









# Behind Seen

Phillip is known for a lot of things, but two of his most engaging qualities are his dazzling smile and his dynamic dancing skills. He loves to teach his friends how to dance, whether it's the tango or the salsa.

# learning to dance starring Phillip ...and you!



Phillip has been working at Rauch Industries since February of 2012. He briefly held a job at a local restaurant and says he learned how to wash dishes there. Unfortunately, he was let go when new management arrived.

But, *Phillip kept dancing*. He maintained his job at Rauch Industries as we supported him through his work experiences. "Through our work services program and his prior training, Phillip was able to focus on the positive," says Work Services Coordinator, Theresa Berry. "Things don't always go as planned, but we regroup and move forward. Our relationship with Phillip is a great example of the

persistent support Rauch provides to help clients meet their goals."



With the help of his job coach, Phillip landed an interview with a local retailer and was hired. Phillip enjoys his new job, responsibilities, and coworkers.

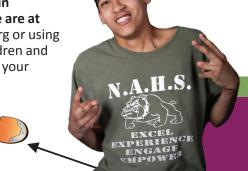
When he's not scheduled to work at his new job, Phillip continues to work at Rauch Industries. He is excited about learning new skills outside of those he's acquiring at Rauch. A very social person by nature, he also says he is eager to meet new people. We have no doubt he will captivate them all with hischarisma – and maybe a few of his patented dance moves.

Theresa says, "The goal of the work services program is to help clients have the support and skills they need to live their best life." This objective is true throughout Rauch's many other diverse programs for individuals with disabilities. People like you have an important role in this success, too. Your donation to Rauch ensures more people like Phillip can benefit from Rauch's empowering





To meet annual operating needs, Rauch must raise \$12,500 in contributions from supporters like you this summer—and we are at 46% of our goal! Please make a donation today at rauchinc.org or using the enclosed envelope to help Rauch care for over 1,000 children and adults with developmental and other disabilities each year in your community so they are able to *continue to dance*.



#### 7th Annual Golf Scramble is a Hole in One!

Thank you to everyone that sponsored, played, donated to and volunteered at the 2015 Rauch Golf Scramble presented by Algood Food Company—you made it our best year yet raising over \$15,000 after expenses! The scramble took everyone south of the border to a Mexican Fiesta! Players sported sombreros, ponchos, and mustaches for a 100 yard advantage on hole 18, where they also sipped on an el Jimador Especial, a beverage created specifically for the scramble by Brown-Forman. This year the goodie bags not only included great swag from our sponsors but also a jar of peanut butter made by title sponsor Algood Food Company! To add to that fun, we added crackers, knives, and a napkin so the golfers could have a snack while on the course. After play, the participants enjoyed a dinner of grilled steak and chicken, peppers and onions, rice, black beans, fiesta corn, and an amazing dessert display from the incomparable Sweet Stuff Bakery. For more photos from the event, visit facebook.com/rauchinc. We really appreciate everyone's enthusiasm and support for our 7th annual scramble, and look forward to seeing all of our friends again next year!





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# Americans with Disabilities Act. On July 24th, Governor Mike retardation" to "intellectual disability" in Indiana's legal code.



Opposite page: title sponsors and first and second place teams Algood Food Company; left: third place team The Hartfield Company; clockwise below: CEO Bettye Dunham trying her hand at teeing off, delicious dessert from Sweet Stuff Bakery, golfer trying the Algood peanut butter included in the goody bags, Dick Peterson posing at the Fiesta on hole 18, and Bettye with some of her amigos.











# Rauch Cookbook

We're looking for recipes that are made with a dash of love by and for the friends and family of Rauch, Inc.! We are in search of recipes that are easy to make, tasty, and healthy for the people in our services.

If you'd like to contribute to this effort, please send recipes, cooking tips, or other ideas to Bonnie at ballen@rauchinc.org. Visit rauchinc.org/blog/2015/5/14/rauch-family-recipes for more information.

Don't delay; the deadline for submission is October 15, 2015!

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# Imagine Awards Nominations are Open

Don't miss the opportunity to recognize great people and great deeds! Nominate an **Individual with a Disability** for outstanding personal achievements, a **Community Leader/Volunteer** whose efforts have positively impacted people with disabilities, or **Business/Organization** that is committed to employing or enhancing the lives of people with disabilities. **Nominations are due November 20th** and can be made online by visiting at **rauchinc.org/imagine**. You can also download a Word document on the website or contact Lindsey Davis at Idavis@rauchinc.org or 812-981-4411.

