



- Special Love Wish List**
- FURNITURE**
Sofas
Loveseats
Futons
Recliners/Arm Chairs
Straighbacked Chairs
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Coffee Tables
Entertainment Centers
Dining Room Sets
Mattress Sets (Full and Twin)
Dressers w/Mirrors
Chests of Drawers
Nightstands
Patio Furniture
- HOME DÉCOR**
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Table Lamps
Curtains/Blinds/Shades

- Carpeting (wall-to-wall)
Flooring (wall-to-wall)
Kitchen Cabinet Restoration
Screen Doors
- APPLIANCES**
Televisions
DVD Players
VCRs
Stereo Systems
Refrigerators
Stoves
Dishwashers
Washers/Dryers
Heavy-duty Carpet Cleaners
- RECREATION**
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Islands, etc.
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truck
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File Cabinets

If you would like to help any of these wishes come true by donating an item or money to purchase one, please contact Nancy Lindgren at 770.664.4347 x 103, or at nlindgren@enablega.org.

You may also mail your check, made payable to EnAble of Georgia Foundation, Inc. to: EnAble, 1200 Old Ellis Road, Roswell, GA 30076. Please indicate on your check what the gift is for.

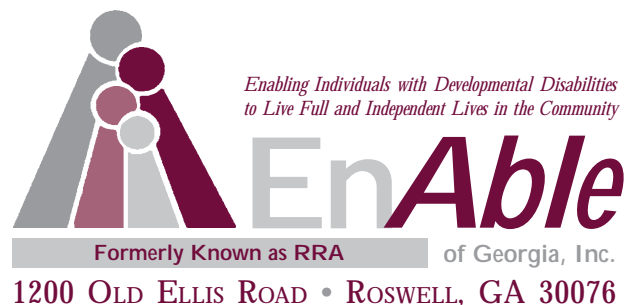
A donor acknowledgement list of those who donated Wish List and other items to EnAble is featured in the electronic version of this newsletter on our web site at www.enablega.org. Just click on the "E-Newsletters" link. Thank you! ♦

OUR SINCERE SYMPATHY TO...

Mr. Wayne Farmer and children **Neal, Judson, and Whitney**, and the **Jones and Alligood Families** on the passing of their wife, mother, and loved one, Mrs. Melinda Farmer
EnAble consumer Richard Frank's family and friends
Mrs. Connie Pence on the passing of her father, Mr. James McMullan
The Podhouser Family on the passing of their loved one, EnAble consumer Miss Jan Podhouser

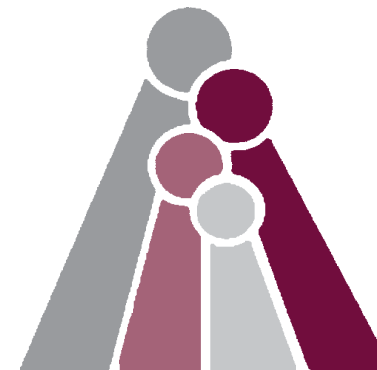
RECENT STAFF ADDITIONS AND PROMOTIONS

The following are new hires:
Natasha Flores – Receptionist
Cynthia Johnson – Support Manager (Dixie Lake/L. Dixie Lake)
Mark Sullivan – Director of Accounting and Finance
The following are recent promotions or transfers:
Carla Freeman – Medical Support, North
Lynita Henderson – Lead Support Service Leader, North
Joanne Paul – Support Service Leader, North



Choices!

EnAble affirms the personal worth of adults with developmental disabilities and supports their rights and choices, seeking to enable them to live full and independent lives in the community.



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EnAble's **Choices** newsletter is edited and designed by Tish Ford, Executive Assistant.

PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

- **EnAble's CAN Do Food Collection for N. Fulton Community Charities** Donations of canned/non-perishable items may be dropped off at any BB&T Bank in Alpharetta and Roswell on **June 17, 18, and 19, 2008**
- **EnAble's 7th Annual Fashion Show, Friday, September 5, 2008** at the Atlanta Athletic Club in Duluth
- **EnAble's 15th Annual Golf Classic, Monday, October 6, 2008** at the Alpharetta Country Club (formerly Crooked Creek Golf Club)

UPCOMING TRAININGS

Upcoming trainings are listed in detail on EnAble's web site at: www.enablega.org on the **Services & Calendar** link. You can also check the training calendars posted at all EnAble Support Services locations.

Please visit EnAble's Web site at www.enablega.org!

ANCOR NAMES SYLVIA FLOCKHART AS GEORGIA DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL OF THE YEAR 2008

Award Honors Outstanding Work to Improve the Lives of People with Disabilities For Immediate Release, April 10, 2008, Alexandria, VA

The American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) awarded Sylvia Flockhart of EnAble of Georgia, Inc. in Roswell, GA its 2008 Georgia Direct Support Professional of the Year award. "EnAble is proud of Sylvia's recognition. It is a great reflection on Sylvia's hard work and the quality services provided by EnAble," said Sheryl Sterling, EnAble's Quality Improvement Coordinator.



Direct Support Professionals (DSPs), who are often referred to as caregivers, personal assistants, or homecare aides, provide daily supports to millions of Americans with disabilities. People with disabilities are able to live better, more independent lives because of the supports they receive from DSPs.

"It is important to recognize the work done by Sylvia and her colleagues across the country," said Peter Kowalski, President of ANCOR. "Sylvia represents the best of the best among DSPs. Her commitment allows the people they serve to live more inclusive, independent, and self-determined lives."

"ANCOR evaluated nearly 200 nominations of highly-qualified DSPs to select our national and state winners," said ANCOR CEO Renee Pietrangolo. "Sylvia, and the other state winners, demonstrated a commitment to improving people's social capital, inclusion, and independence."

ANCOR is committed to raising the profile and wages of DSPs. The organization is promoting HR 1279, The Direct Support Professionals' Fairness and Security Act. This federal legislation would increase wages for DSPs, stabilize a workforce with high turnover, and improve supports for people with disabilities by increasing federal funding for supports for people with disabilities under the Medicaid program. Direct support services are funded through Medicaid reimbursements and state governments set the reimbursement rates.

About ANCOR

The American Network of Community Options and Resources is the premier national association representing more than 850 private providers of community living and employment supports and services to more than 385,000 individuals with disabilities. As a nonprofit organization, ANCOR successfully addresses the needs and interests of private providers before Congress and federal agencies, continually advocating for the crucial role private providers play in enhancing and supporting the lives of people with disabilities and their families. The ANCOR National Advocacy Campaign was established to provide a focus on this critical workforce issue. For more information about the DSP workforce shortage visit www.youneedtoknowme.org.





THE TOP 50 GROUP GETS OUT AND ABOUT

The Top 50 Group is comprised of individuals served in our Day Services North Fulton facility who are age 50 and older. Also part of this group are clients who have autism and sensory and behavioral issues. Some activities the Top 50 Group engage in are bingo, music therapy, walking along nature trails, and eating out at Golden Corral for birthday celebrations. Support Associate Cameron Carroll is the Day Services staff member who provides support for the Top 50 Group.



From left: Jessy Ebert, EnAble's Quality Improvement Coordinator and member of the AJWC, Amy Hines, Cec Camp, EnAble's Senior Director of Support Services, EnAble consumer Cheryl Aitken, Cheryl Miller, and EnAble's President/Executive Director Richard Colyer

The Alpharetta Junior Woman's Club (AJWC) adopted EnAble as a 2-year project last year through its Community Improvement Contest Project. The AJWC is a volunteer organization composed of women from Alpharetta and surrounding areas. The women are dedicated to serving their communities while providing members the opportunity for personal growth and developing leadership skills through participation in projects and social activities. Since their partnership with us, the AJWC has assisted EnAble in so many ways, from planting a garden at our Day Services North facility to painting the interior walls of our East Hembree Group home. They also plan to extend their volunteer work to our group homes in South Fulton County.

