



# KREIDER SERVICES

## focus

### NEWSLETTER

Fall 2018



## INCLUSION At Its Best

*"Urging people to be inclusive is not an attack. It is Progress."* DaShanne Stokes

Part of the Kreider Services' Mission makes reference to Inclusion into community events for the people we provide services to. Many of our homes have taken this idea to heart this summer and have really gotten involved in the communities they live in. The residents and staff are participating, volunteering and actively seen at events. It is good for people attending and running events to see us out there. Sure, they might need a little more assistance and coaching, but some of the events just go to show that Inclusion works!

Let's roll back the calendar and take a look at some of these activities that clients and staff have been involved in:

- Two homes and staff helped with the United Way Day of Caring in June and we had a team from DHS Key Club and the YWCA clean up the Kreider Park and flowerbeds.
- Petunia Festival Parade - 35 clients and 20 employees and their families participated in the parade. About 25 employees helped one day at the festival pouring beverages.
- Drum Corps Show - The Kreider Drumline and Color Guard



performed at the Aug. 1st Petunia City Brass DCI show in Rock Falls.

- Petunia City Stix was scheduled to play with the Dixon City Band but got rained out in July.
- In August, we did a collection for "Tools for Schools" and delivered a car load of school supplies to Dixon Public Schools.
- Florissa was involved at Quartermania at the Dixon Elks Lodge.
- Galena homes were part of the Galena Culver's Give Back Night where over \$600 was donated to Kreider Services.
- We had an entry at the Fiesta Parade in Rock Falls and Sterling.
- Volunteers from Jo Daviess handed out water at the Galena Triathlon to partici-

pants at the Fever River Adventure.

A portion of those event proceeds will be donated back to Kreider.

- The Kiwanis Aktion Club helped sell peanuts during the annual Peanut Days.
- JJ Slaton is often seen helping at events with the Com Ed Efficiency Education Program.
- Mike Danekas is active with the Amboy Lions Club.
- The Executive Team, staff and the Kiwanis Aktion Club members helped package 15,000 meals for the United Way Kickoff at SVCC.
- Hilltop staff and residents helped the kids paint pumpkins at the Dixon Scarecrow Festival and HR had a booth at the event.



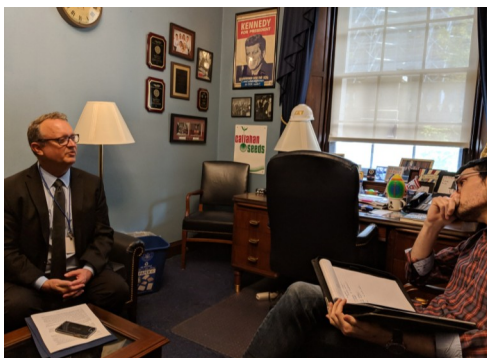


## A Note From Jeff

I will only say this once. It is election time, there are lots of opportunities to vote early or by absentee ballot. The election is on November 6<sup>th</sup>. I won't tell you how to vote, but I will ignore your complaints about local, state or federal officials if you don't. Not everyone on the planet gets to vote, please take advantage of this right.

In the last month I have travelled more than usual. A trip to DC to meet with the disability staffers who work for Sen. Durbin, Sen. Duckworth, Rep. Kinzinger, and Rep. Bustos. All were very bright and supportive of helping us on the federal level. Two of the main topics were funding money-follows-the-person which allows people to get the supports they need when they need them. It makes moving between levels of care more seamless. We also thanked our representatives and senators for delaying the start of Electronic Event Verification, or EEV. Eventually, all places like Kreider Services will be required to log all events that are billed to Medicaid. Currently, we are not ready to provide this kind of detail on daily activities. A year will give us a little breathing room and allow us to get it right.

As we move from Fall to Winter, you might notice we have a new plow truck. We made it through last winter but paid a lot of outside contractors to move snow. We got a good deal on it and purchased it locally from Ken Nelson. This new vehicle will help us make sure driveways and parking lots are safe after snowfall. Fingers crossed, maybe a new snowplow will keep the snow away!



