



Walking on Sunshine

By Sarah Trester, Executive Director

"This is a really exciting time to be at Day Spring!" These words were spoken by new Board member Michael Miller during a recent meeting of the Board Volunteer and Recruitment Committee, and I couldn't agree more. Just as our 20th Anniversary year is giving us many opportunities to reflect on Day Spring's remarkable history, it is also giving us a wonderful vantage point to look with excitement to the future. It excites me to think about all the ways we will be getting healthier at Day Spring through the efforts of our new Health and Wellness Coordinator, Cynthia Changaris. I'm excited to imagine the things we will all be doing to implement our new development plan that has been completed recently by Jeff Ashley. And how about this...our new phone system will enable you to reach any office at Day Spring by dialing a single number! How awesome is that? Our bright future will hold new families and friends, and abundant new opportunities for Day Spring residents to fulfil their dreams and contribute their gifts to the world. Spring is full and overflowing with goodness and possibility! It really is an exciting time to be at Day Spring! How fortunate we are to be part of it!

Sarah



First signs of Spring in front of the Men's House

Residents Giving Back to the Community



Top: Richard King, Tim Baird, Doug Sheridan, Tim Seibert (Holy Family parishoner). Bottom: Tony Belcher, Jackie DeToma, Cindy Cusick & Courtney Snyder

For over 15 years now, Friday nights of Lent have been a very exciting time for several of our Day Spring residents. We have a crew of residents who volunteer their time at Holy Family Fish Fry, a local church.

"Our job is to help clear and wipe off the tables. We also are able to collect the aluminum cans and bring them back to Day Spring," said Cindy Cusick. "We really look forward to it every year and it makes our Friday's fun," added Cindy. They have also made many friends along over the years with this volunteer job.

Tax Credit Opportunity

Through the Community Foundation of Louisville, Day Spring is participating in a unique opportunity that will provide YOU with up to 20% tax credit for your donation to Day Spring's Endowment Fund! This is thru the Endow KY Tax Credit Program.

First, fill out an application to get approval from the KY Dept of Revenue. We have these applications here at the Day Spring offices and would be glad to help you with this process.

Since there is a limited amount of this tax credit money, your application must be submitted to Day Spring by June 1st.

Cheryl Richter: Quite a Fun Lady!

As one of the original Baxter Avenue residents, Cheryl Richter moved in just after we opened the apartments in Spring of 2001.

Cheryl is definitely one of the residents at Baxter Avenue who is always on the go. From spending time at the "spa" (a local gym), bowling on Friday's, visiting with her mom on a regular basis, weekly EnTech Computer training (at Spalding University) to working out on the treadmill at Baxter Avenue, Cheryl stays quite busy. And, up until this past year, Cheryl had been a volunteer at The Council for over 30 years working in their bulk mailing department.

One thing about Cheryl that most might not know, is her creative side. Cheryl is a very talented ornament designer. These beautiful designs come in all colors and styles, and she works on them year-round in her apartment. She starts off with a styrofoam ball, covers it with material and then uses stick pins to add tiny seed beads, ribbon and other larger decorative beads. It takes a few days just to complete one. When complete, she usually gives them to friends as gifts and the Day Spring Christmas trees.

This self-proclaimed "spinster" is quite a fun lady and we enjoy her here at Day Spring!



Cheryl Richter showing one of the ornaments that she designs.



Such small details!

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Right: Board members Alan Willoughby and Michael Miller at our Chili Cook-off and 20th Anniversary Kick-Off event on February 1st



Right to left are: Barbara Kalkhof, Anna Tanzilla, David Reilly and Bobby Wolz serving chili samples

March Ambassador Reception

On March 19th we hosted four friends who expressed interest in learning more about Day Spring. The group met residents, watched a video, enjoyed some snacks & toured the Women's Home. This is a great way for us to introduce Day Spring to people in the area and share our need.



Beth Barrett, Jeff Hardin, Ava Hardin and Ted Buren



Tim Baird, Jennifer McClinton and Barbara Barber

Our next Reception will take place on Wednesday, May 21st at 5:30. If you know of a good candidate for this event, let us know. We love to host new people to Day Spring and give the grand tour!

