



The Center for Family Support

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The CFS Monthly

A Development Department Newsletter

A word from our Director of Development

Dear Reader,

The Development Department of The Center for Family Support (CFS) is pleased to introduce our new monthly newsletter, The CFS Monthly.

The purpose of this newsletter is to keep you informed about the fundraising activities of CFS and to highlight some of the important donations that have made a huge impact on our work.

This format will also provide me with the opportunity to talk about the fundraising process and offer some insight into the importance of philanthropy.

I was told a long time ago by a veteran fundraising professional that you can never thank your donors enough, so to all of our donors receiving this correspondence, thank you for your generosity. The resources that you provide are vital to our ability to provide the programs and services we offer to our service recipients. We simply could not do our work without you!

I hope you enjoy the first edition of our Development Newsletter. And thank you again for all that you do!

Sincerely,

Barry Haber



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Director of Development



15th Annual Golf Outing

If you wish to participate, please contact Barry Haber
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Donald, who has autism and is nonverbal, transitioned into Self Direction immediately after his graduation from school at age 21.

His family worked closely with Helene Smigiel, a CFS Self Direction specialist, to develop a complex proposal to support individualized programming that is both home based and involves daily community integration. Helene acted as their guide through this process and continues to support Donald's ongoing program.

To summarize Donald's program in one sentence, his parents say, "Donald is busy doing productive activities every day and every day is important and joyful for him. When it comes down to what a parent wants most for their child, I think Donald now has".

Donald takes art lessons with a teaching artist and had a successful art show that was attended by over 200 members of the Staten Island community. He sold over 50 pieces of art! His artwork now is displayed in many homes and offices and is a symbol that all things are possible through perseverance, desire and love.

Another highlight of Donald's programming is his work with horses. Donald has a volunteer job where he works with horses doing activities that include: grooming, feeding, hot walking and cleaning up.

Donald is also piloting a new business venture that involves shredding documents for local businesses. He enjoys this work, which allows him to visit clients in the community, shred documents at his work station and work closely with staff.



His family is eternally grateful to CFS for their leadership role in Self Direction, for the wonderful staff that is compassionate and passionate about the work they do, for the management who has a vision for excellence, for working effectively with so many families, for helping disabled individuals live the best lives possible. Because her son is non-verbal, his Mother speaks for him and Donald says, "Thank you for supporting CFS, thank you for supporting me!"



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