



# KREIDER SERVICES

## focus

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From the Executive Director's Desk

## Despite impasse, mission continues

American author Alfred A. Montapert once said "Do not confuse motion and progress. A rocking horse keeps moving but does not make any progress."

Social and human services agencies here in Illinois feel a certain kinship with this statement especially in regards to the budget impasse in Springfield. Party lines are defined in this fiscal battle as we are now in the fourth month of Fiscal Year 2016 with no budget agreement.

Governor Rauner says he may have a budget in the next sixty to ninety days. That does not give much comfort to anyone. Despite all this, Comptroller Leslie Munger continues to work miracles to keep some money coming to keep the state's human services agencies open. The real frustration is that no one knows how or when the impasse will end.

On a positive note, we are still open and providing needed supports to people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Around 175 people helped raise \$25,000 for client activities during the September 26th Meaningful Night Gala and Auction at the Lincoln Way Inn in Franklin Grove. This event, like the 2nd Annual Golf Open in July, was built on the strength of great corporate sponsors. In two years, Kreider has raised \$100,000 between the Gala and annual Golf Open. This money goes to client activities, not to administration or operational costs. Even if the state is not a good partner these days, the people of the Sauk Valley are great partners!

One example of this support is a young man who moved to Dixon just a few years ago. He started learning more skills at Kreider Services and wanted to get a job. Last year this young man worked on the Nachusa Avenue home project, donated by Wells Fargo, and showed he had the skills to be a good employee for a local business. He is now



working three days a week for an HVAC contractor, is part of a team, earning a pay check and loves it! The hardworking and dedicated staff of Kreider Services didn't make this happen alone. It took patience and knowledge of a carpenter to help him learn new skills. Equally, it took people in the community with the heart to give a chance to a person like this young man the opportunity to work.

With employers worried about finding employees who show up to work every day, now might be the time to call Kreider Services. I can't promise you that we have the employee you need, but we would like to have a shot at it. If you think you could employ a person with an intellectual or developmental disability call Farrell Tremble: (815)288-6691.

Thank You for your continued support!

*AM Stout*



**Know someone** looking for a new job? Check out the insert in this issue of Focus!



## Save while you help Kreider!

Do we have a deal for you! We've all heard that phrase too many times to count, and often the deal is not as good as it is presented.

As you prepare for Black Friday and Cyber Monday,

however, Kreider Services has a way to help you save money and raise money for the agency at the same time.

Kreider is one of many local non profit agencies selling Bergner's Community Days Coupon books, which are good for sales November 11-14.

Kreider keeps 100% of all revenue from each \$5.00 book sold plus Bergner's gives each group a donation following the event. Best of all, there is a \$10.00 coupon that can be used at a Bergner's store on almost any item.

Last year, Kreider raised \$1,200 from the sale of coupon books. Books are available at the Kreider main building or if you would like to take books to sell to your family and friends, just talk to Becky Reilly in the Kreider marketing office. People can also purchase books online at Bergners.com and name Kreider Services as their non profit group to support.

**COMMUNITY**  
**DAYS** 2015

# Florissa Welcomes Dr. Kelly Flanagan to Staff

**Dr. Kelly is in.** Psychologist by trade, Dr. Kelly S. Flanagan began in June as the Clinical Director of Florissa, the new developmental center, which serves children (0-18 years of age) with developmental, behavioral, emotional and social issues.

Originally from Delaware, Dr. Flanagan received her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from the University of Delaware, after which she attended the Clinical Psychology Doctoral Program of Pennsylvania State University which she extols as having one of the best programs in the nation with a special track for Child Clinical Psychology.

After Penn State, Kelly moved to Chicago in 2005 for an internship at Children's Memorial Hospital, now Lurie Children's Hospital.

For the past 10 years, Kelly was a faculty member of the Psychology Department at Wheaton College where she served as the program director for the doctoral program and taught specialized courses on the assessment and treatment of children.