Jeff Stauter spent a few days in Washington D.C. in early October. He is seen above meeting with Representative Bustos', policy staffer.



## Thank Yous . . . . .



### 36,523 Water Bottles Saved

because Kreider staff refill their bottles at the special water fountain which was installed in the main building

in 2015. Katherine Shuey, QIPD made the suggestion to buy the fountain as a means of recycling. This has saved thousands of plastic bottles from going into area landfills. Great Job staff!

### DSP Week

Kreider Services recently celebrated DSP Week September 9 -15th. DSP Week is a celebration and recognition of our DSPs' commitment to supporting individuals we serve on a daily basis. We practice the Kreider Vision to help people live meaningful lives. The hard work all of our employees do DOES make a difference! Thank you to our 300 plus DSPs and others for their valuable work.



### Knights of Columbus

We recently received a donation for \$2,237 from the Dixon KC #690 from their tootsie roll sales earlier this year. Additionally, in the past fiscal year, Kreider Services received nearly \$8,000 from Knights of Columbus

Councils from Amboy, Galena, Elizabeth, Lanark, East Dubuque, Mendota and Warren in Northern Illinois. So, keep eating Tootsie Rolls!



### Donation from Borg Warner

Borg Warner donated \$4,000 to Florissa for the 5K held earlier in the Spring. A check was presented to Jeff Stauter and committee members in late June. Borg Warner has supported this event in the past but increased their sponsorship participation this year to the Presenting Level along with Boss Carpet One. Their funds were raised by a corporate match of runners, foundation matches and selling feet.



### Jackie Allen Day in Dixon

Li Arellano, Dixon Mayor and Danny Langloss, City Manager presented Jackie Allen, DSP a proclamation naming September 14th as Jackie Allen Day in Dixon for her 42 years of service. They attended a retirement party in the Kreider Park along with staff and clients in Day Services. A band made up of six Kreider staff performed as the clients ate ice cream and said their goodbyes. Jackie touched many lives in the 42 years she worked at Kreider. Wishing you a great retirement!



# Kreider Announces Date for 5th Annual Gala



The Annual Gala has been moved to the Spring of 2019. The fundraiser will be held March 22 at the Brandywine between Dixon and Sterling. The reason for moving the event to Spring was for several reasons. March is National Disabilities Awareness Month. The Fall is also a very busy time with farmers, getting back to school with Fall sports and Homecomings at area schools.

Invitations will be sent in January. We will be looking for auction prizes and sponsors for the Spring Gala so if you are interested, please contact Sue Ely at 815-288-6691 or email her at [elys@kreiderservices.org](mailto:elys@kreiderservices.org).

## Stucco Project Finished

The stucco project that was started in 2017 was finished this Summer to the main Kreider building on Anchor Road. The bricks were deteriorating and this has been a reasonable repair that will maintain the exterior of the building for many years to come.



## COMCAST | Media Lab

Work has started on the new Comcast Media Lab at the KSI building at 500 Anchor Road in Dixon. The Comcast Foundation made a \$10,000 donation last December to us to build the area. Although the details are still being hashed out, the vision is to have individual work stations complete with ADA computers and keyboards, iPads, Internet and other technology that clients will learn how to use.

We feel it is important to teach folks in Day Services and the community clients the "how's" on usage which will also include safety tips for use to protect

personal information when using social media. The Lab will also be an area that people can use to build skills needed if they wish to seek employment in the community. So, stay tuned for a projected Spring completion. KSI staff and volunteers from the outside will be used to run classes. If you wish to support this project, we know the cost is going to exceed the \$10,000 gift from Comcast.

## New Willow Home Complete

Kreider Services held an Open House in August for the neighborhood, guardians and contractors that worked on the new autism home. The old Willow, one of our 28 residential programs, was purchased by Bonnell Industries about 2 years ago. Kreider Alliance purchased 5 acres of land behind the main KSI building and construction began. This was a very unique project and is State of the Art. The design of the home both inside and out, equipment and artwork was carefully selected for people with autism. It was important to create an area so residents could move freely about the halls.