The AJWC learned of the Top 50 Group and asked Amy Hines, Day Services North's Support Manager, for a wish list of needs. The AJWC had the funds available to purchase everything on the wish list. On February 25th, their president, Cheryl Miller, presented Day Services with materials to assist the Top 50 Group in their learning and recreational endeavors.

Congratulations, Top 50 Group, for achieving your goal of greater community inclusion! Thank you to AJWC for embracing the Top 50 Group! ♦

WE TIP OUR HATS TO THE HAT LADIES OF ROSWELL

By Nancy Lindgren, Special Representative

These ladies (not to be confused with the Red Hat Society) love to wear hats, have fun, and join in community service on behalf of EnAble and the clients we serve! Many thanks to Kim Adamson, President, and all of the Hat Ladies who donated canned goods to EnAble's CAN Do! Food Collection benefiting North Fulton Community Charities, and also volunteered with EnAble for the Roswell Woman's Club Showcase Home Tour in March.



For information on how you can join this fun and "HAT" pening group, go to www.hatladiesroswell.org or call Kim at 404.723.6891. ♦

A DREAM COME TRUE FOR RICKIE GARY

By LaTaunya Jarrette, Support Manager, Personal Support

Rickie Gary, who is served by EnAble South, expressed in his October 2007 Person Centered Planning (PCP) meeting that he was interested in riding on a Greyhound bus. During his early years, Rickie rode Greyhound with his family members from Atlanta to Augusta (GA). This past February, EnAble staff helped Rickie's dream come true by arranging a bus trip across Georgia. Rickie decided to go on a riverboat cruise in Savannah and invited his girlfriend, fellow EnAble South consumer Regina Hubbard. With Support Associate Marion Hillman accompanying the two, Rickie and Regina traveled to Savannah, courtesy of Greyhound, where they spent three days and two nights in the lovely city.



Marion, Regina, and Rickie enjoying Savannah

Not only did Rickie and Regina enjoy the fabulous riverboat cruise, they loved riding the Old Town Trolley while they took part in the "Historic Tours of America" sightseeing tour. Rickie and Regina visited the Cotton Gin and the Mercer House where some scenes of the motion picture "Midnight in the Garden of Good and Evil" were filmed. The couple shopped at the One Stop Shopping Boutique and ate fresh seafood at the Exchange Tavern and Carey Hilliard's Barbeque & Seafood restaurants.

Rickie and Regina had a wonderful time riding the Greyhound bus to Savannah. Thank you to everyone who assisted Rickie in making one of his dreams come true. ♦

BRIDGE TO GRACE DAY SCHOOL HELPS ENABLE'S CAN DO! DRIVE

On Friday, April 4th, EnAble staff Nancy Lindgren and Wakita Cunningham-Jones, and EnAble consumer John David accepted a large food donation to benefit the North Fulton Community Charities (NFCC) food bank from the Pre-Kindergarten class at Bridge to Grace Day School. The Community Service Committee of the Greater North Fulton Chamber of Commerce had agreed to assist with the renovation of EnAble's Day Services North facility this year. In appreciation for this substantial commitment, EnAble organized (from January to May 2008) the "CAN Do" food collection drive, which is co-chaired by John David and fellow EnAble consumer Marshall Port. The Pre-K class, taught by Marion Cooper and EnAble Board member Gail Nabors, was proud to present the food to EnAble on NFCC's behalf. After the presentation, the children enjoyed a pizza party in celebration of their hard work collecting the food items and service to their community. Thank you, Bridge to Grace Day School, for helping NFCC feed needy families in North Fulton County. ♦



John David and Nancy Lindgren with Bridge to Grace Pre-K class



ENABLE'S MISSION, PURPOSE, AND VALUES

By Richard Colyer, President and Executive Director

OUR MISSION

Enabling Individuals with Developmental Disabilities to Live Full and Independent Lives in the Community.

