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SALLY IS THE ECCR COMMUNITY STAR

Sally F. was honored at the NJACP Community Star Dinner on May 25 at the Westin Princeton at Forrestal Village. The staff at ECCR chose Sally as this year's recipient for many reasons. Following is her nomination letter.

Sally has been living at the Eastern Christian Children's Retreat since March 1973. Sally is a 47 year old non ambulatory woman.

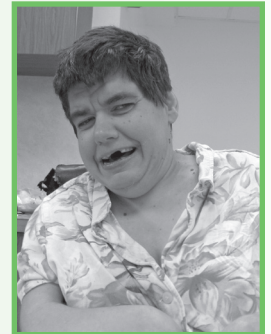
She communicates by pointing, using a communication board, some signs and some word approximations. She has the use of her left arm.

When Sally moved to the Retreat she spent much of her day sitting in her wheelchair. She tried to maneuver the chair using her left arm but did not succeed in going very far. So she basically stayed where she was placed, depending on staff members to bring her to her meals and activities. Interactions were limited and mostly based on need. In the spring of 1981 she received a power wheelchair. She learned to operate it fairly quickly. She was motivated to move about to get to leisure activities and to get to her meals. When Sally began to move about independently, it became apparent that she was much more capable than previously believed. Staff began to interact with her differently and she began to blossom.

Later she began using a picture symbol communication board. She was able to learn how to communicate more effectively. Several years later she moved to a group home on the ECCR campus and now lives with seven other women. She has the run of the house and enjoys being helpful taking care of her home. She has been attending a day program that, until recently, was based in the community.

Sally participates in worship services at ECCR. She greets any guests that come to Worship with us and says goodbye to each guest as she leaves. Many times she is the highlight of the service when she dances to the music. Many of our musical guests really get a kick out of her and feel energized by her enthusiasm. She is personable, warm, welcoming, and she shows that people with disabilities can enjoy life.

Sally has matured into a woman who is strong willed and perseverant. She enjoys music and loves to dance. She takes pride in her appearance and likes to take care of her looks. She will enjoy a compliment every now and again as well. She has developed many friendships over the years with her peers at home and in her day program. She has several special friends among staff and peers as well.



A MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

By Jayne Press

The cover story of this edition truly highlights “why we do what we do”! Sally was chosen this year as the Community STAR to represent ECCR at the NJ Association of Community Providers dinner. Each year the staff nominates several individuals and vote to select the “STAR”. Although we would like to select all of the individuals we serve, we can only choose one each year. I have been fortunate to have attended most of the dinners in past years and attended the event last night. The staff, Sally, and I drove to Princeton and really enjoyed the event which celebrates the spirit and accomplishments of each “STAR”. Sally was beaming and definitely appreciated all of the special attention, loved “dancing” to the music and of course, loved the food! It is an event that reinforces the need to remember and recognize accomplishments, no matter how small.

The Ladies Auxiliary again organized and hosted the Annual Fashion Show to benefit ECCR. Many of the women in this organization have been a part of the ECCR since the beginning, almost 46 years ago. They are truly committed individuals to stay with an organization for so long. God has blessed us with such dedicated women. In addition to volunteering at ECCR, many of these women volunteer at local hospitals and nursing homes.

In addition to the long term volunteers, we have many long term donors. Our list of donations is long again, a testament to the generosity of our donors and long time friends. The donations this year have allowed us to continue to offer Chaplaincy services to the residents, as well as providing special equipment for the residents. We have been able to purchase new furniture for a few group homes and a new van for one of the Lodges. Our operating costs are always increasing, and the donations make it possible to bridge the gap in funding and allow us to purchase needed items or provide necessary services. I am thankful to the Lord that all of you have helped us to continue our mission and for helping us remember every day “why we do what we do”!

FASHION SHOW HELD ON MAY 10

The ECCR Ladies’ Auxiliary hosted the Annual Fashion Show and Dinner on May 10 at the Brownstone Inn. It was a wonderful evening. Thanks to the hard work of all members of the Auxiliary they were able to award over 80 door prizes! As always, the fashions from Dress Barn were beautiful. We look forward to next year. Thank you to all the members of the ECCR Ladies’ Auxiliary.

