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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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# The CP Life and Times

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

~Bea Russell

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### New Found Voice

**He wouldn't get out of the car!**

No matter what they tried, he would withdraw, curl up in a ball, hiss at them and refuse to get out.

That was what it used to be like to try and get Will to try anything new like participate in volunteering at Mobile Meals.

You would hardly recognize him now! Now when he goes to volunteer, he is in his "business man" zone. He sits in the front seat, he's in charge of the clip board, and tells the others which meal is needed at the next stop, hot or cold.

When Will first came to the center he was uncommunicative, stubborn and timid. He talked very little. But the staff at the center saw past his disability and saw his ability.

They had high expectations for Will and with consistent and coordinated efforts, they helped him find his voice.



And find his voice he did! Now he encourages other clients at the center to get in or out of the van or to hurry up! He helps other volunteers at Mobile Meals learn to clean the coolers and the best way to fill them.



Will's story is a great example of how your support helps the center help others break out of the bonds of their disability to a world of opportunities for a fulfilling life.

To see someone come alive to new experiences and to blossom in their ability to self-express, is something to see indeed.

Will is tender and gentle and has a great sense of humor. His laughter and easy going attitude make him well liked with both staff and peers.

We don't know what wonderful things are in store for Will, but we do know that because of your support of the center the possibilities are abundant and within his reach. And with his new found voice, he's sure to let us know!

### Survey says.....

Do you like taking surveys? Do you like letting people know what you think?

Surveys can be very instrumental in helping a business know what they are doing right and where they need to improve.

In order to better serve our clients and to be responsible stewards of our donors' money and trust, we conduct a satisfaction

survey of our clients and their families on an annual basis.

Here are some of the remarks we got back.

- \* My adult child loves it there!
- \* The people at the center are there for me. I'm not sure what I would do without them.
- \* The center gives my son something worthwhile to do with his life.

\* I can come to the center every day and not have to stay home.

\* I can talk with them at any time and they listen and help me.

\* We value the services the center provides and it uniquely fills a community need.

\* What a Godsend!

A testimony to the impact your donations have on someone's life!

## *A Special Evening for a Special Cause*

If you are going to go out for Valentine's Day, make plans to attend the Center's annual  
**"Fulfilling the Vision"**  
 Dinner and Auction  
 on **Friday, February 12** at  
*The Foundry on the Fair Site.*

There will be good food and great silent and live auction items, including a Holland America Cruise!

Live jazz will be performed by the Rocky Wynder Jazz Trio.

Call the center for more information or check our website under the Events tab.

**Have a good time and help others at the same time!**

### WISH LIST

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

**Leave a legacy. Remember the Cerebral Palsy Center in your will.**

Check our website for Employment Opportunities at [www.cpcenter.org](http://www.cpcenter.org)

## What do you do?

What's one of the first things you ask someone after meeting them? Usually it's "What do you do for a living?" or "Where do you work?"

Like it or not, what we do is part of who we are and the people we serve are no different.

Your donations help support two of our programs that help people find and train for jobs; the Supported Employment Program and the School Transition Program.

Having a job helps nurture their self-confidence, promotes their independence and reinforces their sense of value as contributing members of their community.

Just ask Amanda, Julia or Juan that work at the mall; or Jason and Eric that work at Mellow Mushroom; Nathan who works at Kroger's or Zack and

Darlene who work at Wal-Mart.

Rhonda and Betsy work at Williamsburg Villas, When Rhonda first started there she had worked almost all of

her 2 1/2 hours and only had a few minutes left. The staff with her said she could just sit for the last couple of minutes and Rhonda said "No. They're paying me to work—not to sit"

What a gift you have given her to be able to have a job she can take pride in. And what a gift she has in turn given us and those she works with.



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### Great Start!

Thank you to everyone who has already sent in checks or taken the plunge and made a pledge! We've had a good start to our annual campaign but **it's not over!** You can still send in your donations and pledge cards or go on line and make a quick and secure donation at our website. **Together** we can make a difference in the lives of people with disabilities.

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### DID YOU KNOW

Every year 8,000 babies and infants are diagnosed with cerebral palsy. In addition, some 1,200-1,500 preschool age children are recognized each year to have cp. 764,000 people in the US manifest one or more symptoms of cerebral palsy.

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