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Prime Day deals are just a few weeks away. The annual Amazon Prime Day will take place on Tuesday, July 17th. The 36-hour long Prime Day 2018 will kick-off on Monday, July 16th and run through midnight on July 17th. This will be the longest Prime Day ever!

With over 100,000 deals exclusively for Prime members, Prime Day is considered the biggest Amazon event of the year, exceeding Black Friday records. Most importantly, you will also have the opportunity to help individuals living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. On Amazon Prime Day you can maximize savings on the multitude of great deals AND support the Douglas Center by shopping on AmazonSmiles.

Amazon through its AmazonSmile program will donate 0.5% of a customer's purchase price to the charity of their choice. We invite you to shop at smile.amazon.com and choose The Douglas Center as your charity of choice. You will receive the SAME GREAT PRODUCT SAVINGS and the same GREAT SERVICE. You shop... Amazon gives.

1. Visit smile.amazon.com. The entire shopping experience is the same.
2. Sign in and Choose Your Charity: The Douglas Center. The screen will look slightly different depending on whether you're already signed into Amazon. If you're already signed in, you'll see a different screen. Simply search for The Douglas Center in the "charity of choice"

box displayed on the amazon.smile.com site. You will see "Supporting: The Douglas Center" beneath the search bar on the amazon.smile.com site.

3. Begin shopping! Once you've selected your charity everything else functions the same. Shop for our favorite products or the perfect gift. You can checkout normally as well. No extra cost is passed onto you - Amazon will donate 0.5% of your purchase to The Douglas Center
4. Share with your friends. After you have successfully completed a purchase on AmazonSmile.com you can share the news with your friends on Facebook, Twitter or via email. This option appears on the confirmation page after your order is complete.

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The Douglas Center

A ray of light for individuals with special needs

Placing Greater Awareness and Access to Services for People with Special Needs “On The Table”



The Douglas Center is honored to have participated in this year’s “On the Table” platform, highlighting the need for greater awareness of the services that are available for individuals living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities. Elizabeth Kristiansen, Director of Programs and Services for The Douglas Center, in affiliation with Jeffrey Sterbenc, Assistant Public Guardian of the Cook County Office of the Public Guardian, initiated an “On the Table” panel

Best Wishes Lenora Matibag on Her Retirement



Please join us in extending best wishes to Lenora Matibag, who recently retired from The Douglas Center on May 31st. Lenora has been a valued member of our staff for 13 years, and she will be greatly missed by program participants and colleagues alike.

We know you all will join us in wishing Lenora well as she starts a new chapter in her life. She is eager to catch up on traveling to visit her family in the Philippines that she loves so much. We would like to express our gratitude for Lenora’s years of service and our very best wishes for her future plans.



discussion exploring how to maximize opportunities for young adults as they exit care from the Department of Children and Family Services (DCFS).

The panel discussion, “Community Day Service Programs Outreach/Linkage”, marked the beginning of an ongoing dialogue and effort to create greater public awareness of the types of services that are available in the community for individuals with special needs who will no longer have access to the services provided by DCFS. The “On the Table” panelists included James McIntyre, President-Foster Care Alumni of America Illinois Chapter; Alpa Jayanti Patel, Cook County Assistant Deputy Public Guardian, Juvenile Division-OPG; Aisha Jones, Assistant Public Guardian; Sean Martin, Cook County Assistant Deputy Public Guardian-Adult Guardianship; Jeffrey Sterbenc, Assistant Public Guardian-Cook County office of the Public Guardian; Elizabeth C. Kristiansen, Director of Programs and Services-The Douglas Center.

“I am so excited to have this opportunity,” stated Elizabeth Kristiansen, Director of Programs and Services-The Douglas Center. “We have so many participants that were in Foster Care. I want others to be able to have a clear path to Consumer Directed Services (CDS) if an outside job is not the right fit for them.” Panelists of this “On the Table” discussion will continue to meet to explore opportunities for reaching those who may be seeking community day services programs.

About “On the Table”

The Chicago Community Trust’s “On The Table” is an annual forum that invites Chicagoans from diverse backgrounds, neighborhoods and perspectives to gather over conversations to build personal connections and explore how we can work together to make our communities stronger. On a single day people from the Chicago metro area and from all walks of life, host and attend the discussions which are held in the community (offices, schools, libraries, etc.). After each “On the Table” event participants are invited to share the outcomes of their discussion.

The success of “On the Table” in Chicago has inspired initiatives in more than 20 communities nationally and internationally. Tens of thousands of people have engaged with “On the Table” since it was launched in 2014. “On the Table” brings people together to meet and share information, then go on to do something with the great ideas that rise from this conversations...making a difference in their communities.

Our Newest Community Collaboration with Northwestern to Benefit Special Olympics

The Douglas Center is pleased to announce our newest community collaboration with Northwestern to Benefit Special Olympics, a student organization at Northwestern University. In concert with Tyler Washington and Sam Fleisher, co-presidents of Northwestern to Benefit Special Olympics, the organization will begin volunteering at The Douglas in September. The organization's volunteer efforts at The Douglas Center will focus on helping our participants with interpersonal skills, job skills, money management and independent living skills.