"It was rewarding to teach students how to effectively work with children and their families, but I missed working full-time in a clinical setting, where I could help the underserved and those 'marginalized by society.'"

## THE OTHER KELLY

Kelly is not the only doctor in her house. Her husband, Dr. Kelly M. Flanagan (that is correct and not a misprint), is also a psychologist and a native of Dixon. Those local roots pulled at the Flanagan family who wanted to move to a rural setting. Enter the picture, Florissa and a move to the Petunia City.



The Clinical Director position at the pediatric developmental center presented Kelly with a new way to use her training and gifts through serving children and their families in a location that has few diagnostic and therapy services for children.

The move to Dixon and Kelly's new position at Florissa felt like the "right" next step in their life together and is consistent with who they are and their values. Kelly and her husband are the proud parents of three children ages 12, 8, and 6.

## MORE ON FLORISSA

Florissa is a centralized service facility for children with behavioral, developmental, social or emotional needs. The center is located at the corner of First Street and Galena Avenue in downtown Dixon at 101 East First Street.

The main goal of Florissa is to provide evaluation, diagnostic and treatment services locally under one roof. In working closely with Dr. Pratip Nag of KSB Hospital, Dr. Kelly S. Flanagan of Kreider Services and staff of Sinnissippi Centers provide a multi-disciplinary approach to evaluation and treatment while streamlining the intake and referral process for children's services.

Programs at Florissa include: Direct Therapies (Speech, Occupational and Physical Therapies), Therapy groups, Screenings, Assessments, Case Consultations, Training, Support and Family Community Resource Rooms.

In the near future, Florissa will unveil a new web site to highlight the services the center offers.

## Kreider Alliance

# Change & moving forward



We're still getting used to our new name, Kreider Alliance, which replaced the former name of The Arc of Lee County. Although the name is different, the mission is still the same: "To provide advocacy, education and support to persons with disabilities."

This summer has been a busy one. As Jeff mentioned in his column, the state budget is not settled. With the threat of cuts in funding for programs serving people with disabilities, Alliance board members have traveled to Springfield to advocate decision makers.

In July, the Alliance teamed up with the Lee County Council on Aging for "Petunia City Brass", a drum and bugle corps competition at Dixon High School. A crowd of more than 600 enjoyed the sounds of drum and brass on the riverfront. The event raised \$5,000 (after expenses) which was split between the Alliance and LCCOA. Plans are already underway for a similar event next summer.

I would like to formally welcome two new Board Members to Kreider Alliance: Mary Huffman and Dawn Howell who will fill two of three spots left vacant when Helen Snyder, Jill Polivka and Mary Mays stepped down earlier this year. Helen, Jill and Mary will be missed. Combined, they provided 40 years of service on the volunteer board.

Several projects and sponsorships on the calendar for this fall include sponsoring the Disability Expo, which was held at Sauk Valley Community College on October 17; supporting the Employee Activity Committee with an employee Turkey Basket Giveaway; and, Christmas caroling at Kreider group homes on Monday, December 7th. Let us know if you would like to join us for caroling.

In 2016, Kreider Alliance will be hosting several speakers during Disability Awareness Month, holding the 2016 membership drive and giving support to Kreider programs when needed. Thank you all for your support.

President, Board of Directors  
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## Upcoming Events at Florissa

October 28 - December 9 | 4:30 - 5:30 pm  
[Friendships: The Middle School Years, a Social Group](#)

November 3 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
[Sleep Health for Kids](#)

November 5 - December 17 | 6:00 - 7:00 pm  
[Coaching Your Child with ADHD](#)

December 1 | 2:00 - 5:00 pm  
[Fetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorders Across the Span of Childhood](#)

December 4 | 6:00 - 9:00 pm  
[Santa will be at Florissa during the Dixon Christmas Walk](#)

For more information on Florissa classes, call 288-1905 or visit us on Facebook.





# Photo Gallery



Kris Cardot and Amanda Chavez got a crew together for the Elks Annual Chili Cook-off. They took the Showmanship Award for their car shop display.