Save The Date

Saturday, April 26th, 6:00 p.m.
14th Annual Concrete Ball & Raffle at Galt House Hotel

Wednesday, May 21st, 5:30 p.m.
Ambassador Reception at the FCC

Saturday, June 14, 12noon - 2:30 p.m.
Annual Community Summer Picnic and 20th Anniversary Raffle on the Illinois Avenue Campus

Saturday, July 12, 8 a.m. - 12noon
Annual Day Spring Yard Sale at St. Gabriel School Gym

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Community Resource Center Renamed Ford Community Center and Founders Photo is Hung



Jan Abbott Photography

Front: Angela Ford, Jack Ford and Cathy Wagner. Middle row: Mike & Mary Jane Nabicht, Al Wagner, Jayne BecVar, Mary Ford, Gladys Ford, Cathy Ford, Emily Hixton and Paul Ford. Back: Joe Ford, Judy Ford and John Ford.

On Thursday, March 20th at 6:00 p.m. following the Board of Directors meeting, a special ceremony was held at the Community Resource Center in honor of Jack and Gladys Ford. At this time we gave recognition with a sparkling toast for their role as founders as we celebrate Day Spring's 20 year anniversary in 2014.

Everyone was aware that a portrait would be hung in the building, but the surprise came when Board Chair, Patrick Magill, announced that Day Spring has re-named the Community Resource Center the Ford Community Center and unveiled the title printed on the main foyer wall.

If you were unable to attend this special event, please try to stop in the newly named Ford Community Center and see the recent updates!

Cralle Foundation Helps Fund New Van

We'd like to give a BIG thank you to the Cralle Foundation for donating \$5,000 toward the purchase of our new Dodge Caravan seven passenger van.

"It's very convenient for our residents and staff to use," said Chad Hillenbrand, Assistant Program Manager at Baxter Avenue.



Left to right are: Billy Coakley, Debbie Seger, Becky Wortham, Paula Newton, Chad Hillenbrand and John Cooper



Make Plans to Attend!

Day Spring's 14th Annual Concrete Ball
Saturday, April 26th, 2014
6:00 pm - 12midnight
Galt House Hotel
Music by Famous on Friday

\$175 per ticket, \$50 after dinner ticket

This year's Day Spring Concrete Ball is going to be the biggest one yet, because we're presenting "Viva Las Vegas"! The night will kick-off at 6:00 p.m. with cocktails and wine courtesy of our generous Beverage Sponsor Brown-Forman. We will have a fun-filled night of non-stop gambling, music, fun and dancing. Music by Steve Church's band, Famous on Friday.

Tickets are only \$175 each and, as always, this event is open to the public. Late Night Vegas Lounge ticket at \$50 each for event entry after 8:30 pm. Everyone is encouraged to attend and sponsorships are still available.

We will also have the winning \$15,000 raffle ticket drawn from our hand-made concrete mixer at 11:00 pm - you could be the winner. Tickets are \$10 each and they will be sold up until the drawing.

The earlier you commit to be a sponsor, the greater exposure your company can receive!

For more information contact our event chair Eileen Harrod at eileenharrod@gmail.com or visit our website at www.DaySpringKy.org.



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Farewell to our Friend Billy Coakley

December 29, 1968 - February 24, 2014



Picture details: Billy (front left) with friends (listed clockwise) Jeanne Reid, Karen Walls and Becky Wortham at a Bingo activity night at the Baxter Avenue apartments last fall

Although it was just a few years ago (Summer of 2010) that Billy Coakley joined the Day Spring community, he has always had a huge presence with us for what seems like a longer time period. "Even as someone on our waiting list, Billy was well-known by most and participated in activities that many of our residents were involved in before moving into Day Spring," shared Case Manager Sarah Jeter.

Billy was part of the Thursday night square dancing group, bowled for the Special Olympics and a big fan of the UL women's basketball team. Billy also worked for UPS Logistics through Zoom Group, where many of the Day Spring residents work as well.

As a resident, Billy was very social and volunteered to help out with anything that came along. First thing each morning, he brought his breakfast down from his apartment and ate in the common area, socializing during the morning rush. Billy was always the first to jump up to let a guest in the front door (while they were scrambling for keys). He actively participated in the resident Volunteer Club and Book Club. Most recently, he participated in making and donating Valentine cards for a local nursing home.

Billy was also active on planning committees for our annual Bowl-a-thon event and Golf Scramble. Just this past fall, Billy was elected to serve on the Board of Directors.

Thank you for sharing your life with us Billy!

Summer Potluck Picnic & Raffle

Saturday, June 14th at 12noon - 2:30 p.m.

Thank you to "Meat Men" Dick Barrett and David Harrod for generously providing the meat!

