

The CP Life and Times

Inclusion: It's a birthright, not a privilege.

~Bea Russell

December 2009

Your Employee of the Year!

Danny couldn't wait to tell his mom!

Because of your support of the Cerebral Palsy Center and their Supported Employment Program, Danny Phillips is the latest recipient of the Knoxville Area Employment Consortium's Rudy Sullivan Award!

This award is given to an individual with a disability who has overcome barriers that their disability presents to become employed and has shown exemplary performance on the job.

Danny grew up in northwest Knoxville and participates in the day program at the Center and we provide support while he is at his job.

Danny works at the Papa John's in Fountain City putting together the boxes for pizza delivery.

Danny received the award because he is a model employee consistently exhibiting a great attitude, reliability and consistent performance.



Danny with his Employee of the Year Award!

Congratulations Danny!



Danny being congratulated by Senator Tim Burchett and Exec. Director Bob Sexton

He is a great ambassador for people with disabilities in the work place and Papa John's has hired 4 more individuals from the Cerebral Palsy Center.

Your donations are vital to all the programs at the Cerebral Palsy Center and helps others like Danny find a job, have a home of their own or enjoy activities in their community.

Known for his generosity, six years ago when Danny got his first paycheck, he didn't want to go buy something for himself, all he wanted to do was take his mother to dinner.

A model employee and a model son!

Thank you for your part in helping him win Employee of the Year!

The Cerebral Palsy Center is a nonprofit organization dedicated to the belief that every person is a unique human being, whose life has value and is worthy of respect.

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Because you were touched...

hundreds of lives have been touched through your generosity and kindness.

Because you cared, 43 people have a safe and supportive place to work on skills and be with friends.

Because you believed that people with disabilities could do more, 26 people now have fulfilling jobs.



Because you gave, 44 people now have the opportunity to enjoy their community.

Because you saw the need, 17 people who either had been or would be in nursing homes, now have homes of their own.

Thank you for helping us help others have a chance at a life worth living.

Check it out!

Our website has a **Donate Now button!**
 You can go on our website anytime that is convenient for you and safely and securely make your donation.
www.cpcenter.org

SAVE THE DATE

*Looking for a special way to celebrate Valentine's Day this coming year? Our annual **Fulfilling the Vision** Dinner and Auction will be on **Friday, February 12**, at the Foundry. Live jazz, good food and live and silent auctions. Come enjoy a special evening for a special cause.*

WISH LIST

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| Answer phones at the center from 12-2, two or three days a week | Office Supplies (ink pens, White-out, paperclips) |
| Yard Maintenance at residential site | Cleaning Supplies |
| Non-perishable food items | Gas Cards |

Remember the Cerebral Palsy Center in your will.

Check our website for Employment Opportunities at www.cpcenter.org

Volunteer Spirit

With your support, the Center's Volunteer Program helps people with disabilities experience the joy of giving back to their community and helping others by being a member of the Northside Aktion Club.

The Aktion club was started by the Northside Kiwanis Club and is one of only 2 such clubs in the Kentucky/TN Kiwanis district.

The members vote on which charities they want to help and which activities they will use to raise money.

The Young-Williams Animal Shelter is one of their charities and has received 2 truck loads of dog and cat food from the proceeds of their produce sale and their candy and doughnut sale.



Debbie and David working the Aktion Club produce sale fundraiser earlier this year.

As the truck pulled up to the shelter, the staff stood in disbelief and said with tears in their eyes, "Thank you so much. We just used our last bag of dog food and didn't know where we were going to get any more."

Needless to say, warm fuzzies were handed out to everyone!

They have also chosen the Friendship House as one of their charities and are currently working on a project to raise money for the Ronald McDonald House.

So thanks to you and the Aktion Club, their volunteer spirit has an outlet and is rewarded when they get to feel the heartwarming feeling of helping someone else.

JUST A REMINDER

All your donations to the Cerebral Palsy Center are tax deductible. If you would like your contributions to the center to be tax deductible for 2009, donations must be made by Dec. 31st.

DID YOU KNOW

Cerebral Palsy is called a "developmental disability" because it occurs before age 21 and the brain is still developing. After age 21, the same kind of brain damage is called "traumatic brain injury"
