally well-prepared.

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“Standing Together”

by Kristin V. MacRAE

Kristin V. MacRAE has been the President and CEO of Envision since 2000.

It is only natural to become concerned with the budget proceedings occurring in Springfield this time of year. Even now, after the turn of the new fiscal year, many substantial questions remain. Everyone who is familiar with Envision and our work knows that Illinois ranks among the lowest states in the funding of its community based services. Yet every year, budget reductions are the norm.

Now more than ever, we must think positively and focus on the good things occurring daily at Envision’s program sites. Throughout my tenure as CEO and President of Envision, I have been consistently humbled by the courage and dedication of the people we support. Every day is a continuation of the pursuit of lifetimes with more opportunities. These journeys are challenging, and unfortunately made more difficult by our funding challenges. Every person or family that we support must overcome formidable obstacles as they progress forward on the path that leads to lifetimes with greater possibilities.

The societal service that Envision fulfills is a crucial one; it is a responsibility that becomes increasingly important with each passing year. For many children, adults, and senior citizens with special needs, our agency is their primary source of support—an essential safety net, for one of the most vulnerable populations in Chicago. Despite daunting challenges, personal progressions occur every day, and a powerful synergy is created when people work together. Alone, we may be limited in what we are able to do; together we are able to gain and give strength. In whatever role you support Envision, please know you are vital to the overall effectiveness of our agency. I thank you for backing the indomitable spirit of the people we support, and affirming the sheer effort and fortitude that makes all advancements, both great and small, possible.

Envision is a strong, responsive, and respected agency because we work together. We share one aggregate vision: to provide quality services to persons with intellectual and developmental disabilities that promote choice, independence, and greater community inclusion. At Envision we stand together. I am proud to stand with you in support of the goals and dreams of the 1,500 people who depend on our agency as the means to attain lifetimes with more meaningful opportunities.



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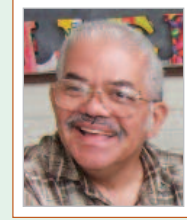


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Arnaldo's Cards



"BLANCO JARRÓN" BY ARNALDO CLASSEN

Arnaldo Classen is a talented artist whose work reflects the imagery of his memories as a child growing up in Puerto Rico. His use of bold, bright colors surge with the pure joy of the human experience, and capture the simple yet profound beauty of nature.

Arnaldo is a practicing artist in Envision's Therapeutic Arts Program, composed of men and women with intellectual and developmental disabilities. The versatile and beneficial arts program is funded primarily by the Regenstein Foundation. Arnaldo's artwork has been exhibited in several distinguished galleries in Chicago, as well as Edgewood Orchard Galleries in Door County, Wisconsin.



"PÁJARO COLORIDO" BY ARNALDO CLASSEN

Arnaldo's gift is most special. His artwork transcends his physical and cognitive challenges and transports people to a world where barriers and dissimilarities of any kind simply do not matter.

His paintings have also turned into a popular line of greeting cards. Envision is proud to feature "Arnaldo's Cards," a unique and striking greeting card collection created from Mr. Classen's paintings. Arnaldo's Cards are the perfect vehicle to convey a memorable message to friends and loved ones.



"FLORES DE VERANO" BY ARNALDO CLASSEN

Envision thanks Nate LaTour and the Regenstein Foundation for its ongoing support of Envision's Arts Program. Likewise we thank the Field Foundation of Illinois for its vital role in establishing this incredible resource for the people we support.



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Envision's 2011 Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting is a day when we, as an agency, take a look back on the highlights of the closing fiscal year, chart a course for continued success in the upcoming year, and bestow our agency's two most prestigious awards: the R. Marshall Barnes Awards and Envision's Leadership Award.

"If a person is interested in seeing the essence of Envision, truly, what is at the core of what we do, I would suggest he or she attend our Annual Meeting," says Kristin V. MacRAE, President and CEO of Envision. "In a matter of only an hour or two, someone who may not have any knowledge of the agency will get a strong sense of the remarkable drive the people we support have to learn new skills and succeed in new areas. You will see the enthusiastic leadership of our Board of Directors, and you will notice the diligence of our staff; many of whom have committed their entire careers to Envision. Quite simply, you will see the importance and benefit of the work we do, and the community needs we address."

The R. Marshall Barnes Awards, named in honor of esteemed former Chair and long-term member of the Board of Directors, are presented to children, adults, families, and seniors from every component of Envision programming. The awards recognize significant accomplishments made throughout the prior year.

