

Greetings Friends!

Thank you for your interest and support in the important work we do every day at Park Lawn! I am thrilled to report that we have had an incredibly productive and successful year at our organization.

This past year, our primary focus has been on connecting our participants to new communities and experiences. We firmly believe that through collaboration and community engagement, we can help our participants reach their full potential.

We have also demonstrated a commitment to enhancing the work experience and sense of belonging for our employees, as they are truly the heartbeat of Park Lawn. We continue to honor our dedicated employees at Park Lawn as they celebrate significant milestone anniversaries with us including 10, 20 and 30 years of impactful service to our participants, families and coworkers. Their commitment is inspiring to all of us!

One of our biggest accomplishments this year has been the continued rebranding of our organization, including a new website and an informational video that highlights the work we do. We believe this new branding will help us connect with even more individuals and organizations who share our passion for helping others.

Additionally, we have made numerous renovations and upgrades to our programs and homes, enabling us to better serve our participants and provide even more support to new individuals and families.

As we move forward, we want to encourage all of our supporters to remain engaged with us. Please take the time to read our newsletters, participate on Facebook or LinkedIn, and attend our events. Together, we can continue to make a positive impact on the lives of those we serve.

Thank you for your continuous support and dedication to Park Lawn.

Sincerely,

Frank M. Portada
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 Executive Director

**a Message
 From the
 Executive
 Director**



Where Possibilities are Limitless

Save the Date

September 25: 38th Annual Maury Barger Jr. Crystal Tree Country Club
 A Day in the Sun Golf Invitational
 Comiskey Park

August 27: 5th Annual Developmental Disabilities Awareness Night
 www.parklawn.com

July 25: Summer Blast & Share the Pot
 Gaelic Park

June 14th: Rhpsody in Blue
 Park Lawn - 10833 Laporte Ave., Oak Lawn
 Sales start at 4pm - Games at 6pm

Every Saturday BINGO
 At The Office Sports Bar & Grill
 Queen of Hearts Raffle!

Every Wednesday

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 Helping people with disabilities thrive

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Grand Prize \$15,000.00 Cash

2nd Prize \$5,000.00	3rd Prize \$3,000.00	4th Prize \$1,000.00	5th Prize \$500.00	6th Prize \$300.00	7th -20th Prizes \$200.00 ea
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Only 999 tickets sold - \$100.00 each!

Virtual Drawing Thursday, July 25, 2024 at 4:00pm cst

This year's drawing will be recorded live on Facebook (@parklawncharity) and posted to our website (www.parklawn.com).

Prizes must be claimed within 30 days of drawing

Proceeds benefit individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities at Park Lawn.



\$HARE THE POT!

**3 tickets
for only
\$50.00**

If you purchase your Summer Blast CASH Drawing ticket AND (3) Share the Pot tickets online at www.parklawn.com, you will receive ONE FREE additional Share the Pot ticket!



With the purchase of a Summer Blast CASH Drawing ticket!

Tickets available at www.parklawn.com or mail to Park Lawn, 10833 S. Laporte, Oak Lawn IL 60453

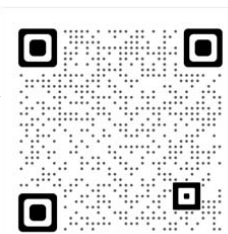
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You must purchase a \$100.00 ticket to play the \$Share the Pot!

of Summer Blast CASH Drawing Tickets @ \$100.00 / ea _____

of Share the Pot Tickets @ 3/\$50.00 _____ Total \$ _____

Scan to purchase your ticket(s)



SENSE-ational

Ideas are sensory stimulation activities

We are excited to announce our sensory projects aimed at supporting individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in our community. At Park Lawn, we believe in creating inclusive environments where everyone has the opportunity to thrive and participate fully in community life.

Sensory experiences play a crucial role in the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities, helping to promote sensory integration, communication, and overall well-being. That's why we launched a series of sensory projects designed to provide meaningful and enriching experiences for the individuals we serve.

Music Appreciation and Movement:

Engaging individuals in music and movement activities to stimulate auditory and proprioceptive senses. Playing calming music and encouraging gentle movements such as stretching, or dancing. Use musical instruments or sound-making toys to explore different sounds and rhythms.

Art Explorations and Craft Activities:

Providing opportunities for creative expression through art and craft activities using various sensory materials. Offering options such as finger painting, fine motor skill development, sensory sand art, or textured collages. Encouraging individuals to explore different textures, colors, and art mediums to foster creativity and sensory exploration.

We believe in the power of sensory experiences to enhance the lives of individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This past year, we have prioritized the development and implementation of sensory programs aimed at providing enriching and therapeutic experiences for our community participants.

As we look ahead, we remain committed to further expanding and enhancing our sensory initiatives to better serve our community. We recognize that there is always room for improvement, and we are dedicated to listening to feedback, adapting to evolving needs, and pushing the boundaries of what is possible in sensory support and inclusion.