OUR PURPOSE

Affirming the personal worth of adults with developmental disabilities EnAble supports the choices and needs of those we serve, so they are empowered to lead the lives they desire.

OUR VALUES

Those values which we deem to be most important at EnAble for those we serve and for those who serve them are . . .

- **DIGNITY AND RESPECT** – affirming the personal value and worth of every individual
- **MISSION AND PURPOSE** – are the focal point of all we do and of who we are
- **INTEGRITY AND HONESTY** – in all our communications, services, finances, and fundraising
- **TEAMWORK AND TRAINING** – building upon the strengths and abilities of every individual
- **CHOICES AND OPPORTUNITIES** – supporting purpose and meaning in life for everyone

The Leadership and Support Service Team (made up of directors and managers from EnAble's residential, day support, employment support, personal support, and medical support service areas) have been working to redefine our Mission and Purpose Statements and to discover the values we hold dear as an agency for those we serve and for those who serve them. After much discussion and individual team meetings to discuss these issues and the implementation of the values chosen, the above statements were decided upon.

By way of introducing them, I feel I should say that the Mission Statement is the same as the statement used on all of our business cards and stationery for the past year. The new Purpose Statement is a slight restatement of the former Mission Statement of RRA for the past several years. The Values are the new addition for us to consider together.

A value is a belief or a philosophy that is meaningful. Whether we are consciously aware of them or not, every individual has a core set of personal values. Values can range from the commonplace, such as the belief in hard work and punctuality, to the more psychological, such as self-reliance, concern for others, and harmony of purpose.

When we examine the lives of famous people, we often see how personal values

guided them, propelling them to the top of their fields. For example, a well-known business CEO was motivated by the personal value that *technology should be easy to use*, which caused his company to spawn a technology revolution. Whatever one's values, when we take them to heart and implement them in the smallest *details* of our lives, great accomplishment and success can follow.

Just as individuals subscribe to values, so do organizations like EnAble. In fact, if we were to examine any company, we would discover that one or more business values was the key to their long-term success. An example is Sears' commitment to *trusting their customers*. From the 19th century onward, any product they sold could be returned to Sears with a money-back guarantee, which engendered great trust in the company.

The last twenty-five years has seen an explosion in an interest in values. Tom Peters' book *In Search of Excellence* started the ball rolling for values in the workplace. Religious leaders speak of family values, nations speak of moral values, spiritual teachers speak of the highest values of gratitude, benevolence, and self-surrender.

Values drive us, motivate us, and move us forward. The key point to keep in mind about values is that implementing them *energizes* everything and everyone concerned.

For an individual, committing to and applying values releases fresh energies, which usually attract success, achievement, and well-being. Likewise, when companies or other institutions adopt values, like we are doing at EnAble, individuals being served by or staff members working at the organizations become energized as well.

We can energize our lives by making the full effort to implement the values we subscribe to. Once we identify values that are meaningful to us, we can develop strategies to implement them. When we make the determined effort to implement those strategies, improved results are sure to follow.

Values are what enable us to take the Next Steps — whether they drive our own individual lives in positive directions or motivate us as consumers, employees and friends of EnAble to help move the agency forward in every way possible. Our goal now is to make these values personal and not just words on a piece of paper. As we internalize them and live them out, great things can happen! ♦



Richard Colyer, President and Executive Director



ENABLE OF GEORGIA FOUNDATION'S 20TH ANNUAL GALA REPORT

EnAble of Georgia Foundation's 20th Annual Gala was among the best ever. Despite two days of tornado weather that wreaked havoc in downtown Atlanta and other areas of the state, we were still able to host an impressive crowd at the Crowne Plaza Ravinia Hotel near Perimeter Mall on Saturday, March 15th. Our net proceeds from this year's event came to \$155,000! Among the evening's highlights was EnAble's Tex Crossin Award, presented by Tex's widow, Patricia, and the Crossin family to Victor and Angie Smith. The Tex Crossin Award is awarded to an individual or individuals who exemplify the same selfless spirit and devotion to EnAble's mission and those we serve that was characteristic of Tex.

