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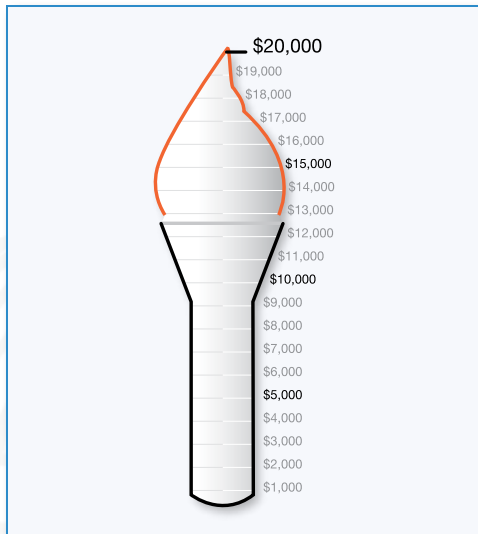


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THE EPILEPSY CENTER  
OF NORTHWEST OHIO

We have been serving the needs of people affected by epilepsy  
and developmental disabilities since 1977.

Newsletter of the Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio addressing issues of Epilepsy/Seizure Disorders/Developmental Disabilities



## Annual Campaign 2011

It's that time of year again with November being National Epilepsy Awareness Month the Epilepsy Center will be kicking off its Annual Campaign beginning at this years Annual Celebration on November 17, 2011. Last year our goal was to raise \$20,000 and we beat that goal and raised a total of \$29,000. This year we are once again setting the goal at \$20,000 to benefit Awareness, Education, and Outreach programs about epilepsy. Thank you to every one who has contributed in 2010 to this great cause. The campaign will continue to run until November of 2012.

Last years monies helped the Epilepsy Center to continue its Awareness, Education and Outreach. Here are just a few things our campaign allowed us to do;

- Purchasing much needed new puppets for the Kids on the Block program
- Purchased materials for marketing our Living With Epilepsy Series and assisted in mailing costs of flyers
- Paid for Family Camp keeping this wonderful educational camp for people affected by epilepsy free for campers.

The monies raised this year again will benefit all of our Awareness, Education and Outreach programs, such as Kids on The Block, Living With Epilepsy Series, Family Camp, and the Epilepsy Center's Resource Library.

**Kids on the Block:** Funds from the annual campaign would help purchase much needed new puppets and help with marketing this wonderful program to more schools.

**Living With Epilepsy Series:** Funds from the annual campaign would assist in distribution of materials and development of flyers to communicate this great educational series to the community.

**The Epilepsy Center Resource Library:** Funds from the annual campaign would be used to update the library resources. In addition funds could be used to purchase a newer and faster computer for internet research.

**Family Camp:** Funds from the annual campaign will be used to help buy supplies for the activities, help with distribution of materials and be used to pay for the meals.

Please consider making a donation with the enclosed envelope to help support these great programs for epilepsy awareness.



## Tailgate Party and Cornhole Tournament

The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio is proud to announce The Epilepsy Center's Annual Celebration will be held Thursday, November 17, 2011 at The Pinnacle in Maumee, Ohio. This Annual Celebration is held each November to honor key volunteers and generous organizations that have made exceptional contributions to The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio and to celebrate Epilepsy Awareness Month.

The cost is \$40 per person or a Gridiron Sponsorship for eight (8) can be purchased for \$350. A cocktail reception will begin at 6:30 p.m. followed by the Grazing Stations at 7:00 p.m. and a Cornhole Tournament beginning at 7:30 p.m. An Award and Recognition program will begin at 8:30 p.m. plus a Silent Auction and dancing through the evening. This year's program will again have a tailgate theme for the upcoming game between The Ohio State University and The University of Michigan. So wear your colors and bring your friends.

If you wish to attend this great event supporting The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio please call our office at (419) 867-5950 for additional information or send your check for tickets to 1545 Holland Rd., Suite B, Maumee, Ohio 43537 by Friday, Nov. 11th.

If you would like additional information to plan media coverage of this event, or inquire about other sponsorship opportunities, contact Roy Cherry at (419) 867-5950.

## Letter from the Executive Director



**Roy Cherry**

Well we wrapped up a very busy and successful Summer with many events throughout. We strive to continue to get the word out about epilepsy and the many resources that The Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio has to offer for both people with seizure disorders and those with developmental disabilities. So let's take a moment to see how much you know about your Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio!

**Did you know the Epilepsy Center has a Facebook page?** That's right we do! Please check out our Facebook page and see pictures from our past events and outings. Check out our calendar of events to see when the next sponsored Epilepsy Center event will be!