Connecting with Nature at Lake Katherine

Our CHOICE Crestwood program had the incredible opportunity to spend the day at Lake Katherine Nature Center & Botanic Gardens, immersing ourselves in the beauty of nature.

We spent the day exploring the picturesque trails, winding through lush greenery and alongside serene waterways. The sights and sounds of the natural world surrounded us, offering moments of tranquility and reflection.

As we walked, we had the chance to encounter some of the incredible wildlife that calls Lake Katherine home. From vibrant birds to delicate butterflies, every moment was a reminder of the intricate beauty of our planet.

Our time spent at Lake Katherine was not just a journey through nature, but a journey within ourselves. We found solace in the simplicity of the surroundings, and gratitude for the opportunity to connect with the Earth in such a meaningful way.



We're incredibly grateful for this experience and look forward to more opportunities to explore and appreciate the wonders of the natural world together.

Celebrating Our Remarkable Volunteers!

During National Volunteer Month, we want to take a moment to express our heartfelt gratitude to some of the incredible individuals who have made a lasting impact on our organization. Without their dedication and hard work, our Queen of Hearts wouldn't be the same!

Tim Newsome from "At the Office"

Sports Bar & Grill: Thank you for being the greatest emcee of all time! Your enthusiasm and charisma have brought so much excitement to the weekly drawing.

Dawn Wilcher, Suzy Baran, Caryl Coghlan, Bonnie & Randy Senkpeil along with Maureen Reilly:

Your commitment to filling out tickets until your hands hurt shows true dedication. Thank you for going above and beyond to support our cause.

Bonnie Price & Tony Zartler: Your invaluable assistance on the day of the Queen of Hearts drawing ensures everything runs smoothly. We can't do it without you!

Nancy Wyletta: Your commitment to selling tickets at bingo weekly. Amazing!

Kelly Lavko: Selling tickets weekly at your work. Outstanding!

To all our volunteers, past and present, thank you for your selflessness, hard work, and unwavering support. You are the heart and soul of our organization, and we are incredibly grateful for everything you do.



Exciting news! Our new website is now live, and we can't wait for you to explore the enhanced experience we've created. At Park Lawn, we are dedicated to providing an inclusive environment where adults with disabilities thrive, and our revamped website reflects our commitment to that mission.

What's New:

1. Programs and Services Showcase: Discover the wide array of programs and services we offer to empower individuals with disabilities. Our offerings are designed to nurture personal growth and independence.
2. Success Stories: Read inspiring success stories that highlight the achievements of the incredible individuals within our community. These stories exemplify the positive impact of our programs and the strength of the relationships built at Park Lawn.
3. User-Friendly Interface: Navigate through our website seamlessly. We've redesigned it with you in mind, ensuring easy access to information about our programs, upcoming events, and ways to get involved.
4. Get Involved: Learn about various opportunities for involvement, whether through volunteering, donations, or partnerships. Your support is crucial in helping us continue to create an environment where everyone can thrive.

Visit Us Online: <https://www.parklawn.com/>

We invite you to visit our website and explore the enriching world of Park Lawn. Share the excitement with friends, family, and colleagues who may benefit from our services or would like to contribute to our cause.

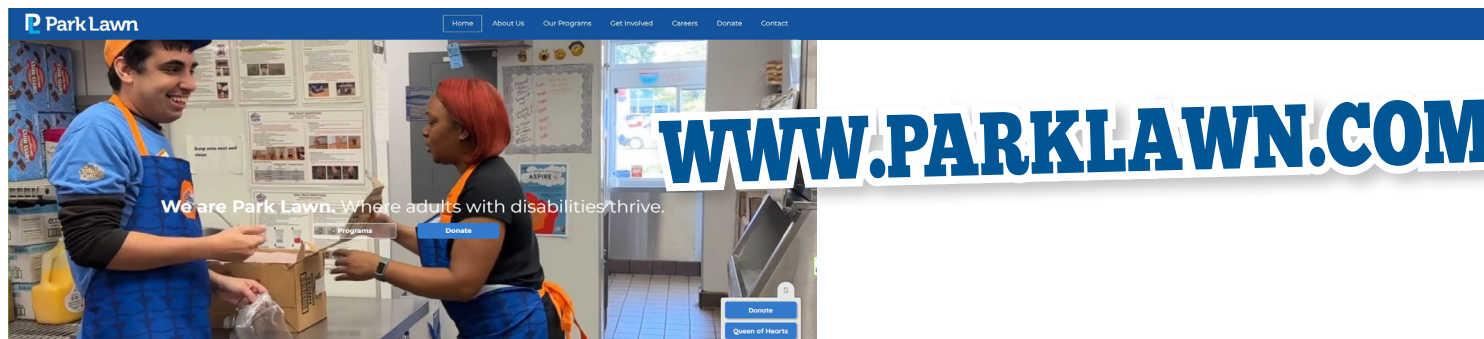
Thank you for being a part of the Park Lawn community. Together, we create a place where every individual can reach their full potential.