"The R. Marshall Barnes Awards are aptly named," says Kristin MacRAE. "Marshall helped establish the ethos of teamwork and perseverance that continues to drive the agency today. The Barnes Awards acknowledge the resolve and work ethic that makes lasting change possible."

Mayor Rahm Emanuel was honored with Envision's Leadership Award. We acknowledge Mayor Emanuel for including traditionally disenfranchised populations in his "One City, One Future" vision and make Chicago one of the most inclusive cities in America.



Envision Congratulates the Recipients of the 2011 R. Marshall Barnes Awards

Early Intervention Family of the Year

The Family of Sofia Moreno

Program and Family Support

Award Recipients

Colleen Sykes *Home Based Program*

Michael Adams *Foster Care*

Day and Employment Services

Clients of the Year

Dexter Reed *Job Placement*

Sandra Gorski *Halas Center*

Kofi Owusu *Mock Center*

Andrew Kane *West Englewood-Frick Center*

Bryant Wilson *Westtown Center*

John Novak *Senior's Program*

Community Living Residents of the Year

Cynthia Staples *Toussant Shackelford*

Patricia Allen *Sharon Fotopulos*

David Araujo *Wilbur Pugh*

Luke Cook *Rodney Smith*

Linda Fisher *Aprile Calhoun*

Felicia Brown *Joanette Robertson*



“Team Envision”

Triumphs at the Chicago Special Olympics



“Let Me Win. But if I cannot Win,
Let Me Be Brave in the Attempt”

Above: Paul Piet, Chair of Envision, stands proudly with members of Team Envision

Envision fielded an impressive team of nearly 200 athletes and coaches who joined more than 2,500 other Special Olympians at Soldier Field during the Opening Ceremonies for the 43rd Annual Spring Games.

The world's first International Summer Special Olympics were held in Chicago in July of 1968. Today, more than 3 million athletes with special needs compete in spring and winter games in 175 countries.

Envision salutes the men and women who represented the agency so admirably, and with such tremendous effort, teamwork, and gusto at the 2011 Chicago Spring Games. Some athletes won medals while others will not; yet all participants personified the true spirit of competition, sportsmanship, and courage.

“Team Envision” sported eye-catching new uniforms that were part of the “Jack Grant’s Champions” grant award, honoring a man whose countless contributions to the agency and people we support helped create the strong infrastructure upon which Envision stands tall among Illinois nonprofit organizations.

Following Opening Ceremonies, Envision’s Special Olympians competed in track and field events over the course of the next three days at Eckersall Stadium at the University of Chicago.

We extend our sincere gratitude to a local foundation which requests anonymity for establishing the “Jack Grant’s Champion Awards,” honoring a man whose dedication to the agency created a legacy, and allowed Envision to purchase new team uniforms for all of our Special Olympians.



Competing Culinary Students from left to right: (Winner) Jia "Emma" Mei, Jim Ortiz, Ryan Bennet, Tayler Moore, Jacob Clara, Corey Quade, Anastasia Barantchouk, Dino Arriola, Marco Behena, and James Ross.

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2011 Chef's Tasting Experience is an Impressive Success

The "Chef's Tasting Experience" was the first event of its kind in the rich tradition of Envision's Small Victories Celebration (SVC). The SVC honors the incremental achievements of the people we support which, over time, often lead to life-changing breakthroughs. The event is made even more special by the fact that proceeds from this one night benefit Envision's programs and *the people we support throughout the entire year.*



2011 Small Victories Celebration Planning Committee, chaired by Envision's Vice Chair Tom Canale

Proceeds were augmented by a silent auction that offered something for everyone with items ranging from vacation getaways at chic spas in Miami, San Diego, and Arizona to Chicago attractions, and professional sports packages.

Envision extends our sincere gratitude to our event sponsors, contributors and guests whose generosity will directly benefit the 1,500 children, adults, and senior citizens with intellectual and developmental disabilities who our agency supports. Likewise, we thank our diligent and creative 2011 Small Victories Celebration Planning Committee, chaired by Envision's Vice Chair Tom Canale, and fellow members of the Board of Directors Kurt Kidder, Mark Pignotti, and Paul Piet, along with event volunteers Ashley Alden, Melanie Dodd, Kate Donovan, and Erin Jesse.

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Tag Days! 2011

Agency to hold its 2nd annual "Tag Days" September 16, 17 and 18th





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