



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 Center for Family Support Foundation is on a quest. One of the goals of the organization is to establish a Foundation Board, a group of people who would be solely committed to raising funds for CFS. Over the next few years, CFS is looking to diversify its funding, to get more income from various revenue streams. Having a group of people dedicated to opening new doors to donors will be vital, as it relates to our ability to raise funds.

Not everyone is comfortable asking for money. That is why the challenge of finding people who enjoy the process is so critical. I will tell you the joy of hearing a donor say "yes" when asked for a gift, is one of the sweetest sounds you'll ever hear. There is much work and effort that goes into asking for a gift. The cultivation process could take weeks, months, even years, depending on the size of the gift. But when the gift is secured, you'll know that all your hard work and effort has paid off.

And maybe the most important aspect of securing the gift is knowing who the gift will help; our service recipients and their families.

Currently, the organization has one Special Event, a golf outing held each fall. We'd like to plan and organize an annual black-tie dinner. I am working to enhance our Foundation support. We need to increase the number of Individual Donors that we have. These issues, and more, are why an active, productive, engaged Foundation Board can make such a big difference in our fundraising efforts. If this sounds like something you would like to be a part of, give me a call!

When you raise money, you put yourself in the position to help improve the quality of someone's life. What can be better than that!

Join the Foundation Board... and make a difference in the lives of many!



Barry Haber

Director of Development

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Giving Tuesday is Coming!!



A cultural phenomenon for the last four years, Giving Tuesday was established to create a national day of giving at the beginning of the Christmas and holiday season.

In 2014, Giving Tuesday raised \$46 million worldwide. Over 15,000 nonprofits from 68 countries participated. In December 2015, The Center for Family Support will join these organizations and help celebrate the joy of giving.

Keep an eye out on our Facebook page for more details.

Giving Tuesday, Tuesday December 1, 2015

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Self Advocacy Group

Hello, my name is Thea Lindeman and I am the President of the CFS New York Advocacy Group, the Self-Starters, for The Center for Family Support. Since I became the president of the advocacy group, it has made a positive impact in my life. One of the most important positive impacts it has made in my life, is that it has built my self-confidence and moral.

Also, since becoming the president, it has allowed me to be the voice for those individuals who do not have a voice of their own. It gives me great joy to advocate for those who cannot advocate for themselves. Hopefully, one day, I too can make a positive impact in someone else's life.

I want to take the time to thank everyone who believed in me and nominated me to hold the position of president of the advocacy group. I look forward to continuing in this role.

Sincerely,

Thea Lindeman

Thea Lindeman
President, Self-Starters
CFS New York Advocacy Group



The Self Advocacy Groups, in both New York state and New Jersey, continually push for opportunities to live full lives in their communities; to be allowed to make mistakes and learn from them; and to seek opportunities to develop life plans that change with their changing needs.

When you make a gift to The Center for Family Support, you provide the opportunity for our service recipients to live the lives they want to live. Make a gift today, and be an advocate in your own right!

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