Why Park Lawn?

Discover the heartfelt testimonials from the Reilly Family—Charles, Maureen, and Kyle—as they share their amazing experiences.

Watch the inspiring 30-second video to learn more!

For the full testimonials, visit: <https://www.parklawn.com/donate.html>



Celebrating ●●● Community Generosity!

Surrounded by the warmth and generosity of our friends from Saint Helen Women's Philoptochos, Palos Hills, IL. Their kindness knows no bounds, as they graciously donated a \$10,000 gift made in loving memory of Anastasia Graven, will make a world of difference in the comfort and well-being of those we care for.

A heartfelt THANK YOU is in order to the Dremonas & Simadis families for bridging this connection and igniting such compassion within our community. Your support means everything to us.

But the generosity doesn't stop there! We also want to extend our gratitude to all the incredible volunteers who represent various ministries, as well as the dedicated Principal and teachers from Korae Elementary School, for joining hands with us in this incredible outreach effort. Together, we truly embody the spirit of unity and compassion.

As we reflect on this beautiful gesture, we're filled with gratitude and hope for the future. Here's to many more collaborative endeavors, where we continue to uplift and support one another.

Let's keep the spirit of giving alive, making our community a brighter and more compassionate place for volunteers who represent various ministries, as well as the dedicated Principal and teachers from Korae Elementary School, for joining hands with us in this incredible outreach effort. Together, we truly embody the spirit of unity and compassion.

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Calling all friends and supporters of Park Lawn!

We're reaching out to our wonderful community with a heartfelt request. Our annual Rhapsody in Blue Gala is just around the corner, and this year, we're embracing the timeless values of Peace & Love.

As we come together for an evening of music and goodwill, we're asking for your support to make this event truly special. Your generosity can make a real difference in promoting harmony and unity in our community and beyond.



Here's how you can help:

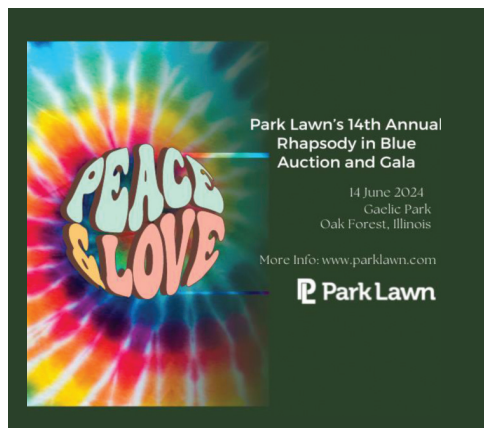
Attend the Gala: Join us for an unforgettable night filled with music, laughter, and camaraderie. Your presence will add to the magic of the evening.

Donate Auction Items: Do you have a unique item or experience that embodies the spirit of peace and love? Consider donating it to our auction. Your contribution will help raise vital funds for Park Lawn. (*Sports Tickets, Airline Tickets, Gift Cards, Getaways, Hotels, Airline Points*).

Spread the Word: Share our event with your friends, family, and social networks. Together, we can amplify the message of Peace & Love and inspire others to join us in making a positive impact.

Volunteer: We're always in need of dedicated volunteers to help with event logistics, promotion, and more. Your time and energy are invaluable to us.

Make a Donation: Can't attend the gala but still want to contribute? Consider making a donation towards our cause. Every dollar counts and brings us one step closer to promoting our programs and services at Park Lawn.



For more info or to donate please go to www.parklawn.com

June 14, 2024
Gaelic Park
Oak Forest, IL

Embrace the Season of Giving: Join Us in Supporting the Spring Appeal!

Please consider a gift of any amount. Your contribution will help our friends enjoy a relaxing and comfortable space where they can visit and socialize in the comfort of their own home.

To donate, please visit www.parklawn.com or mail your gift to Park Lawn: **10833 S Laporte Ave., Oak Lawn IL 60453.**

The Spring Appeal is a time-honored tradition where our community comes together to support Park Lawn's mission and the vital services we provide. Whether it's supporting our individuals with disabilities, funding innovative projects, or supporting essential programs, your generosity plays a crucial role in empowering positive change.

As the vibrant colors of spring blossom around us, it's a poignant reminder of renewal and growth. At Park Lawn, we're embracing this season of change by launching our Spring Appeal, and we invite you to join us in making a difference.

Park Lawn is seeking funding for the purchase of new furniture that will suit the ever-changing needs of our medically fragile residents in both of our ICF's. Based on our resident's limited mobility, we are seeking highly durable pieces that are built for everyday use. Each piece will consist of heavy-duty vinyl fabric necessary to repel against liquid penetration and will be designed for safety, comfort and security. The overall design will give each room an inviting feel.

To assist with the cost of this project, Park Lawn will seek supplementary funding through grants and individual giving. Additionally, a dedicated, long-time friend and donor will match individual gifts made through our appeal up to \$5,000.00.