Culver's of Galena recently donated 10% of their daily proceeds (\$592) to the Galena and Stockton homes. Thank you Culver's for Giving Back!



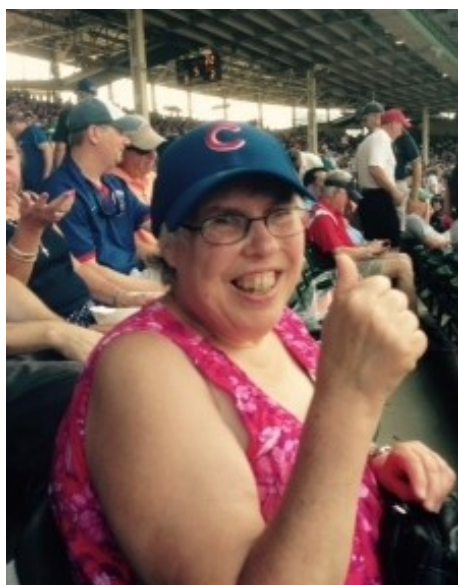
Kreider showed off both two-seater bikes in the Petunia Festival Parade this summer. The bikes were both bought with money from fundraisers and memorial gifts. We are looking to buy a third one very soon.



Bob Trader and staff Lisa Olson enjoy the steak dinner following the Golf Open on July 17 at Lost Nation Golf Course. The Kreider Services' golf team had a foursome in the annual event.



Otto & Jacob work the blood drive on September 22nd hosted by the local Aktion Club. Two dozen people gave blood.



Jeannie Meeks enjoyed her first Cubs game this summer. This was a Meaningful Day outing for her, using funds raised at the annual Golf Open.



Clients and staff take a break from work and enjoy a fun game of wheelchair football on a sunny afternoon at Day Services.



A big "Thank you" to Marist High School in Chicago who helped build the sensory garden this summer. The kids and staff were in Dixon three days to volunteer at different places. They moved a semi load of mulch. Great group of volunteers!





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## Calendar of Upcoming Events

### **October 29**

Kreider Halloween Dance at Dixon Elks' Club  
6:30—8:30 pm

### **October 30**

Parent & Guardian Group meets at Kreider Services from 10:00-11:30 am. They are trying to recruit new members. If you are interested please come visit this next meeting. They welcome caregivers & siblings. Every month is a new topic for discussion. Coordinated by Paula Eubanks of Social Services.

### **October 30**

SRS Recycling Event from 9:00am—3:00pm for Lee County residents. Accepting electronics and TVs.

### **November 11-14**

Bergner's Community Days. Purchase your coupon book for \$5.00. This is a fundraiser supporting KSL.

### **November 20**

Annual Kreider Services Holiday Appeal begins. Make a donation in support of agency programs.

### **November 26**

Office Closed, Thanksgiving Holiday

### **November 27**

Office Closed.

### **December 1**

**Giving Tuesday**. Support Kreider Services.

### **December 4**

As part of the annual Dixon Christmas Walk, Santa will be visiting Florissa from 6:00-9:00 pm

### **December 7**

Kreider Alliance Christmas Caroling 7-9 pm

### **December 24 & 25**

Office closed, Christmas Holiday  
Merry Christmas to All!

### **January 1, 2016**

Office closed, New Years Eve Holiday

*Kreider Services is trying to build our email  
database for future newsletters and event  
information. Register on Kreider's website or  
email [reillyb@kreiderservices.org](mailto:reillyb@kreiderservices.org)*

*Visit Kreider Services' Website at [www.kreiderservices.org](http://www.kreiderservices.org)*

# KREIDER SERVICES

People Reaching Their Fullest Potential



## Are you up to the challenge?

Working with people with disabilities can be a challenge, but the rewards are amazing especially when you improve a person's quality of life by what you do! If you're up to the challenge call Human Resources and ask about current opportunities.

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