

LCSS helps community

Work together toward

a common vision

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"Teamwork is the ability to work together toward a common vision. [It is] the ability to direct individual accomplishments toward organizational objectives. It is the fuel that allows common people to attain uncommon goals."

— Andrew Carnegie
Lakeside Curative

Services was created out of a compelling vision and collective teamwork devoted to crafting an organization that would benefit the community.

As in past years, 2013 has provided Lakeside Curative Services with the opportunity to test Mr. Carnegie's assertion and the organization continues to prove the validity of his thoughts.

Lakeside Curative Services has achieved much over the course of this year due to the leadership of a wonderful volunteer board of directors, dedicated and extremely talented staff members and

through the generosity of other volunteers who so freely shared their time and expertise with the organization. Most importantly, the collective actions taken by this

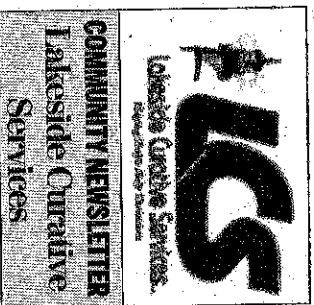
team have resulted in innovative and fantastic results for individuals with disabilities. Lakeside Curative Services can truly testify to the benefits of teamwork. Because of

the teamwork that exists between the departments within Lakeside Curative Services, more Lakeside Curative Services

participants than ever before are employed in the community. Included in the team is the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation which

often funds employment opportunities for Lakeside Curative Services participants. Across the spectrum of services that

Lakeside Curative Services



offers, all participants are engaged in the community on at least a part-time basis. This couldn't happen without a team of staff who believe in importance of community involvement, and more

importantly, in the potential of each and every Lakeside Curative Services participant. They refuse to settle for traditional service models and instead have worked together to create opportunities for

participants to experience and be a part of the community so they can make informed choices about their future and their employment goals.

The most important individuals on the Lakeside Curative Services team are the participants. They represent Lakeside Curative Services' mission and are the sole driving force behind

the work that Lakeside Curative Services accomplishes each and every day. According to one Lakeside Curative Services participant, "I

felt like I wasn't really important except to my family. Lakeside Curative Services showed me that I can do almost anything if I put my mind to it."

Another participant shared that Lakeside Curative Services has helped him "be more responsible." Yet another participant expressed

that he was so "thankful for getting the job of his dreams." These sentiments help show the positive difference

that Lakeside Curative Services makes in its participants' lives.

Employment First is another example of teamwork. Lakeside Curative Services staff,

along with a variety of other providers and individuals throughout the community, are moving this vision forward. The

Employment First team is grateful for Racine Mayor John Dickert's and Racine County Executive Jim Ladwig's expressed support of individuals with disabilities working in the community. It

is important for our community and business leaders to understand that they have access to a huge untapped labor pool that is full of individuals with a wide range of talents who can meet or exceed their unique business wants and needs. The

Lakeside Curative Services tag line captures it all: "helping people help you." Engaging in Lakeside Curative Services training options and community experiences prepares

Lakeside Curative Services participants to be valued and contributing members of his/her community whether

through volunteerism or employment. Thank you to the many businesses and volunteer sites that have opened their doors to Lakeside Curative Services participants during the past year and beyond.

As we enter the holidays, Lakeside Curative Services extends to each of you the very best wishes for a wonderful holiday season and hope for a new year that

includes an expanded community vision of inclusion for individuals with disabilities in Racine County. Please

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