Much of the construction was done by the KSI Maintenance Department. This project was used to teach several of the higher functioning people in Day Services basic carpentry skills as they worked side by side with them.



The staff working in the home shown above were very involved in helping the residents select colors for their rooms and designing the special sensory room. The art in the hallway is interactive. The patio in the rear of the home allows residents to go outside to enjoy some fresh air.



Artwork in the home and on this fence is very unique.

Share us socially



# Thank You

Corporate Sponsors help Kreider Services and Kreider Alliance with all of our annual fundraisers. We would like to give a shout out of "THANKS" to all the local businesses that support us. The list below includes those that sponsored the Annual Florissa 5K, Golf Open and the Petunia City Brass Drum Corps events:

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Special thanks to the Major Sponsors of the 2018 Fundraisers



# How Can You Help?

Around this time of year, we often get asked if there are any items Kreider needs. Below is a list of items we could use:

- Glitter / Glitter paint
- Art Brushes (all sizes and types)
- Markers (washable would be nice) We need a lot of these colored packs
- Color permanent markers (for posters etc.)
- Fine line Sharpies (in a variety of colors)
- Colored Pencils / Crayons (box of 64)
- Old cassette player / Walkman
- Large headphones
- Acrylic paints (1 oz bottles all colors needed)
- Fabric paint / Puffy paint
- Iron on transfers
- TShirts white or light colors like yellow or blue, grey / not bright or dark colors ALL COTTON various sizes: Large, X Large, 2X, a few in Med. and Small
- Tie Dye dyes
- Ash (for tie dye)
- Large heavy rubber bands
- Electric Pencil Sharpener
- Playing cards (doesn't have to be full deck)
- Potting soil / Peat Moss for planting
- Pots for planting (various sizes)
- Simple table games / puzzles 50 - 100 pieces
- Small canvas for painting (8x10 or 12x14)
- Water color tablet and paper
- Painters tape (wide, medium, and narrow)
- Sand paper (course, med and fine grit)
- Emery cloth (like sand paper for metal, course and medium grit)
- Ink pads in all colors (red, green, blue, black, orange, yellow, etc.)
- Poster board / Matt board in a variety of colors
- Google eyes ( all sizes large, med, small, tiny)
- Collectibles: (no candles)
  - Sports memorabilia, Dolls, Cars
  - knick-knacks, Holiday themed, etc.
- Word search puzzle books
- Books on cassette tape / Easy read novels
- Scented soaps
- Hand lotions
- Perfumes
- Body spray
- Nail polish (bright colors, glitter colors, pearl colors, etc)
- Costume jewelry
- Tactile Activities / things that can be taken apart and put back together

Thank You -

If you are interested in donating items, please contact Becky Reilly, Marketing Coordinator at 815-288-6691 to make arrangements .





## KREIDER ALLIANCE

Advocacy • Education • Support

Kreider Alliance is the parent organization of Kreider Services. Their mission is to provide advocacy, education and support to people with disabilities in Kreider programs and the community.

Their Board of Directors meets bi-monthly. Kreider Alliance is a member organization which is able to provide dollars to help provide trainings and sponsorship of events because of the annual dues collected. The membership drive is held every Spring, kicking off during Disability Awareness Month in March.

Some of the projects planned for this next year are to offer scholarships to students who are studying in the Human Service

fields, Sabbath Sunday offering information on Inclusion to over 250 churches in four counties, support the KSI fundraisers, Autism Training in April at SVCC, and participate in other training opportunities as they arise. We often partner with Florissa, partners and other programs at Kreider Services to bring in speakers for staff trainings.

If you are interested in supporting Kreider Alliance or volunteering for their activities, please contact Becky Reilly, Marketing Coordinator at Kreider by phone at 815-288-6691, ext. 280. reillyb@kreiderservices.org or contact Board President Betsy Adams. Visit the Kreider website at [www.kreiderservices.org](http://www.kreiderservices.org).