The EnAble Spirit Award was given to honor consumer Marshall Port for his generosity and amazing spirit of volunteerism and benevolence. During the early part of the evening, EnAble's President/Executive Director, Richard Colyer, remembered the three consumers EnAble was privileged to serve who had passed away in the last year – Christopher Dann, Jan Podhouser, and Richard Frank. Each of them were well loved and will be sorely missed by their families, friends, and EnAble staff.

There was an exciting verbal and silent auction that included fabulous trips to Cozumel, Mexico and Tuscany, Italy, and prizes such as diamond jewelry and a private dinner party catered by a professional chef. EnAble Board member Art Eckman and radio personality Moby served as the auctioneers, and created a lively atmosphere of fun and excitement. Marshall is an accomplished amateur artist who has created wonderful works of art that were auctioned off at past Galas. On this special Gala night, Marshall's original acrylic painting, "Hollywood Sunset", was sold for a record \$7,500! EnAble South clients Regina Hubbard, Rickie Gary, and Jodey Moore performed an exciting ballroom dance number for the guests. Jodey dedicated his performance in honor of his mother.

After a lovely dinner, the attendees perused the silent auction tables and enjoyed dancing to up-tempo tunes played by Limelight. A trip raffle was offered that evening that included a week in a San Francisco condo one block from the San Francisco Bay, and six general raffle prizes that included unique clocks and a healthy dinner prepared by a fitness chef. ClickSimple provided a photo tent in which attendees could take their own digital photos to remember the evening. As has been his tradition for several Galas, professional photographer Daniel Henninger and his wife Linda captured special moments for couples, families, and friends alike. Thank you to all our sponsors and everyone who donated their time, services, and goods to help EnAble of Georgia Foundation have another successful fundraising event. The Gala sponsors will be highlighted in the next edition of *Choices*. We could not have done it without you! ♦

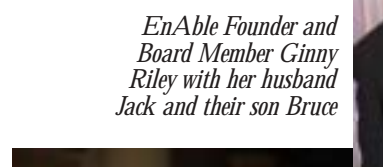
Marshall Port holding his awards



Auction item displays in the ballroom



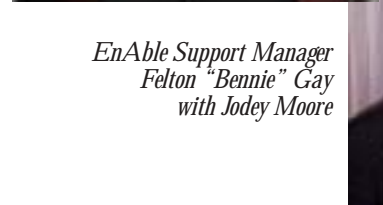
EnAble Director of Development DeAnn Rauth with longtime EnAble supporters Victor and Angie Smith



EnAble Founder and Board Member Ginny Riley with her husband Jack and their son Bruce



EnAble Supporter Cindy Straube (left) with EnAble Board Member Dr. Dolores Hubbard-Brooks



EnAble Support Manager Felton "Bennie" Gay with Jodey Moore



EnAble Board Member Rev. John Wolfe and his wife Rev. Judy Wolfe with John David



EnAble Board Chair Lynne Buchanan with Angie Smith



Red carpet in the ballroom prefunction area



PRESENTING TITLE SPONSOR



Delta Air Lines offers customers service to more destinations than any other global airline with Delta and Delta Connection carrier service to 311 destinations in 52 countries. A Delaware corporation headquartered in Atlanta with more than 60 new international routes added in the last year, Delta is adding international flights at a faster rate than any other major U.S. airline and is a leader across the Atlantic with flights to 32 trans-Atlantic destinations. To Latin America and the Caribbean, Delta offers more than 600 weekly flights to 58 destinations.

