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**MAY 11 PANSY PARTY TO BENEFIT LCS PARTICIPANT PROGRAMMING  
Free Public Event to be held at Lakeside Curative Services**

**RACINE (April 24, 2012)**– Lakeside Curative Services (LCS) of Racine welcomes spring with the 2nd Annual Pansy Party on May 11 . This plant sale event will take place at Lakeside Curative Services Greenhouse (2503 Lincolnwood Court) from 12pm - 3pm. There will be an array of decorative pots filled with pansies, herbs, and other flowers grown by LCS Day Service participants.

Mary Beth Popchock, Executive Director of LCS, remarked, “This event is a great way to share Lakeside’s beautiful green space and gardens with the community. Day Service Participants have been working since early 2012 in our greenhouse to nurture and grow the beautiful flowering plants that will be for sale. As a compliment to the plants the participants have created one of a kind flower pots and garden art that will make any garden complete. *Outsider* art created by day service participants will also be on display and available for sale. Hosting this event is important because the appreciation of flowers is universal and things of beauty bring people together for mutual enjoyment.”

The LCS greenhouse offers individuals with disabilities the opportunity to learn about the life cycle of plants and give them the chance to feel the pride of nurturing and growing something of beauty and/or a tasty delight. Items grown in the greenhouse and/or in one of Lakeside's surrounding garden beds will be used for preparation of food items that will then be donated to local homeless shelters or sold to the public at various farmers markets. The growth and use of edible flowers and herbs will also help Lakeside Curative educate participants about the health benefits of eating fresh versus processed food and about the importance of using environmentally responsible products for gardening. The greenhouse will also offer an educational component for people with disabilities throughout the Racine community who are seeking employment in the field of horticulture.

All proceeds will support Lakeside Curative Service’s programs including their Therapeutic Horticulture Program, Day Services, Vocational Services and Janitorial Training. Receive a \$1.00 coupon for any purchase of \$20.00 or more by visiting [www.lakesidecurative.com/events](http://www.lakesidecurative.com/events).

Lakeside Curative Services is a local 501(c)3 non-profit that provides vocational rehabilitation services and opportunities for personal growth to people with vocational disabilities. Lakeside Curative seeks to assist people with vocational disabilities to attain their maximum potential to become contributing and beneficial members of our community. For more information about



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