### Order Now for Christmas

We have started taking orders for Kreider Wear for the holidays. Many parents and guardians like to order embroidered items, sweatshirts, long sleeve tee shirts or hats as the weather changes. Shirts are normally \$10- \$14, sweatshirts run \$25-\$30. Items can be personalized with a "name" for an additional \$3.



Place your order for Kreider Wear with Becky Reilly at 815-288-6691 or by email at [reillyb@kreiderservices.org](mailto:reillyb@kreiderservices.org).

### Looking For Volunteers

Kreider Services is looking for some volunteers to help with afternoon and evening classes in the Activity Department. Lisa Olson indicated she needs help with three different Healthy Living Classes, STEM Club, Drum Line, Naturalist Club, basketball and a card group.

If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Becky Reilly, Volunteer Coordinator to schedule an interview to learn more details. Volunteers at Kreider must go through certain State approvals and will go through a training process before working directly with clients. For more information on these opportunities, please call Becky at 815-288-6691, ext 280. Volunteer applications can also be printed off the website at [www.kreiderservices.org](http://www.kreiderservices.org).

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People Reaching Their Fullest Potential

# Dixon Delegates

*A new group at Kreider supporting Self Advocacy*



The Dixon Delegates is a new client group that was started last Spring. Lisa Olson, Activity Coordinator is the staff that coordinates these efforts in conjunction with the Illinois Self-Advocacy Alliance Network. This group received a 3-year grant from the State of Illinois to work with people with developmental disabilities. This Alliance group utilizes people with all types of disabilities as mentors. The purpose of the grant is to involve people and teach them how to become self advocates with the goal of trying to make change in Illinois.

There are 12 clients involved in the new Dixon Delegates group that meet one time monthly. Meetings are open to anyone wanting to attend and they are looking to increase the size of the group. The Mission of the Dixon Delegates is: To help people learn what they want and to live that life. The Vision is: To Show America what it is about. "My Life... My Choice".

A few things the group is starting discussion on is funding and employment. Another issue brought up is that some of our older folks want to retire. Lisa is working on making a video on "What Independence Means to Me." Stan Bown, group Chairman, recently attended a workshop held by the state organization to learn communication skills, teamwork and parliamentary steps as he takes a leadership role in this group. Another member, Steve Pontnack, will begin an eight month training

program as part of the Partners in Policy-Making Program teaching him how to work with politicians. Steve was chosen for this from over 100 applicants.

Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month from 3 – 4:30 pm at Kreider Services.

Lisa said the group hopes to create their own Facebook page, learning how to market themselves, doing mailings and presentations to area civic groups. Based on the costs of above activities, Dixon Delegates might be doing local fundraisers; i.e. cookout at Oliver's to cover some of these costs. Lisa will be able to submit some of the costs for promotion and training to the Illinois Advocacy Alliance for reimbursement.



## Holiday Appeal

Thanksgiving week, every year, is when Kreider Services sends out the Annual Holiday Appeal to guardians, friends and local businesses.

This campaign is very valuable to the programs at Kreider as it raises funds to help supplement other funding we get throughout the year.

The campaign runs from Thanksgiving through the end of February. As in past years, donors are given the opportunity to either give to an unrestricted fund or to a restricted fund specific to a designated program area. This allows every donation to be the choice of those giving.



The Annual Holiday Appeal last year had a 1-1 match of funds donated from an anonymous donor. Before this match, we raised \$40,000 from individual donations. Our goal for this year is to surpass last year.

## Annual Report

The Kreider Services fiscal year comes to an end every year on June 30th. The next few months are spent designing the Annual Report and obtaining financial reports following our audit and gathering human interest stories.

This year's Annual Report will be available in a few weeks. The focus this year is taking one client, Maria Liebermann who came to Kreider a little over a year ago and telling her story, while showing images of interaction with her peers and the support of the Kreider staff. This approach is to highlight the many programs offered at Kreider.

This is her story of success and how the programs and staff at Kreider Services have helped her get to where she is today. No more wheelchair, she lives in a group home, works 5 days a week in the production area, participates in Flag Team and the Kiwanis Aktion Club. She has great social skills, drive and the story goes on.