Delta's marketing alliances also allow customers to earn and redeem SkyMiles on nearly 15,000 flights offered by SkyTeam and other partners. Delta is a founding member of SkyTeam, a global airline alliance that provides customers with extensive worldwide destinations, flights, and services. Including its SkyTeam and worldwide codeshare partners, Delta offers flights to 462 worldwide destinations in 98 countries.



Delta traces its roots back to 1924, when Huff Daland Dusters was founded as the world's first aerial crop dusting organization. In 1928, the company became Delta Air Service. On June 17, 1929, Delta inaugurated airline service with the first passenger flights over a route stretching from Dallas, TX to Jackson, MS, via Shreveport and Monroe, LA. In 1941, the company moved its headquarters from Monroe to Atlanta.

Delta is the recipient of many distinguished awards, one of them earned for being rated one of the top U.S. airlines in J.D. Power and Associates' 2006 North America Airline Satisfaction Study. They are proud of this achievement as it reflects the hard work of Delta people to make Delta the airline preferred by customers wherever they fly in its rapidly growing global network. In January 2006, *Global Traveler Magazine* named SkyTeam the 2005 Best Airline Alliance. The magazine's readers made the selection in an annual survey. *Global Traveler* cited the alliance's growth in terms of member airlines and route network during the past year as a key factor.

Delta's Force for Global Good is a philanthropy effort that defines itself through Delta employees, customers, and community partners forming a force for positive local and global change, dedicated to bettering standards of living and the environment where Delta and their customers live and work. What Delta accomplish by giving to their partner organizations is magnified by the time and efforts their employees and customers give on a consistent basis. Delta supports the American Red Cross, the Children's Miracle Network, the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation International, and the American Cancer Society in their far-reaching philanthropy.

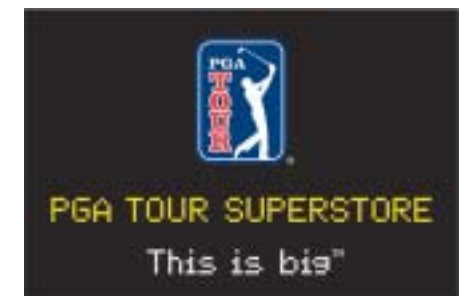
Thank you, Delta, for your partnership at EnAble's 14th Annual Dreambuilder Golf Classic! ♦

ENABLE'S 14TH ANNUAL DREAMBUILDER GOLF CLASSIC SPONSOR COMPANY PROFILE

ON BEHALF OF THOSE SERVED BY ENABLE, WHOSE DREAMS YOU ARE HELPING TO COME TRUE, PLEASE ACCEPT OUR MOST SINCERE APPRECIATION!

We at EnAble feel privileged to have had Delta Air Lines as the Presenting Title Sponsor at our 14th Annual Dreambuilder Golf Classic held on Tuesday, October 9th. We would also like to thank the PGA Tour Superstore and Trummie Patrick State Farm Insurance, both in Roswell, and the AT-PAC Group in Marietta for being our Premier Sponsors. The fundraiser netted nearly \$53,000 in proceeds, making it one of our most successful tournaments to date. More than 140 golfers descended on Crooked Creek Golf Club in Alpharetta to help raise funds to facilitate the restructuring of our North and South Day Services programs. Former Atlanta Brave Andruw Jones and former NFL linebacker Nate Wayne lent their support as one of the players, along with several of our longtime supporters and friends in the community. Our exciting live auction was conducted by EnAble Board member and former sportscaster, Art Eckman, and Atlanta Braves Hall of Famer, Ernie Johnson, Sr. ♦

PREMIER SPONSORS



EAST HEMBREE GETS AN INTERIOR LIFT

By Nancy Lindgren,
Special Representative

On April 28th, a demolition crew will pull counters, cabinets, ceiling lights, and flooring from the kitchen of EnAble's East Hembree Group Home as work begins for a major kitchen renovation project! Volunteers from Centex Homes, one of the largest homebuilders in the U.S., are donating their time, materials, and demolition and installation services in conjunction with members of TEAM W (the 2008 Class of Leadership North Fulton), the Alpharetta Junior Woman's Club (AJWC) and CH2M Hill, Inc.



