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Developing Dreams Breakfast

On Thursday, September 1st, the McMains Children's Developmental Center hosted its 8th annual "Developing Dreams" Breakfast at Boudreaux's. Featured keynote speaker was James Carville. The event was a success with nearly 300 donors, volunteers, and staff in attendance. Janet Ketcham, Executive Director, honored the recipients of the Dr. Frank McMains Helping Hand Award: ExxonMobil and The Girod Family.



The Girod Family, Recipients of the Dr. Frank McMains Helping Hand Award with James Carville

The event featured a video about former client Erick Taylor and his daughter, current client Tashiana. Chairperson for the event was René Firesheets. Title Sponsors were Albemarle Foundation, Baton Rouge Orthopaedic Clinic, The Fernandez Pave the Way Foundation, and one anonymous donor. Circle of Friends Sponsors were Amedisys, Boo Grigsby Foundation, and Lamar Advertising. Table Sponsors were Baton Rouge Coca-Cola, Capital One Bank, Coleman Partners Architects, Diversified Health Strategies, Downtown Kiwanis, ExxonMobil, Richard Lipsey, Kean Miller, Milton J. Womack, Inc., Peterbilt of Louisiana, and Taylor Porter Law Firm. In-kind donations were made by Bill and René Firesheets and The Queen Bee.



ExxonMobil, Corporate Recipients of the Dr. Frank McMains Helping Hand Award

Master of Ceremonies was John Pastorek. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by center clients Jeanne Keretz and Joseph Barnes. Opening Prayer was led by Father Cleo Milano. Musical entertainment provided by John Gerbrecht, John Dupaquier, and Lenny Capello. Thank you to the Steering Committee, the table captains, sponsors, the current "Dream Builders" Society, and all who attended for making this annual event a success.

4th Annual Kids' Bike Race

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It was another beautiful fall morning as 80 kids participated in the 4th Annual Wheels to Succeed Bike Race. It was held on the LSU campus on Saturday, October 15. The Center sponsored the bike race along with the LSU Gymnastics Team, Freedom Concepts, and Tiger Cycling Foundation. The bike race was for bike riders of all abilities and the event was free to participants. Wheels to Succeed provided adapted three-wheeled bikes for anyone needing one which allowed children of any level of ability to participate. Nineteen children used an adapted bike for the first time! Twenty-eight children rode their own adapted bike. LSU Tiger Hats brought therapy dogs for the enjoyment of all. Thank you to the following for generous donations to make the event special: Gold Star Trophies for donations of trophies, Lexlee's Kids for distributing and fitting helmets, Pizza Hut on Ultima Plaza Boulevard in Prairieville for providing pizza to participants and their families, and Baker Petrolite and Rick Burch for providing various snacks to participants. Winners were awarded in various age categories. All riders received a participation medal and trophies and medals were awarded to the top finishers in various age categories. Congratulations to the top finishers in each age division; in the 3-6 age division: Olivia Shefstahl, Dymond Odom, and Isabella Wiggins; in the 7-10 age division: Kayla Ordes, Ethan Choojitaram, and Kira Stevens; in the 11-13 age division: Madeline Moreau, Grace Sisson, and Evan Coyle; and in the 14 and older division: Tyler Patton, Katie Leblanc, and Jeanne Keretz. A very special thank you to D-D Breaux, Bob Moore and the LSU Gymnastics team and all of the volunteers from Wheels to Succeed.



Pictured top left: Members of the LSU gymnastics team with Coach D-D Breaux and top finishers in the 6-7 year old race (left to right): Isabella Wiggins, Olivia, and Dymond Odom. Above: Top finisher, Tyler Patton, with LSU Gymnast, Ashley Lee. Left: At the starting line for 2nd race

2011 Capable Arts Camp Recap



Natham Keim, making a clay plate

This year, the children were “Cooking it Up” with professional artists, staff therapists, and volunteers during the Capable Arts Camp, held the week of June 20th at the First United Methodist Church’s Activity Center. Sixty children, with and without disabilities, enjoyed participating in music, dance, pottery, painting and mixed media, and filming their own commercials.

The therapists spent their time making the necessary adaptations that some children needed in order to participate. For instance, a speech therapist programmed vocabulary that would be used in the various activities into a child’s communication device so that a nonverbal child could communicate his wants, needs, and preferences. A physical therapist made a device out of PVC and basting bulbs to enable a child with severe physical limitations to paint.