Find the first letter of your last name, bring enough to feed 15:

- A - K Vegetable Dish
- L - N Salad Dish
- O - Z One 2-liter Soft Drink



Buy a \$5.00 raffle chance! Prizes will be one (1) \$2,000 and five (5) \$200 winners-that means you have six chances at winning! Drawing held at 2:00 p.m. June 14th. KY Gaming Lic # ORG0001408



Did You Know?

You can set up recurring donations with your credit card on our website. Visit www.DaySpringKy.org, or simply scan this code using your Smartphone to donate online today. Your gift makes a difference in the lives of every Day Spring resident!

Donor Spotlight: Anthony Sullivan

Anthony Sullivan is a busy man. He works as a web developer for igNew, LLC and is a freelance cartoon artist. He also has a cartoon Facebook page that he posts his designs on from time to time called Art of Anthony Sullivan. And, of course, plays a very active role in his life with his wife and two sons.

Here at Day Spring we appreciate all that Anthony gives to us. Not only is Anthony a long-time donor, he has also given his time to us for many years in a variety of capacities.

In addition, Anthony has spread the word for us! He has invited several contacts to our Ambassador Receptions over the years which have turned into Day Spring supporters. You can't beat that!



Anthony describes his motivation for volunteership with Day Spring as something that he is very "proud of". He is a Board Member, Chair of the Community Relations Committee, Technical Producer for our Concrete Ball fundraising event, photographer and a member of our 20th Anniversary planning committee.

"I started working with Day Spring as a favor for Scott Wolf when his Concrete Ball helper bailed on him at the last moment. Being single and childless, I had nothing going on and was happy to help a friend. That first year I was too nervous about messing up this big charity event to really notice what was going on around me. I pointed a video camera and tried not to screw it up.

The next year I was a little more involved and a lot less nervous and I had the opportunity to look around and see what was really happening before me. Beneath all the glitz and fancy clothes, was a group of caring people gathered in support of an organization that was making real and sustainable change in the lives of these adults. It was a moving experience to be sure but it wasn't until the Build a Foundation phase of the event began, when the residents came through the ball room with their hard hats and enormous grins that I saw what the future held for me. Seeing the happiness and confidence of those men and women cemented my resolve to help Day Spring in any way that I could. That was over ten years ago and I've never looked back.

I've been in software development for over fifteen years now and I have built great respect within the local tech community. There is nothing in my professional career that I am more proud of than the time I've given to Day Spring but it is what I have gotten out of Day Spring that has made it all worth it.

Anthony

Amy Hoffmeister - Celebrating 10 Years of Employment

On April 2nd, Amy Hoffmeister celebrated her 10 year anniversary as a Direct Support Professional here at Day Spring. People usually describe Amy as someone with a quiet spirit. After working at the Baxter Avenue apartments for many years, this past year she has spent most of her work hours at the Women's Home in the evenings, from before dinner (4 or 5:00) & staying until about 10 or 11:00 p.m.

Amy can be described as, "One of the most dependable and stable staff that we have who works here. Amy has such a great heart for the residents," said Program Director, Anna Tanzilla.

Amy is also a dynamic cook, loves to engage the residents in creative cooking and encouraging balanced meals. From time to time, she is the grocery shopper and is good about assisting the residents with making healthy food choices. Jackie DeToma pointed out, "She helps us remember to choose wheat bread rather than white and whole wheat pasta. She is a big help to us around here." She is always looking for ways to help the residents to be as independant as possible.

Teresa Kimbel pointed out some of the things Amy started when working at the Women's Home. "She re-formatted our grocery list for us and it is so much easier for everyone to use," shared Teresa. "She also added resident forms and other important items to the computer desktop making it easier for some of us to find things. Might not be a big deal to some, but it has really helped me," added Teresa.

Thank you to Amy for 10 great years and all that you do for Day Spring. We are looking forward to many more!



Amy Hoffmeister helping Todd Esser bowl at our Bowl-A-Thon fundraising event Summer, 2004



Try Some Meat Men Bar-B-Que Sauce!

The famous "Meat Men" duo David Harrod (sibling of a Day Spring Resident) and Dick Barrett (father of a Day Spring resident) sell their very own Bar-B-Que sauce for \$5.00 per bottle. All proceeds benefit Day Spring! Let us know if you would like to buy some and we can coordinate this with you (502) 636-5990.