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SALLY'S COMMUNITY STAR DINNER 2011

Raising Cheerful Givers

This seven-part series of articles is geared toward parents and grandparents who want to help children grow into generous, joyful givers. The series also offers practical steps to teach children how to handle money.

Part 2 – THE VALUE OF WORK

This is the second in a series of articles on “Raising Cheerful Givers”. Helping our children understand financial principles will not only help them manage their money, but also become joyful stewards.

According to a 2003 study, students who worked in high school are much more likely to achieve their financial goals and be knowledgeable about money than those who did not. Working in high school and college, to the extent that it doesn’t interfere with school-work, seems to pay off later in life. Children can begin to understand the value of reward for work at a very young age. The fact of the matter is that the value of work is much more than just monetary.

Teaching your child the value of work builds character. Children will grow up with more respect for the value of money and what is required to earn it. It also teaches diligence. Diligence is a work ethic that means you do the task set before you to the best of your ability in a timely fashion. Diligence encompasses honesty, purpose, energy, excellence and working heartily. “Whatever you do, do your work heartily, as for the Lord rather than for men.” (Col. 3:23)

When they are too young to “work”, children need a source of money that enables them to learn how to save, spend and share. One such source is an allowance. Sometimes there is debate among parents of whether an allowance is good. Some may feel that children need to understand that as part of a family, they do chores simply for the benefit of the family community. While contributing help to the family unit is very important and right, parents may miss the opportunity of a valuable teaching tool if there is no allowance.

Have you ever been in the store when your child eyes the toy that represents the latest hot “toy craze” or technological gadget that he really needs and he needs it now? Do you hold your ground and simply respond, “No” as you prepare to once again do battle with the crankiness that follows? Or, do you smile and ask your child, “How soon will you have enough money to buy it?”

Whether the money is given or earned, the money is theirs. If they choose to blow the money on the ugliest (in your eyes) and most expensive shoes in the store, let them do it. When they are short on cash, they will realize the benefit of a wiser decision. Keep telling yourself that the reason your children are receiving money is because you want them to learn to manage it.

In our next issue, we will further discuss the idea of allowances.

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GOD’S HARVEST

By Pastor Susan Dorward, Chaplain

I came across this garden planting tip on the Internet a couple of weeks back. It caught my eye because I love to garden. The author was stated as “unknown”, but I think they are onto something.

First, plant 5 rows of (P’s)

Prayer

Politeness

Perseverance

Purity

Persistence



Next, plant 3 rows of Squash:

Squash gossip

Squash criticism

Squash indifference

Then, plant 6 rows of lettuce:

Let us be faithful

Let us be unselfish

Let us be loyal

Let us be truthful

Let us be respectful

Let us love one another

No garden is complete without turnips:

Turn up for church

Turn up with an open heart and a smile

Turn up with a new idea

Turn up with a new determination to serve the Lord and finally

Turn up with the conviction that God has a word for you!

We pray that you include ECCR in your planting this spring and all through the year!



46TH ANNUAL

Saturday, September 24, 2011

10:00 - 4:00

Wyckoff Municipal Field



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The Annual Beefsteak Dinner & Silent Auction was held on March 1 at the Brownstone Inn. Over 400 people joined together to support ECCR. The evening was filled with good food, fellowship and laughter. Outgoing Board of Directors President, Bob Oostdyk, Jr. was recognized for his service. Thank you to everyone who attended and supported the event.

Please see the list of auction donors above.

We are looking forward to seeing everyone next year on **March 13, 2012.**



Jayne Press, Robert Oostdyk, Jr & Timothy Babjak

A NEW CAR



Thanks to the generosity of the Florence Christian Home, the ECCR has a new van! This donation makes it possible for us to transport more ambulatory residents. We are blessed to have such wonderful friends. Thank you!



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**More information
to follow.**

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We maintain a Wish List for many of the things that would help us at ECCCR. Listed are a few items.

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New computer equipment

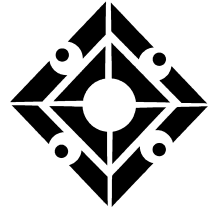
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Funds towards replacing the windows in the Bushman Building

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