From left: Nancy Lindgren, and Chris Recker, Brad Hausen, and Peter Trione of Centex Homes



East Hembree cabinets and flooring to be replaced

Members of TEAM W (Kristin Centracchio, Ivan Figueroa, Trey Gill, Kendra Plotkin, Joy Schroerlucke and Cliff Wilcox) were responsible for selecting a team project, raising all the funds to complete it, and pulling together the professional resources to support it. Centex Homes donated the kitchen

design, all-new cabinets, counters, hardware, lighting, flooring, and labor while new window blinds were provided by the AJWC, and \$1,000 was received towards contingency expenses from CH2M Hill, Inc.

Several AJWC volunteers gathered at East Hembree last November and painted the living room, dining room, and hallways. Residents Bobby Norton and Daryl Oliver were happy to join the painting party.



Resident Bobby Norton

Watching those involved work together to maximize their individual and group talents and resources has been nothing short of awe inspiring. Everyone generously contributed their professional and

personal time, talent, and treasures to this project that vastly improves the quality of the lives and home of David, Billy, Stuart, Daryl, and Bobby. The clients will enjoy the results of this collaborative effort every day in the spacious kitchen and living room they share. ♦

AJWC and EnAble staff member Jessy Ebert (right) with her friend Lisa



DAY SERVICES NORTH & GRIMES CENTER GET MAKEOVERS

When Amy Hines moved from Support Service Leader to Support Manager of the Day Services North program last fall, she knew her new role would be a challenge. Amy had felt a pull toward Day Services for several months, and when she learned of the Support Manager vacancy, she sprang into action and began her transition. Cec Camp had recently been hired as EnAble's Senior Director of Support Services and had definite ideas about how to reshape the Day Services programs at both the North and South Fulton locations. Her first few



Cec Camp and Amy Hines



From left: Lisa Espinosa, Support Associate Ryan Rice, Jessy Solomon, Medical Support Carla Freeman, and Alden Oakley in Day Services

weeks at EnAble, Cec closed Day Services North for half a day while she, EnAble President/Executive Director Richard Colyer, and the Day Services staff cleaned the facility from front to back.

Unnecessary and unusable items were removed to be recycled, donated, or thrown out. The floors were cleaned and sealed and the walls painted. Instead of having a room filled with the long tables used for clients who do production work, tables that seat four were brought in for the

clients who don't engage in contract work and enjoy a more leisurely schedule. Colorful decorations don the walls and are changed with each major or minor holiday. With Cec's support and shared ideas of how to better the Day Services program to support those we serve, Amy has been able to excel in her new role as Support Manager. EnAble staff, family members of Day Services clients, and regular visitors have all remarked how the vast improvement of the facility has brightened the moods and attitudes of the clients and the staff who support them. Amy relayed, "These improvements in Day Services will help us better support the individuals who come here every day while we wait for our expansion work to get underway."

In addition to the Day Services North makeover, Grimes Center, formerly referred to as "Respite" and located in Roswell on Grimes Place, underwent a significant transformation. Grimes Center was tapped for use by Day Services to address overcrowding and noise level issues in the main facility. Those we serve who needed a smaller, quieter environment are now received at Grimes Center during the week. Amy closed Grimes Center for two days, during which the center was cleaned, painted, and decorated to create a warmer, more serene atmosphere for those supported there. Amy and her husband Edward were delighted to be assisted by clients Abbie Briggs, Connie Segraves, Ashley Sanders, Alfred Cole, Seth Barocas, and Bobby Norton. EnAble staff members Tory Narcisse, Willie Grove, Frank Markham, and Wakita Cunningham-Jones also lent their support. Grimes Center reopened to pleasantly surprised clients and staff who had not yet witnessed the transformation. Thank you to everyone involved for your hard work! ♦