“We are very excited about this partnership and are inspired by their dedication to serving others.” – *Rifath Khan*

Founded in 1976, Northwestern to Benefit Special Olympics is the oldest and largest collegiate Special Olympics chapter. Their mission is to integrate individuals with developmental disabilities into the community through inclusive programming and educational events to raise awareness.

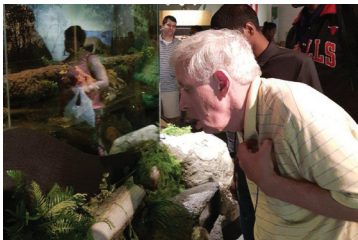
The Douglas Center prides itself on its continuing effort to expand our community involvement and relationships. Through these collaborative efforts, we are able to increase public awareness and join together the diverse expertise within the community for the purpose of working toward the common good. Additionally, community collaborations are a tremendous benefit



to human services organizations particularly in light of the tight budget constraints we are currently under in the State of Illinois. These connections enable us to be better positioned to reach those who are most at-risk and assist them in accessing services that meet their needs.

“We would like to express our deepest gratitude and appreciation to Northwestern to Benefit Special Olympics for their generosity in sharing their time and expertise with our participants,” stated Rifath Khan, CEO. “We are very excited about this partnership and are inspired by their dedication to serving others.”

Peggy Notebaert Museum Welcomes The Douglas Center



“An experience that will be remembered for a long time.”

The Douglas Center kicked off its summer season of field trips with two group trips to the Peggy Notebaert Nature Museum during the month of May. Program participants received a hands-on experience with nature during their visit at one of the nation's finest and Chicago's oldest museum. With more than 40 living animal species, the Nature Museum is one of the only museums where you can get up close and hands on with turtles, snakes, insects, and more! In addition to the living collections, they have thousands of preserved specimens – from rare extinct species to common plants and animals.



Courtesy of the Peggy Notebaert Museum all entrance fees were waived for our participants. The visit began with a self-guided tour throughout the museum. Some of our participant's favorite exhibits included the turtles, snakes, frogs and the polar bear (part of the museum's latest exhibit, Nature's Struggle: Survival and Extinction). After a morning of being immersed in nature, participants enjoyed their lunch in the museum's lunchroom before heading back to The Douglas Center.

“We would like to express our sincere gratitude to the Peggy Notebaert Museum for their generous hospitality,”



stated Rifath Khan, CEO. “This was such a fun and educational experience for our program participants... and one that will be remembered for a long time.”

The Peggy Notebaert Museum is Chicago's urban gateway to nature and science. Created by the Chicago Academy of Sciences, it was named after its generous benefactor, Dick and Peggy Notebaert. The museum's exhibits, specimens, live animals and conservation initiatives all focus on our region's unique ecosystems. The Nature Museum provides visitors with the opportunity to create an authentic connection to nature.



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OUR MISSION

The Douglas Center serves to assist adults living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities in improving their independent living skills and enrichment of their quality of life.



Communication through Dance and Movement

The Douglas Center is delighted to welcome Erica Antonucci, our Dance/Movement therapy intern. Erica holds an MA in Psychology and a BS in Dance from Long Island University – Brooklyn. She is currently studying dance therapy at Columbia College – Chicago. Previously, Erica was an active member in the dance and psychology communities in New York City and Chicago. Dance and Psychology have been a great passion of hers because of her intense interest in the connection between mind and body.

Academically, Erica is focused on using movement as a primary means of communication. Her approach in working with our program participants will utilize dance as both an art and a form of communication. Dance as a communication system assists individuals living with intellectual, developmental and physical disabilities in expressing their needs, wants and feelings in a way that facilitates connection, comfort, and joy.

Erica has taught modern dance and tap to children and adults. She has taught undergraduate psychology courses and has presented her research on the negative impact of concealing parts of oneself. During her internship at The Douglas Center, Erica will work with our Dance/Movement Therapist, Debra Goldman and will be under the supervision of David Banas, Director of Clinical Services. Erica will provide Dance/Movement to our participants twice a week. "I am inspired by the program participants of The Douglas Center and by their excitement about dance therapy and movement," stated Erica Antonucci.

Recycle Your Electronics for GOOD with The Douglas Center

Are you ready to retire your old electronics but not sure how or where to dispose of them? The Douglas Center will accept and safely dispose of many of your outdated, unused and non-functioning electronic items. Drop off your old electronics at The Douglas Center, Monday through Friday. Drop off hours are 8:30 am to 3:30 pm.

Our E-cycling program provides people with special needs the opportunity to learn valuable work skills in the dismantling and organization of these electronic items. Our program creates work opportunities while learning the importance of protecting our environment.

Make a difference...E-Cycle with The Douglas Center

The Douglas Center accepts the following electronic items:

- Cell phones
- Desktop Computers
- Servers and Networking Equipment
- Laptops
- LCD Monitors
- Docking Stations
- Desktop Computers
- Copiers
- Printers
- Universal Power Supply
- Hard Drives
- Ram (Computer Memory)
- CPUs (Central Processing Unit)
- Lithium Ion Modem Batteries
- Lithium Ion Power Tool Batteries
- Computer Accessories
- Computer Cords & Wires

Please NOTE: We do NOT accept CRT Monitors or Televisions

For more information about our electronic recycling program, contact Robert Bryant, Production Manager at rbryant@thedouglascenter.org



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