**Did you know the Epilepsy Center provides quarterly FREE education seminars on various topics on epilepsy?** Yes we do and its called our Living With Epilepsy Series. They are held at St. Vincent's Medical Center in Conference Room 2. These sessions cover topics from what is epilepsy to autism and epilepsy to medication interaction with anti-seizure medications.

**Did you know the Epilepsy Center holds a FREE family camp every summer for people affected by epilepsy?** Yes we do! Every summer it is held at Camp Libbey in Defiance, Ohio. It is a fun filled weekend with activities for the kids and education seminars for the adults. It also provides an opportunity for people to gather and share their challenges and triumphs.

**Did you know the Epilepsy Center provides a FREE educational puppet show for 3rd and 4th graders at their school?** The Epilepsy Center provides the Kids On The Block puppet show, an educational and entertaining show teaching kids about epilepsy, being a friend to someone who has epilepsy and what to do then your friend has a seizure.

**Did you know the Epilepsy Center has a resource library full of information about epilepsy?** Here at the main administrative office on Holland Road in Maumee we have a resource library that is open to the public that provides research and educational items about epilepsy.

**Did you know the Epilepsy Center has a vocational program for individuals with developmental disabilities?** Started in 2007, the Epilepsy Center's Adult Day Service program provides education, activities, outings, and crafts for individuals with developmental disabilities. And just recently as part of our vocational program we started a small business in which individuals with developmental disabilities can earn a wage in our program.

**Did you know the Epilepsy Center provides 24 hour care for 27 adults with developmental disabilities in the Toledo community?** Well we do and we also provide care for 7 other

## Summer 2011 in Review

It was another very busy summer for the Epilepsy Center; well should I say the month of July since that is where all the fun was had!

### **Family Camp**

The crown jewel of the summer events held by the Epilepsy Center was held over the weekend of July 15-17 at Camp Libbey, Defiance Ohio and the theme this year was Camp Kahuna. While maybe one of the hottest Family Camps to date, over 60 campers came out to enjoy the weekend long festivities. Adults and parents were treated to educational sessions during the day on Saturday with topics from epilepsy and co-morbidity to a special guest from the Ohio Coalition for the Education of Children with Disabilities, to a presentation of the Kids on the Block puppet show.

While the parents and adults attended the educational sessions, many of the kids participated in craft making and yard games. Crafts included making ceremonial spears and drums while the yard games were plentiful. Special thanks to Daniel Jeung, Brooke Guerrero and Tyler Negrey, our volunteer medical students from University of Toledo who have been interning with our Adult Day Service Program. They helped all the kids with crafts and played many games of kick ball, corn hole, and ladder golf. Daniel even taught the campers the hula hula dance.

After the sessions, crafts and yard games all the campers welcomed a dip in the camp pool to try to escape form the 90 degree heat of the day.

The evening brought fun family games with spear tossing, a pineapple race, and limbo contest. The night concluded with a luau complete with camp fire, Hawaiian music, tropical drinks and tiki torches. Along with the med students another special thanks goes out to Wendy Turner and Karen Diaz of the Epilepsy Center who were instrumental in putting on yet another great Family Camp!

individuals with developmental disabilities that are less than 24 hours. These services are provided to assist them with activities of daily living in the homes they reside in.

**Did you know the Epilepsy Center provides non-medical transportation for people with developmental disabilities?** The Epilepsy Center provides transportation for individuals with developmental disabilities, transporting them to work, workshops and vocational programs in Lucas County.

So spread the word to your family and friends about the Epilepsy Center's many services and offerings. Help us extend our family and be a helpful friend to those with seizure disorders and those with developmental disabilities. If you would like to know more about the above services and offerings, please feel free to call the administrative office at (419) 867-5950.



### **Golf For Andy and the Margaret Stintsman Memorial Poker Run**

Two other events were held in July and both on July 23. The 6th Annual Golf for Andy Golf Tournament benefiting the Epilepsy Center's awareness programs and scholarships for Central Catholic High school students was held at Bedford Hills. This years event had its highest participation to date in support of the Bolbach family who lost their son Andy to a seizure at the age of 22.

That evening a poker run was held benefiting both the Epilepsy Center and ABATE (American Bikers Aimed Toward Education). While the participation was not as high as the prior year due to some stormy weather, the event still went on and riders came out in support of Ray Stintsman who put on this poker run in memory of his daughter Margaret, who had passed away from complications of a seizure at the age of 27.



## Nesting Balls!

The Epilepsy Center began a new program in their Adult Day Service providing people with developmental disabilities with gainful employment! In a partnership with *All Things Alpaca*, The Epilepsy Center Adult Day Service program clients can earn a wage assembling nesting balls.