Please note, Rauch staff are not eligible to make nominations.

# A Summer of Fun

The surveys are in....Summer Camp was a success! Rauch's Summer Respite Camp came to a close on July 17th. The satisfaction surveys had rave reviews, especially for the teachers and the variety of field trips. The campers were constantly on the go all six weeks of camp—Ms. Debbie and her "gang" made sure each day was structured and fun.



Rauch's Developmental Kids Summer Respite Camp is generously funded in part by Indiana Department of Child Services and the Hazel & Walter Bales Foundation.

# You... are our success

Rauch's annual report is now available. To view the report, visit rauchinc.org/publications. You may also request a print version by contacting Teressa Jackson at 812-981-4420 or tjackson@rauchinc.org.





# We're Expanding... & Hiring!

Rauch is opening SIX more Supported Living homes! While this is an incredible opportunity for 18 more individuals with disabilities to live more independently, we need your help to make their dreams come true! Rauch is hiring for DSP's (Direct Support Professionals) to fill these newly created positions. A DSP provides direct assistance, guidance, and companionship to individuals and families with disabilities and challenges.

To be eligible to apply, you must be 18+ years of age, have a high school diploma/GED, and a valid driver's license. Rauch will provide required training.

For more information, visit rauchinc.org/careers or call 812-945-4063.

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#### Wish List

The wish list can also be viewed online at rauchinc.org/wishlist. Items in bold type are are most urgently needed.

- Admission to local museums, zoo, ball games, movies, etc. for client enrichment and education
- Flash Cards (with items such as clothing, animals, food)
- Electric Stoves in good working order (2 needed)
- Digital camera
- SD memory cards
- Bottled water
- New or gently used wheelchairs
- TARC tickets
- Resume paper
- Office supplies: pens, paper, etc.
- Paper dining products (plates, napkins, cups, utensils)
- Large flat screen TV (modern lightweight type)
- Rewards/incentives for our incredible staff/clients: movie passes, store or restaurant gift cards
- iPads
- Computers/netbooks
- Teaching aids
- Art Supplies (paint brushes, paints, etc.)
- Keyboard that converts regular keyboard to big keys
- Exercise DVDs low-impact type
- DVDs with relaxing music with scenery
- Dry Erase Markers
- Preschool, Kindergarten & 1st Grade level reading books
- Big beach type balls
- Simple Board Games
- Food items for cooking projects
- Poster Paper
- Large Microwaves
- Refrigerators in good working order (4 needed)
- Coffee pots
- Weather radios
- Four drawer locking file cabinets
- Window Blinds to fit
  - 2 windows 110.5 inches wide by 4 feet tall
  - 1 window 110 inches wide by 4 feet tall
  - 1 window 111 inches wide by 4 feet tall

# First Steps Helps Jasper Soar

Jasper quietly says "star" as he concentrates on fitting the block into the puzzle. "Use your pinching fingers," his mom says. After the star falls into the box, Jasper excitedly squeals "yay" and claps as his mom, dad, and therapist join him.

Rauch's First Steps program serves kids like Jasper Dodds who may have developmental delays or disabilities. The program works to provide speech, occupational, physical, and developmental services for children from birth to three years in order for them progress and acquire skills with their age group. First Steps currently serves 499 families and children referred to the program from Floyd, Clark, Harrison, Washington, Crawford, Orange, and Scott Counties.

Jackie King, an occupational therapist with First Steps, said it's all about keeping up with the age group. "There's a specific age when they should be able to do things. It's about catching up." Jackie has been a therapist with Rauch for nine years. She said she has always loved working with kids. "It's very rewarding...to help find a solution to make things easier for their lives," she said. "At their young age you see such quick progress."



Jackie said she sees about 20 children on a weekly basis. She works on fine motor skills, feeding, sensory processing, strategies for bathing and brushing teeth, and many other developmental skills. "It's about finding the things that work for the kids and the parents," she said.

Jasper has been with First Steps since he was about three months old. Jasper's parents Heather and Matt Dodds both said working with First Steps has helped Jasper immensely. "He's gone from not being able to roll over to being able to run, not being able to unclench to being able to grab, and he can articulate his needs now, which is something for a long time we didn't think would be possible," Heather said. She said the physical, occupational, and developmental therapists have not only helped Jasper, but also educated Heather and Matt on how to help him. "They help you know what it is you should know and pay attention to," Matt said.