You can also pick up some bottles at all Paul's Fruit Market's.

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Let the Gambling Begin!

14th Annual Concrete Ball Continued



All proceeds from the Concrete Ball go directly toward providing services to the residents of Day Spring. This event was established in 2001, the Concrete Ball is named for substance that symbolizes Day Spring's strength and stability. This annual event is held each spring to help build a firm foundation for the future of Day Spring and enrich the quality of life for our residents.

The exciting **Wheel of Chance** is returning this year with many great items including a Big Green Egg, handmade stained glass lamp, iPad Mini, iPad Air, Kindle Fire HD, Canon Rebel T-3 Camera and much more! These tickets are on sale now at www.DaySpringKy.org. Tickets are drawn the night of the Concrete Ball. We only sell 20 tickets per item, so get your's before we sell them all!

Silent Auction is sure to be a hit as well. This year we plan to auction off tickets to the U.S. Open PGA at Vallhalla, the Masters in Augusta, GA and tickets to the Emmy's - what fun!

Thank you to our current event sponsors as of March 31st:

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Sponsorships are still available! Contact our event chair Eileen Harrod today to find out more at eileenharrod@gmail.com

Big thanks to our friend Erin Jones at InMode Marketing for coordinating our media relations

Celebrating Our 20 Year Anniversary in 2014

Day Spring celebrates its 20th anniversary this year with pride in its past and renewal of its commitment to serve individuals with intellectual disabilities now and in the future. A series of events have already begun observing this huge milestone for the community.



We held a first annual Chili Cook-Off on February 1st where residents, staff and board members came together to celebrate the kick-off of the anniversary and sample a variety of chili. The residents voted and our Day Spring staff members won the contest!

On March 20th, we re-named the Community Resource Center, the Ford Community Center and hung a portrait of founders Jack and Gladys Ford (see cover story).



Illinois Avenue Group Homes Groundbreaking April 7, 1994. Left to right are: Gladys Ford, Roger Hughes, Verna VanNess, Bishop Charles Maloney, Joseph Gliessner and Sr. Debbie Kern, RSM

Throughout the year, we will continue to recognize the efforts of a dedicated group of parents and friends who founded what has become a widely respected organization, known as Day Spring. We will do this at existing events and newly planned events. Stay posted to the latest information by following us on Face Book, Twitter, LinkedIn, Pinterest and on our website calendar at www.DaySpringKy.org.

During 2014, you will be seeing this (top right) modified Day Spring logo designed & donated by our friends at The Pepper Group.

Day Spring Celebrates 20 Year Anniversary: Reflections of the Past Two Decades

Residents Realize New Opportunities while Families find Comfort and Pride

In November of 1994, fourteen residents moved into their new homes on Illinois Avenue. The move was long anticipated but nevertheless traumatic for residents, their families, the Board of Directors and staff. We asked a few of our Day Spring families how they have been changed as a result of moving into Day Spring twenty years ago:

"20 years! Hard to believe, but looking back at how Cindy has blossomed and Frank and I have grown in this Day Spring Community, it's 20 years of blessings." - Mary Ann Cusick, Cindy Cusick's mother

"While Jack has always had an independent streak, thanks to Mom for not treating him differently than the other 7, he has really been able to exercise his freedom at Day Spring. Jack has shown he can handle his independence responsibly and flouishes in it. Thank you Day Spring!" -Lynn Gollar, Jack Gollar's sister

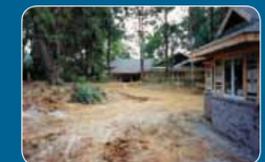
"Kim has really matured a lot since she moved into Day Spring. She has grown more independent and she's always liked living at Day Spring since it became her home. She has just become much more of an independant young lady." -Norma Brown, Kim Hendrickson's mother



Left to right top row: Jackie DeToma and Kim Ernst. Bottom row: Mary Ford, Nancy Meyers, Susan Scott and Cindy Cusick.



Construction on the Men's and Women's Homes during the Summer of 1994



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An Exciting Online Giving Day!



On May 6, 2014, Day Spring will participate in "Give Local Louisville" hosted by Community Foundation of Louisville, a national day of giving to celebrate the centennial of community foundations.

We hope everyone will plan to make a donation on behalf of Day Spring on May 6th. The online link will be sent in an e-mail blast soon. All online donations to Day Spring on May 6th, will be matched locally & nationally by the Community Foundation.

For more information, contact us at (502) 636-5990.