**What is a nesting ball you ask?** They are alpaca fleece-filled bird nesting. Several different birds gravitate to these balls and tug use the fleece for their nests. They are quite entertaining!

These balls sell all across the country in several shops that cater to wild birds, such as *Wild Birds Unlimited*. You will know which ones are made by our clients here at the Epilepsy Center because they will have our “flame” logo on the crisp cellophane bag.

Our clients get paid a piece rate per ball they assemble and there is no pressure, clients can work at their own pace.

Recently the clients at our Adult Day Service program took a trip out to *All Things Alpaca* farm in Waterville, Ohio, to visit the alpacas. It was a great trip and helped them understand where the fleece comes from and to see those cute alpacas!

If you know someone who has developmental disabilities and is looking for gainful employment, please feel free to call us at 419.867.5950 to find out more information. Also please feel free to visit our friends at *All Things Alpaca's* website at [www.allthingsalpacaonline.com](http://www.allthingsalpacaonline.com).



## 2nd Quarter 2011 Torchbearer Nominations

The nominees for this quarter are:

**Katie Barkman** was nominated by Gina Hutchins for assistance and going above and beyond on a simple request. Thank you, Katie.

**Karen Diaz** is nominated by Linda Coker for always going the extra mile to help everybody, even when she has her own work to do.

**Karen Diaz** is nominated again by Linda Coker for helping me with the Provider Fair Display Board.

The Fairy Godmother, **Fairyanna Lookingood** – aka – **Karen Diaz** is nominated by TINK for helping her with the copy machine.

**Lovie Kamfolt** is nominated by Laura Toth because on Friday April 1st she took home the ingredients for that night's dinner to prepare it at her house. She made a home-cooked meal for the guys when the new floors were being installed and the stove was out of service. The guys appreciated the effort and so did Laura and Jennifer.

**Madeline Moreland** is nominated by TINK for always lending a helping hand not matter how big or small or silly a problem is. She always has an answer for any question or problem.

**Adrienne Parker** and **LaTasha** are nominated by Cheryl Tam. Thank you for bringing some of the BJM & JSF clients to the Easter Party.

**Michelle Packer** is nominated by TINK for doing laundry when the washer was broken at Butterfield.

**Tamieka Reynolds** is nominated by Teresa Hanudel because a resident has a rough night and Tamieka and she worked together. But when she got off at 10 she called 30 minutes later to make sure everything was OK. She could have gone home and not worried, but she didn't.

**Matthew Vallejo** is nominated by Linda Coker for acting really fast to get CP off the TARPS bus after having a seizure, so he could use the restroom after ADS had closed for the day.

**Bev Williams** is nominated by Kim Smith for helping in a very tough situation with a client on May 6th.

**Bev Williams** is nominated again by Kim Smith for the excellent way she has helped with client behavior over the past several months.

Mama Jo – **Mary Jo Zeisloft** is nominated by TINK for being so pleasant and helpful so early in the morning.

Hired March 3, 2009, this lady has one of the best laughs around and she usually has the biggest earrings. She has a rapport with the clients she serves and they look forward to her shifts. Please congratulate Michelle Packer on being named TorchBearer for the 2nd Quarter of 2011.



## New Staff

Geneva Caldwell  
Jasmine Black  
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## Contributors

The following contributions have been made between April 1, 2011 and June 30, 2011. If your name is not listed and you have made a contribution during this time, we apologize for the oversight. Please contact Mary Jo Zeisloft at (419) 867-5950 and we will acknowledge your gift in the next issue of the *TorchLight*.

## Annual Campaign

Cathy Bazeley  
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Carpets by Otto  
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## Memorial Donations

In Memory of Albert Szychowski  
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Patricia McDonagh-Lorenz

In Memory of Marianne Gremling  
Judith J. Hartman

In Memory of Dr. Mark Rayport  
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## Our Mission:

The mission of the Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio is to improve the lives of people affected by epilepsy and those with developmental disabilities.

## Our Vision:

People with epilepsy and those with developmental disabilities will attain the highest quality of life and gain full acceptance and understanding from the community.

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A promotional poster for a "Tailgate Party and Cornhole Tournament". The top half is split into a red left side with three corn cobs and a blue right side with a wolverine mascot. In the center, "OH STATE" and "MICHIGAN" logos are shown with "VS." between them. The text "You're Invited ..." is at the top. The main title "Tailgate Party and Cornhole Tournament" is in large white letters. Below it, the date and time "Thursday, November 17, 2011 6:30 p.m. - 10:00 p.m." and location "The Pinnacle" are listed. At the bottom, it says "Benefiting the Epilepsy Center of Northwest Ohio" and includes the center's logo.

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