Heather said it also provides a support system for them instead of feeling like they are doing it on their own. "It's the same therapist so they know our kid—they know when things are getting better or changing," she said. "They are also cross-disciplined." She said the fact that the therapists come to the home is a huge help since they are already scheduling around doctor's appointments and other things. Home visits prevent them from having to figure out transportation for another appointment.



Rauch OT Jackie King works with Jasper

Matt also said they haven't received any pressure about doing anything they may not want to do. "No one is trying to give us things we don't need," he said. "Everybody's discharged him when he's reached the point he needs to be discharged." Heather said their family has been better off having been in therapy than if they had chosen not to participate. "Even if eventually he would have been able to do the things he's doing now and have those skills... He did it sooner and has more time to build other skills now," she said. Jackie said research has shown that this early intervention leads to better outcomes educationally. "Children enrolled early in First Steps need less special education help versus children enrolled later and from a financial standpoint, it saves the state money," she said. "It's more independent and the kids can do more. For the parents—it makes life easier."

The state pays for a large part of First Steps and the evaluation is free. For families who cannot pay—they are still able to have those services for free, as well.

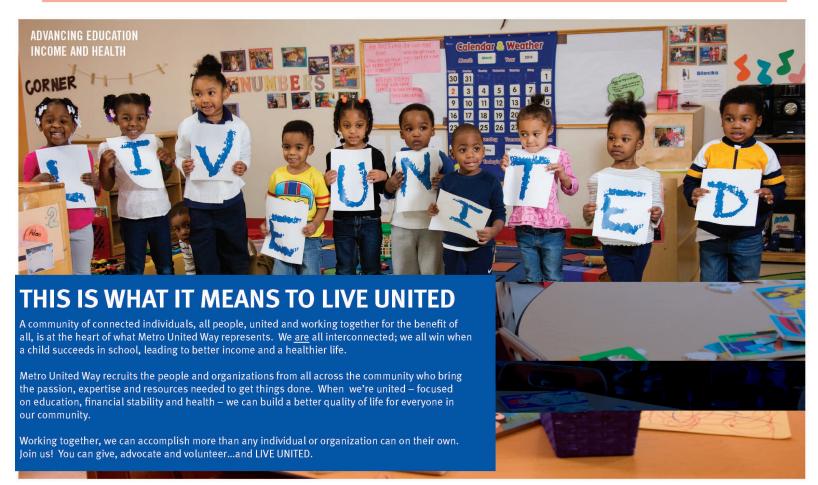
Jackie said just because there may be delays initially does not necessarily mean it will be lifelong. "I'll run into a grandma who says her daughter was in First Steps and you would never have been able to tell," she said. "Just because they've got a delay doesn't mean that later on that's going to be a permanent thing."

For families on the fence about involving their child in the program, Heather's advice is to "do it." "You will not regret it. Even if you're not sure whether or not your kid needs services they can still give you a monologue about how to help or just help even for a month," she said. "There is no downside."

Heather said they were initially a little bit skeptical about the program and afraid to take that step. "We didn't want to put a label on it," she said. "There have been nothing, but good outcomes. There's so much personal attention and they make sure he's progressing the way he needs to be."

Both Matt and Heather are very happy with the services Jasper is getting and encourage other families to do the same. "We're just very appreciative of this program—they've really helped him a lot," Matt said. "I feel immensely better about what his (Jasper's) life might be like."

Metro United Way helps fund Rauch's early intervention programming. Through your donation to Metro United Way, you help children like Jasper learn fine and gross motor skills, communication skills, and are opening the door to their future. For more information about Metro United Way, visit their website at www.metrounitedway.org.



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#### Rauch's Mission

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#### Ride for Rauch raises over \$2,000

Thanks so much to the Low 12 Riders "Rusty Nails" Chapter of the Masonic Bikers Association & American Legion Riders Chapter 42 for organizing a great motorcycle ride that raised over \$2,000 for Rauch. Every single winner of a contest donated their prize money back to Rauch. Thank you as well to our awesome volunteers. It was an incredible day and we are so grateful for so many generous hearts.

#### **Congrats to our Contest Winners**

Tim Kingsley--Poker & Bug Splatter Jim Kincaid--Door Prize Bob Spalding--50/50 Raffle

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# A New Ride

The Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County generously provided a grant for matching funds to purchase one of two new vans Rauch will be getting through TARC. One van will be a replacement and one will be used by our Supported Living department at Hawthorn Glen to aid in transporting the current 36 residents—soon to be 54!

Thank you Horseshoe Foundation!



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