Even with professional therapists with each group of children, this camp would not be successful without volunteers. We were fortunate to have ten teens with United Way’s Youth Volunteer Corps, who assisted children and became their buddies. It’s a wonderful experience for the teens, many of whom had never interacted with someone with a disability, and to see the bond that forms by the end of the week. In addition, we had twenty community volunteers that included a board member, children of staff, members of First United Methodist Church, as well as the Albemarle’s Wives’ auxiliary.

We want to thank our sponsors including the William Montan Trust, Albemarle Foundation, and made possible in part by a Local Project Assistance Grant from the Arts Council of Baton Rouge.

On the evening of July 15th, an Artists’ Reception was held at the Manship Theatre downtown. This was a first for us! The professional artists, as well as our budding artists, were able to mingle in the Jones Walker Foyer with the general public as they viewed the art created during Capable Arts Camp. Thank you to Renee Chatelain and her staff for giving our children the opportunity to display their beautiful gumbo pots and ceramics for the whole month.

Vino Stroll

The Greater Baton Rouge American Italian Association hosted its annual Baton Rouge Italian Festa on Sunday, October 16. Part of the Festa was the Vino Stroll where wine enthusiasts were able to sample three different Italian wines for \$20 and the proceeds went to benefit the Center. Thank you to the GBR American Italian Association, The Wine Loft, and Applied Business Concepts for supporting the Center with this event. Thank you to the Distinguished Women of Louisiana Social Club and staff members of the center who volunteered to serve wine to participants.

How Your Recycling Habits Can Help McMains...

The B.C.S. Recycling Project is just the way to do it! McMains is collecting old and used items such as:

- ink cartridges
- cell phones
- PDAs
- laptops

All items will be recycled through B.C.S and McMains will receive part of the proceeds of this project. Please drop off items to the Center and place in the B.C.S. Recycling boxes located in the waiting room.

Questions about the project, contact Cherie Livingston, 923-3420 or clivingston@mcmainscdc.org



McMains Children’s Developmental Center/ UCP of Baton Rouge has implemented a new car donation program. When purchasing a new car, consider donating your old one. Call the phone number above and the proceeds from your car donation will come back to the Center. Just tell them you want your donation to benefit “The UCP of Baton Rouge!”

WISH LIST

Physical/Occupational,
Speech/Educational Therapy
Needs:

Gift cards to Wal-mart, Toys-R-
Us, Home Depot, Lowe's,
iTunes, Target, Radio Shack,
Cleggs or Louisiana Nursery
and to Office Depot to
purchase ink cartridges;
small craft kits for kids;
clorox and baby wipes;
copy paper;
ink pens;
post-it notes;
batteries of all sizes;
wooden puzzles and puzzles
that make noise;
small containers of glitter;
folders with pockets and
prongs in assorted colors;
shaving cream - scented &
unscented;
dum dum lollipops;
small toys;
chart tablet 24x32 inches;
different sized painting
canvases no larger than 8x11
inches;
liquid glue;
small lego kits (75- 100 pieces)
that make an object;
hand sanitizer;
holiday stickers
low-odor dry erase markers;
new toys:
play food, pots,pans;
dolls and clothing;
toaster;
flat or fitted bed sheet;
electric pencil sharpener;
Goldfish snacks;
New or gently used children's
books

To donate these items, please
contact:

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Heroes Among Us

The Center started a Hero of the Month program in partnership with the Kids Wish Foundation. Each month a child's name is submitted from the McMains Children's Developmental Center for the honor. Jeanne Keretz, Isaiah Simon, and Patrick Black were selected for April, June, and July 2011.

Jeanne Keretz greets you with a smile any time she sees you. She radiates with such genuine happiness that you find yourself smiling back. Jeanne is a highly competitive athlete, and a look of determination can prevail over her tranquil features as well.

Over the past four years, Jeanne has participated in the GUMBO Sports. She uses her walker to outrun the other contestants. Despite her cerebral palsy, Jeanne has made it to state every year since she began competing and has earned 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place medals.

She is now determined to make it to nationals. She is working on qualifying in the wheelchair races. After the GUMBO Sports, she will train for the Special Olympics where she participates on a parish level. But, this 17-year-old athlete does not stop there. These past two years, Jeanne has also trained and participated in Rocket Kidz, a triathlon for children. The triathlon includes biking, running, and swimming. She can also be found at the Wheels to Succeed bike races. She also enjoys other outdoor activities such as horseback riding and attending different summer camps such as Capable Arts, BREC Camp Sunshine and the Lion's Camp. During the school year, she sings in the school choir. She also assists her school in promoting disability awareness. She is finishing a Life Skills Training course through the foster care program where she will receive an award upon its completion. Jeanne sets a pace that makes it very hard to keep up with her. She is an inspiration to us all.



