



The Douglas Center

April 2007

Best Buy Provides \$5,000 Technology Grant



The Douglas Center received a \$5,000 grant from Best Buy to upgrade our technology. The grant will help us buy new computers for both staff and clients and to resume our computer training program for our clients. We also plan to network our computers and printers.

We would like to give special thanks to Howard Meyer, Executive Director of the Skokie Chamber of Commerce, for recommending The Douglas Center to Best Buy, and to Brad Kollar, Store Manager of Best Buy at Village Crossing, 5425 Touhy Avenue in Skokie, for helping us obtain this grant.

Forest City Science + Technology Group Donates Furniture and Equipment

The Forest City Science + Technology Group, located at 4901 Searle Parkway in Skokie, generously donated network printers, office furniture, overhead projectors, conference speaker systems, and carts with wheels. Both staff and clients visited the Illinois Science + Technology Park to pick up the donations.

Thank you to William Stender, Operations and Maintenance Manager, for his kind assistance.



Carson Pirie Scott Community Days Benefits The Douglas Center



Twice a year, Carson Pirie Scott hosts a Community Day Event that benefits non-profits and schools. The Douglas Center sold coupon books for \$5 each and received the proceeds. The coupon book contained one \$10 coupon and eight 20% off coupons.

If you would like to buy or sell coupon books for the next Community Days on November 10, please call us.

Thank you to Janette Cooper for her help and support.

The Douglas Center Scores!

The Department of Human Resources recently completed their annual, unannounced certification of The Douglas Center. We are pleased to report that we scored an exceptional 98% and did not receive any recommendations for improvement.

North Prairie Junior High Collects Caps

The Douglas Center received a new contract job that included putting rings on plastic bottles. Our production foreman tried several ideas to make the task easier for our clients and realized that the caps from dry erase markers were perfect for the job.

North Prairie Junior High School from Winthrop Harbor generously collected caps that helped our clients finish the task more easily and efficiently. Thank you to Sandra Larson for your help!

Motor — working or not — donate it!

Donate autos, trucks, motorcycles, vans, commercial vehicles, jet skis, snowmobiles, motor homes, buses, and even boats. It doesn't even have to run.

Your donation is tax deductible and will be sold with the proceeds benefiting The Douglas Center.

Call (877) CARS-4-US x 1777 to have your vehicle collected at no charge.

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The Douglas Center is a non-profit, charitable organization that provides developmental training, pre-vocational, and vocational training to adults with physical and mental disabilities, seeks to enhance and enrich the quality of our clients' lives, and helps them achieve independence in life.

We provide our clients art, dance, music, speech, occupational, and physical therapy; counseling and therapy; medical services; and jobs within our center and the community.

You or your business can make a significant difference in the areas of volunteering, fundraising, donations, and client work opportunities.

For information about supporting The Douglas Center, call Rifath Khan at (847) 674-1921.



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New Senior Program Off to Great Start



In December, The Douglas Center started a new program providing services for adults with disabilities who are age 55 and older.

The Senior Program is a semi-retirement program including leisure and recreational activities, community outings, music and art, plant care, and animal care.

The program now welcomes between 12 to 15 clients daily, who choose whether to work on contract work, attend community outings, or participate in leisure and recreational activities.

The Douglas Center welcomes referrals for participation in the program and is seeking volunteers to help with the Senior Program.

Welcome New Employees!



The Douglas Center would like to welcome three new employees:

Evette Reyes (pictured) is

working part time in the

Developmental Rehabilitation Program, Rosa Lee Reyes is helping part time in the Vocational Skills Training Program, and Henry Gegantenio is assisting part time in the Work Center.

We're glad you're here!

Did You Know...?

The Douglas Center is now serving 107 adults with developmental disabilities.

You can donate your empty ink cartridges and used cell phones to The Douglas Center for recycling.

