



Your CONNECTION

To the Cerebral Palsy Center

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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 Results Are In
THANK YOU
to everyone who gave of their time, money and items for the auction, to make it a wonderful evening at our annual Fulfilling the Vision Dinner Auction held at the Foundry in Feb. Even in these tough economic times, because of the generosity of family, friends and donors, we raised \$3,400 more than the year before!

Sponsors
Home Federal Bank
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Your Gift Keeps On Giving Your donation to the center goes out into the community through clients who volunteer

One of the wonderful people your donations help support is Natasha Long.

And one of the best things about giving to the center is when people like Natasha, who has a heart for people, go out in the community and help others, your gift grows exponentially!

Natasha loves everything UT! But she isn't just passionate about the volunteers, she is passionate about her friends, her family and her volunteering.

Natasha has been a volunteer at Mobile Meals for 3 years. She loves going to people's homes, delivering meals, talking with them and becoming friends with them. And any time someone needs it, she will pray with them.

She also volunteers at Angelic Ministries sorting clothes and shoes. She goes with a couple of her



Tennessee volunteer and CP Center community volunteer!

friends from the center and everyone at Angelic knows them and looks forward to the days when they come



Your donations make volunteering possible.

to volunteer and brighten their day.

Since coming to the center, Natasha has worked hard on many things that help her be a great volunteer and ambassador for the Cerebral Palsy Center.

By being out in the community and being

exposed to different social experiences and interactions she has learned better communication skills and how to stay focused and on task. And it has definitely paid off in her being a valued volunteer.

When asked what she liked most about volunteering, she said, "It feels good to help people."

And she is so right. It does make you feel good to help someone. And then when that person goes out and helps someone else, it feels even BETTER!

"It feels good to help people"

Your Donations Help Others Feel Good About Themselves

Do you think buying a movie ticket or a candy bar is a big deal? Well to some people with cerebral palsy, it is.

Your support helps people with disabilities learn the skills that give them the confidence to go out in the community and do things that you and I do everyday, but probably take for granted.

For some, this kind of activity is their first taste of independence.

For the majority, it

helps them feel like they belong and gives them a sense of normalcy.

And for the public who sees them, it might be their first realization that the ties that bind us to one another are the ones that focus on our similarities, not our differences.

And helping someone feel good about themselves is money well spent.



Feeling Good About Herself

Let the Cerebral Palsy Center help you with your gift giving!

Honor someone special though a meaningful donation/gift to the Cerebral Palsy Center.

- **Birthday**
- **Thank You**
- **Anniversary**

We will send the honoree a card specific to the occasion letting them know of the gift given in their name.

**~Convenient~Personal~
~Unique~**

*Call the center for more info
523-0491*

You can still make a difference by giving to the Annual Campaign!

This year because of your generosity we have raised about \$1,000 more than last year, bringing in **\$7,100!**

And since we added a pledge component to the different ways you can give we have an **additional \$6,000 in pledges** to be paid through the year 2015!

If you would still like to make a difference in someone's life please send in your donation today marked "annual campaign".

And a very heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has given!

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

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

Vehicles to Serve Our Clients with Dignity and Respect

We need your help to purchase 6 new vehicles for \$12,000

How would you like to physically see your donor dollars at work every day?

The Cerebral Palsy Center recently applied to the Federal Transit Administration's Grant Program and we were approved to receive 6 new vehicles to replace our 6 oldest vehicles.

But we need your help to raise \$12,000.

The old vehicles, like the Chrysler van pictured here,

- are over 18 yrs old, with 250,000 miles on them,
- are in regular need of costly repairs, (due to our rigorous transportation schedule)
- and have torn upholstery from excessive wheelchair use.

The new vans will be brand new, lowered-floor, mini vans that are modified to carry 2 people in wheelchairs and 3 ambulatory people and will **serve our**



clients with dignity and respect. The center must come up with a 10% match of the cost through non-federal funds. After we sell the old vans, we will need to come up with \$12,000. And we have just over 90 days to raise the money.

Even though we are exploring grant opportunities and other funding sources, we need you to be a part of the chance to give our clients the kind of dependable and quality transportation **they deserve.**

If you would like to ensure that the clients get the vehicles allotted to the center, please send in your donation designated to "New Vans" or contact the center.

Your gift, no matter the amount, is important, helpful and greatly appreciated.

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Do You Have a  for People with Disabilities?

The center is in need of dedicated, compassionate, giving individuals to serve on our Board of Directors.

Share your passion, your knowledge and valuable experience with people who need you! Meetings are the last Thursday of each month. Call Bob Sexton at the Center for more info.

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Thank you to Liz Long

And to everyone who helped make the chili supper a success. We sold \$382 in dinners and the board has agreed to match it!

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Mark Your Calendar

Side Walk Rummage Sale
May 22 from 8a.m.-2p.m.

Check the website for more details

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DID YOU KNOW

1 in 9 people with CP have features of Autism.

1 in 3 people with CP have Epileptic seizures.

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