Jeanne Keretz,
April Hero of the Month

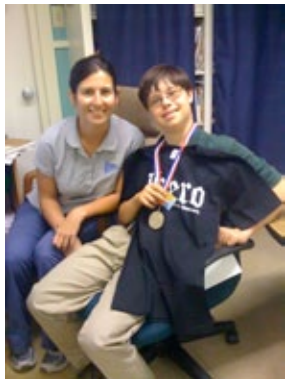


Isaiah Simon,
June Hero of the Month

Isaiah Simon is one who exemplifies leadership qualities at home and at school. At school, this fifth grader is known to be very compassionate and is described as having a heart for others. In fact, he will give up his recess, if necessary, to volunteer to help another student who might not be feeling well. He will also stand up for others who are being teased whether it is on the school playground or the bus. In the morning, he will wake up his two brothers, as well as the foster care children who live with his family. When it is time to get ready for school, he will help them to get organized for their school day.

Isaiah is diagnosed with cerebral palsy and developmental delay, but that does not stop him. Isaiah is also very active with GUMBO Sports where he has participated in the discus throw, shot put, and softball throw along with the 100 meter and 200 meter field events. He has placed 1st in the discus throw while placing 2nd in the 100 and 200-meter relays.

He also participates in scouting where he has earned several badges and banners and enjoys participating in the camping activities. Recently, Isaiah has joined the 4-H Club. Here, he has entered into the dance and bake-off competitions. Additionally, one of the neatest things about Isaiah Simon is the musical joy that he provides to others. Isaiah, along with his cousin and two brothers, sing together in a group called the Simon Brothers Group. Isaiah not only sings, but he also plays the keyboard. The Simon Brothers Group has performed at several churches and a nursing home. Isaiah also sings with his church choir. Isaiah Simon is truly a special, selfless young man.



Patrick Black, July Hero of the Month with Center Speech Therapist, Lesley Otts

One of the sweetest, nicest young men that you will ever meet is **Patrick Black**. Patrick is just one of those gentle souls that one loves to be around. He has a wonderful sense of humor that develops into an infectious laugh with his twinkling brown eyes. Although Patrick has Down syndrome, he has never let it stop him from doing things that he likes to do. He has been an avid swimmer since he was little. He has been a member of the swim team over the last several years and participates in the USA swim meets. He has also enjoyed horseback riding and going canoeing. He is the oldest of four children with two sisters, Clayton and Kirby, and a brother Stuart who is the youngest. He has always taken his "big brother" role seriously often keeping a watchful eye on them. Patrick's helpfulness is also apparent at speech therapy. He often tries to help the other children, especially one other boy, during his speech session. Patrick's helpful nature can also be seen at the Capable Arts Camp, an annual summer program sponsored by the Center. He is always willing to share his art supplies or change seats if it will make another child comfortable. He has also been the teacher's aide at Vacation Bible School at the Black's church for both 2nd and 5th grade classes.



Capital Area United Way

Thank you to the United Way for its continued support of our Center. Please consider making a donation to Capital Area United Way. **Look for our agency in a special Photo Documentary featured in November** at the United Way website: www.cauw.org.



The McMains Children's Developmental Center will host its second annual **5k Run, Walk & Roll** and Kids' Fun Run on April 21, 2012. Last year, participants ranged in abilities from very fast runners to wheelchair participants to those participating in the "Losing It In Louisiana" program. Participants of all ages can include individuals or corporate teams.

Volunteers are also needed before and during the event to help with such activities as race registration, race management, distributing water to participants, and supporting participants during the event. Volunteers from middle-school aged children on up are welcome. **Sponsors** are also being sought to support this event as well as donations of door prizes and other in-kind donations. Whether you run, walk, roll, or cheer from the sidelines, your support of this event is appreciated! If you are interested in sponsorship, donations, or volunteering in any way, please contact Eunice McCarney at emccarney@mcmainscdc.org or Janet Ketcham at jketcham@mcmainscdc.org.

SAVE THE DATES:



November 14, 2011: Volunteer Recognition Luncheon
 April 21, 2012: 5K Run, Walk & Roll and 1 mile fun run
 May 12, 2012: Annual Tickfaw State Park Canoe Trip

Help the Center while shopping!

