

CLI Update – May 12, 2017

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And now-- for John's usual excuses & apologies:

CLI Community Employment Support Services passed its first CARF (Commission for Accrediting Rehabilitation Facilities) survey this week with a score of just of 95%. Getting ready for this survey was a team effort with lots of hard work done by a group of people—but I want to particularly recognize Glenda Foster's work over the years in making the program what it is—and Jen Swicker's tenacity in pulling all of the paper compliance together. The surveyors were really complimentary about CLI, our staff, our obvious person-centeredness, and all of our community-relationship building. I think that everyone needs to pat themselves on the back!

I want to talk a little more about the Transformation grant that CLI has been awarded by DODD. The purpose of the grant is to allow progressive agencies to tell DODD where we are today—an agency self-assessment—and then tell DODD our plan for how CLI integrates people into the community. Most of you probably know that this has been something that we've been working on for years—but we will need to make some pretty bold moves soon. Additional smaller "hubs" so that people who aren't interested in working in the workshop, don't have to hang out at the workshop—and we can build new community resources that will provide us with more integration opportunities.

With that in mind, we'll be hosting a focus group forum on the first Imagine Norwalk event on Friday, June 9th, between 4pm – 7pm. It will be held in CLI's new space at 16 West Main Street and will be a good chance to answer questions and collect more ideas.

Thanks! Have a good weekend and keep those suggestions coming in.

CLI raised more than \$750 for Norwalk Firefighter's charity!

Thanks to everyone who put on their waders to venture out to 16 West last night for a community May 5th celebration, the event raised \$750 for Norwalk Firefighters Operation Warm! The firefighters will be using the money raised to buy new winter coats for kids in need next fall.

This was CLI's fourth and final fundraiser of the spring. Christie Lane Industries has raised \$2,850 so far this year to give back to other community endeavors (including the PiggybackFoundation, Services for the Aging, Norwalk Parks & Rec Teen Backpacking Trip, and Operation Warm).

More information about Operation Warm can be found at www.operationwarm.org.



CLI Document Destruction Is Looking for a Full-Time Pick-up Driver

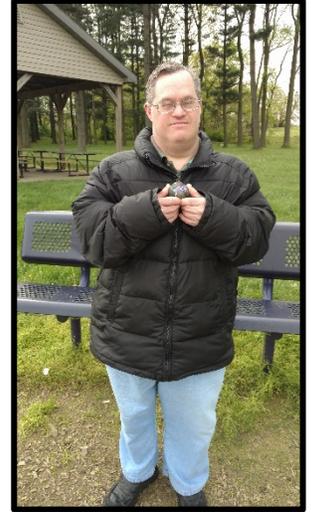
The shredding program has really grown and Kristi, Mags & Mandy need help.

Essential functions of this full-time job are:

- Clean driving record & able to drive large vans & trucks (NOT CDL though);
- Lots of heavy lifting & maneuvering 2-wheel carts;
- Must be able to pass lots of background checks & drug screens.



CLI's Senior's recently stumbled upon one of **Northeast Ohio Rocks** while visiting Schoepfle Garden Center in Birmingham this week. You just come upon them like a little piece of serendipity. They enjoyed finding the rocks so much that we decided to join in on the fun and paint our own! Currently there is a Rock Hiding group in our own community called, "Norwalk Rocks". To join in on the fun is simple. You can follow their posts on Facebook to find tips on where one might be hiding these rocks or, take a walk at a local park. You are sure to find them all over town. This week our senior's hid 14 rocks in the community. Happy Hunting!! If you are interested in community based senior stuff—contact Kerrie Close at kerrie@christielane.com.



2017 Monroeville Teen Leadership Wrap-up Luncheon at 16 West



Thanks to Deb Harwood & all of our friends at Monroeville High School!



Just a few parting shots—

Tammy Jamison



was particularly tickled by Tim's pre-coffee/post-coffee game face. Apparently she can relate.

Linda & Penny just looked good.

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