Daryl Oliver at Grimes Center

THE ATLANTA GIRLS' SCHOOL'S 7TH GRADE CLASS VISITS ENABLE

Those we serve in our Day Services North program received a visit on March 5th from several 7th grade students from the Atlanta Girls' School (AGS). Shayla Noufey, 7th grade science teacher, and Joan King, 7th grade English teacher, accompanied more than 20 girls on their mission to do crafts projects with those we serve in Day Services. Ms. Noufey and Ms. King are also 7th grade advisors at the AGS, the only independent, nonsectarian college preparatory school in Atlanta for girls grades 6 through 12.



Catherine Slaughter guiding a student

The AGS students have a classmate with cerebral palsy, and desired to



Lisa Espinosa (right center)

learn more about people with disabilities. The AGS supported their desire and helped plan a visit with EnAble. Shirley Pahl, EnAble's Development Coordinator, gladly arranged the visit and greeted the girls and their teachers upon their arrival.

When the girls reached Day Services, they were invited to eat a pizza lunch with those we serve. Afterwards,

Shirley and John Williams, Day Services' Production Lead, gave the girls and their teachers an overview of what is accomplished in Day Services and how the clients spend their days. Next, it was time for crafts. The girls divided themselves into groups and assisted the individuals served with their projects. There was so much activity in Day Services that, before they knew it, it was time for the girls to get back to school.



Marianne Kilburn beading a necklace

Thank you, Atlanta Girls' School's 7th grade class, for your interest in EnAble and service to your disabled neighbors in the community! ♦

A SPECIAL THANK YOU

EnAble would like to extend a special thank you to Mrs. Carol Seitz, sister of longtime EnAble supporter Mrs. Elaine "Woody" Markert. Carol and Woody donated four cemetery plots to EnAble last year for those we serve when the need arises. Carol also assisted Mrs. Peggy Farris and Woody with arranging the beautiful, fresh floral centerpieces used at last year's 6th Annual Trends & Traditions Fashion Show. Thank you, Carol and Woody, for your support of EnAble! ♦



TJX FOUNDATION DONATES TO ENABLE

Douglas Swank, Regional Training Manager for TJ Maxx's Atlanta office, presented EnAble with a \$5,000 check on February 12th for the renovation of EnAble's Day Services North facility. Doug was a part of the EnAble family several years ago when



From left: EnAble Director of Development DeAnn Rauth, Abbie Briggs, Douglas Swank, and Richard Colyer

it was known as RRA, and helped consumer Abbie Briggs and the late Skipper Workman, a fellow consumer, find employment at TJ Maxx. Doug remarked, "I'm so excited that the TJX Foundation were able to come through for EnAble to support the great work you all are doing in the community."

The purpose of The TJX Foundation's Giving Program is to support qualified, tax-exempt nonprofit organizations that provide services which promote and improve the quality of life for children, women and families in need. Thank you, TJX Foundation, for helping EnAble get one step closer to its Day Services renovation goals! ♦

By Amy Hines,
Support Manager,
Day Services North

KENNETH WHIDBY HAS A NEW FRIEND

Kenny is served in EnAble North's Residential and Day Services programs. Kenny has been helping with the Meals-on-Wheels program in Roswell and has really enjoyed meeting a lot of new seniors.



Kenny expressed his desire to meet more seniors in the community, so Day Services arranged for him to become a volunteer for seniors. He now has a new friend named Silvia Wetter. Kenny was introduced to Silvia on February 21st through the Meet-A-Friend Volunteer Project at the Roswell Senior Center on Warsaw Road. They hit it off instantly and it has been magic for the both of them since.

Congratulations, Kenny, on achieving your community inclusion goals! ♦