We have several new and exciting ways to help the center!

Saunders Lux, Jeweler 2011 Charity Silent Auction

We are so delighted and appreciative that Saunders Lux, Jeweler is having a charity auction to benefit the Center. Several items will be on display at the store from November 1 to December 20. You can go in the store to bid, or bid at their Facebook site-Saunders Lux, Jeweler. Highest bidders need not be present to win and payment is requested at time of pick-up. Winning bidders will write their checks directly to the McMains Children's Developmental Center. There are several items in the silent auction:

- *Friedrich/23 leather jewelry box*
- *Floating diamond earrings, three stones in each, .50 total carat weight, H/I S12-3*
- *18 karat white gold star/diamond (.09dtw) pendant on a 16" chain*
- *18" 5mm single strand pearl necklace with 14K yellow gold clasp*
- *18 karat yellow gold and soccer ball amethyst earrings*
- *1940's Estate 14 karat white gold and amethyst dangle*
- *7" 14 karat yellow gold hollow-link bracelet*
- *and much more!*

Please visit the store at 7809 Jefferson Highway, Suite B5, in Baton Rouge. You can call the store at 928-5777. Store hours are 10:30 a.m to 5:00 p.m. Tuesday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. on Saturday!

Louisiana Community Marketplace

The Center has registered with Louisiana Community Marketplace, an on-line shopping mall hosted and sponsored by Louisiana nonprofit organizations. There are close to 100 vendors and more are being added. You can shop for clothing, sporting goods, electronics, food, jewelry, pet supplies, office supplies and much, much more! You will find many large and popular businesses as well as discount websites. As you are shopping for the holidays, please check it out at www.louisianacommunitymarketplace.com/mcmains. If you use Facebook, click "like" on Louisiana Community Marketplace (LCM).

Amazon.com Wish List

The Center has added a wish list at the popular on-line marketplace, Amazon.com. The Center's therapists have requested various items for use in therapy sessions. It is easy to make a purchase and, if you wish, have the item shipped directly to the Center. Simply go www.amazon.com and click on wish lists. In the search box, you can type McMains Children's Developmental Center and you will be directed to the wish list. If you have questions about this wish list, please contact Eunice McCarney. As always, your support is appreciated.

Albertsons Community Partners Program

If you shop at Albertsons, the Center can earn 1% of your purchase. Please pick-up and use a key tag. Please ask at the front desk or call 225-923-3420 to receive a keycard at no cost. You can get as many tags as you need to distribute to friends and family who want to support the Center as well.

From the Director

Thank you!

Spanish Town Ladies' Auxiliary!

Thank you to the Spanish Town Ladies' Auxiliary, who donated \$1,000 to the Center! STLA has a bowling tournament and the Kings and Queens Brunch, which raises funds for various non-profits. This is the first year that STLA has chosen the McMains Children's Development Center to receive funds, and we want them to know how much we appreciate their support.




Dancing for a Cause

On Saturday, August 13th, the Phyllis Guy Dance Center, located in Denham Springs, held a dance clinic, Dancing for a Cause, to benefit the Center. On October 13th, studio owner, Phyllis Guy, as well as Kimberly Doiron, who organized the event, presented the Center with a check for \$800. Thank you so much!



We gratefully acknowledge the following gifts given, both monetary and in kind from May 1, 2011 through August 31, 2011. This list is not exhaustive.

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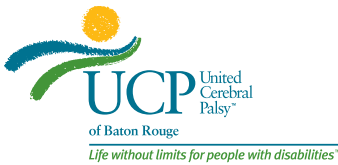




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stories, pictures, and upcoming events!**

The mission of the McMains Children's Developmental Center is to identify and treat children with cerebral palsy, developmental delays, and learning disabilities to enable them to reach their potential and to function as independently as possible. The Center additionally aims to enhance the quality of life for the families of these children.

Services provided:

Physical Therapy
Occupational Therapy
Speech and Language Therapy
Educational Therapy

Additional Programs & Services:

Therasuit Intensive Therapy Program
Oral Motor and Feeding Interventions
Wheelchair and Adaptive Equipment Assessment
Social Skills Group
Pediatric & Orthopedic Consults
Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) Assessments

Family Support:

Social Work Services
Psychological Services
Counseling & Behavior Management
Parent & Sibling Support Groups

Community Programs:

Capable Arts Camp
Wheels to Succeed Adapted Bikes
Tickfaw State Park Canoe Trip
Summer Therapeutic Gymnastics