When it arrives in the mail, we encourage you to take a minute and read it. It's a great story!



Maria Liebermann highlighted in the 2018 Kreider Services Annual Report.





## Hillbilly Chili Takes Top Honors

Kreider Services won three awards on Sunday, September 30th at the Annual Dixon Elks' Chili Cook-Off. They won the Showmanship Award, People's Choice Award and 2nd Place from the Elks' Judges. Staff members Amanda Chavez, Kris Cardot, Drew MacRunnels, Becky McKinnon, Rex Ranz, Jill Harmon and Aleatia Okerberg represented us quite nicely, along with residents from Hilltop, Apple and Pine Meadow. Looks like they had a fun time....in spite of the weather.



unable to play other sports due to their disabilities. Each participant received a medal that was handed out by Lee Co. Sheriff John Simonton who volunteered to help with the games. Special Olympics is celebrating their 50th Anniversary this year. Each athlete wore their medals with pride.



Our annual wheelchair football game was rescheduled that same day due to the unusually cold day in October.



Kreider needs volunteers to help coach and can use sporting equipment to off-set costs. Examples of equipment needed are jr. size footballs and regular basketballs. If you are interested in donating or volunteering, you can find out specifics by contacting Lisa Olson at Kreider at 288-6691 or ask for the Volunteer Coordinator, Becky Reilly.

## It's Much More Than A Game

Kreider Services cut out many of the Special Olympics programs several years ago due to the cost of staff and participation. But this is not to say the clients aren't playing sports.

Under the direction of Lisa Olson, Activity Coordinator and other KSI staff members, we have been very active this Summer with bocce ball, softball, bowling, golf and flag football. We have two people advancing to Bowling Regionals in early November.

The practices are held after 3 pm when Day Services is done for the day so it does not cut into work hours. Kreider is fortunate that we have great practice fields in the park behind the building, with the addition of James Court last year which allows us space for many of these sporting activities. The Meaningful Day funds that began over four years ago have helped fund many of the sports mentioned.

Kreider does have several sports activities that are part of the Special Olympics roster. Kreider has 10 people that played golf weekly. They competed in the Golf Skills Challenge where this

year Mike D. got a hole in one. The KSI Golf Team also had a four-some in the Kreider Open this Summer at Shady Oaks in Amboy.



Basketball practice began a few weeks ago. As in the past, Kreider has two teams that compete. We try to schedule several games throughout the Winter to give the teams a chance to play others which

helps the team prepare for regional competition. Kreider also has about 10 athletes that compete in Winter sports which include snow shoeing and downhill skiing.

Earlier this month, we had about 90 clients that participated in the Annual MATP Games. These are unique because they are a series of activities that are designed for people who are



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participate in their  
communities.

### Our Vision:

People reaching their  
fullest potential

### Our Values:

Accountability, Celebrate,  
Creativity, Dignity, Ethical,  
Excellence, Forward-Thinking,  
Hospitality, Mission-Focused,  
Safety First, Stewardship,  
Teamwork

### Board of Directors

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## Calendar of Events at Kreider Services

### October

30 Halloween Dance at the Elks  
31 El Trick or Treat at KSI

### November

17 Florissa Sibling workshop 10-N  
20 Annual Holiday Appeal starts  
22, 23 Kreider Services Closed for  
Thanksgiving Holiday  
30 KSI Employee Christmas Party

### December

3 Kreider Alliance Board Meeting  
and caroling at KSI Homes  
7 Jo Daviess wrapping gifts at  
Stockton Christmas Walk  
24, 25 Closed for Christmas  
31 Closed for New Year's Eve

### 2019

January 1 Closed for New Year's  
Day

March 22 Kreider Gala  
Brandywine in Dixon

April 4, 5 Training at SVCC for  
Autism Awareness Month  
Joyce Cooper-Kahn will speak on  
Executive Functioning of Children.  
Registration required.

May 4 Florissa 5K at Sauk Valley  
Community College

July 11 Meaningful Day Golf Open

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