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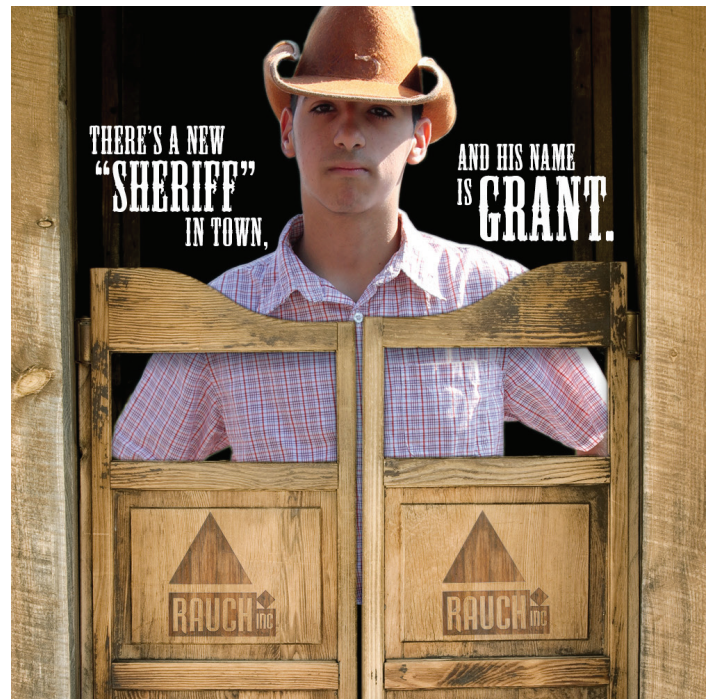
A whirlwind of energy and activity, 16-year-old Grant loves singing country music, strumming his guitar, playing with cars and nerf guns, and proudly showing off his license plate collection.

Grant wasn't always the self-assured and outgoing young man you see today, though.

Grant works to overcome the challenges of Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder and Autism Spectrum Disorder, and is a student at New Albany High School. Four years ago, Grant came to Rauch through our Developmental Kids and Youth Summer Program. A quiet young man, at first he had difficulty making friends. However, things soon began to change.

*Speeding
100 parking
on line
you in trouble
bird song*

Grant developed new confidence by taking on the persona of "Sheriff Grant," who had an endearing habit of policing the staff at Rauch's Fairmont Neighborhood Center. "Tickets" were doled out for speeding, parking on the line, and other infractions. These interactions provided a way for Grant to feel empowered and make new connections. We were thrilled at his progress, and so was his mother, Veronica. By the 2015 camp session, Grant had even graduated to serving as the Team Leader.



According to Veronica, each time she and Grant drive past Rauch on Charlestown Road, he looks at the building and says, "They like me there." He's right – we do.

Rauch's summer camp was developed in response to an unmet need we saw in the community. It is also a service without a stable funding stream to ensure its ongoing operation. **Without donations from supporters like you, programs like this one would not be possible.**

Please help Rauch reach its mid-year fundraising goal of \$12,500 so we can continue to provide quality, client-focused services such as the camp that has made such an impact in Grant's life. Make a donation today using the enclosed envelope or online at rauchinc.org.



DID YOU KNOW?

Rauch First Steps Network is comprised of 54 and developmental therapies to 500 children



Save the Date!

Monday, September 12th
Champions Pointe Golf Club



We're pleased to announce the 8th Annual Rauch Golf Scramble on **Monday, September 12, 2016**, presented by Title Sponsor **Algood Food Company**.

Get away for a day of golf at Champions Pointe Golf Club featuring a variety of contests, door prizes, and **1950s themed festivities**. For Sponsorships or to register visit rauchgolfscramble.com or contact 812-945-4063 and speak to Teresa (tjackson@rauchinc.org) or Lindsey (ldavis@rauchinc.org).

Join us: Rauch Golf Scramble presented by Algood
Monday, September 12, 2016, at Fuzzy Zoeller's Champions Pointe
More info/registration: rauchgolfscramble.com

Crusade Cookout

We enjoyed the fantastic weather and helped our friends at the WHAS Crusade for Children with two cookouts on July 1st. A great time was had by all, we raised \$780, and we even had visitors from the Crusade stop by!

Rauch receives generous grants from the WHAS Crusade for Children to fund our Grow-n-Learn Preschool program. The preschool is led by Developmental and Occupational Therapists, and is specially designed for children ages 18 months to 3 years old with developmental delays. The therapists work with the children in small groups to improve communication, social, cognitive, self-help, and fine, gross, and motor skills.



therapists that provide physical, speech, occupational,
across 7 counties in Southern Indiana!

Rauch Awarded Grant from Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County

Thank you to Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County for their continued generous support of Rauch! They recently awarded us with a grant of \$12,750 for much-needed technology updates across our organization. Computers are the backbone of all we do here at Rauch. From tracking the goals clients achieve in our ACCESS program, to creating the weekly schedule for our Summer Camp kids, to helping a Supported Employment client fill out online job applications and create their resume, what we do simply wouldn't be possible without technology. Horseshoe Foundation of Floyd County is our hero!



David's Grand Adventure

Branson, Missouri may never be the same. Our awesome friend David, who lives in Rauch's Hawthorn Glen Supported Living housing, was out and about there on his annual vacation! He saw Legends in Concert (including The Blues Brothers) at Dick Clark's American Bandstand Theater and pigged out at Fall Creek Steak and Catfish House... and even met Marilyn Monroe!



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Rauch Participant Named Indiana Bicentennial Torchbearer

Michelle Pfeifer, a longtime participant in Rauch services, has been selected as a torchbearer for the Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay. Torchbearers are Hoosiers who demonstrate exceptional public service, excellence in their profession, acts of heroism or volunteer service to their neighborhood, community, region, or state.

Michelle has lived in Greenville, Indiana, all her life. Born with intellectual and developmental disabilities, she was embraced by a large family of siblings who empowered and encouraged her to have a full life. After completing her studies at New Albany Senior High School, Michelle enrolled in services at Rauch, Inc. Michelle works at Rauch Industries and participates in Rauch's ACCESS program.

Through ACCESS as well as her family and friends in the community, Michelle has developed a broad range of connections with people in the Floyd County community and beyond. An enthusiastic athlete, she is a regular at the YMCA of Southern Indiana in New Albany and was formerly a Meals on Wheels volunteer, where the recipients of the meals always looked forward to her delivery day because of her cheerful demeanor. Michelle's mother, Margaret "Peg" Pfeifer, marvels at the people who know and greet Michelle when they are out in the community – she never knows who might be a friend of Michelle.

Michelle also has a special talent for completing jigsaw puzzles, and was featured in the *Courier-Journal* newspaper several years ago for this talent. With Peg's help, the puzzles are mounted and adorn the walls throughout the basement of their Greenville home. Completed puzzles have also been donated to charity auctions and given as gifts.

Michelle is a wonderful example of a person with a disability who is an ambassador for our whole Floyd County community, bringing awareness and building bridges with her smile, handshake, and excited "Hey! I know you!"

An exclusive group of just over 2,200 Hoosiers will pass the torch along a 3,200-mile route through each of Indiana's 92 counties. The Indiana Bicentennial Torch Relay is an initiative of the Indiana Office of Tourism Development and is one of the premiere celebrations of Indiana's Bicentennial. The relay begins on September 9 in Corydon and culminates October 15 at the Statehouse in Indianapolis.

Special thanks to Indiana State Representative Ed Clere, who had the wonderful idea for us to nominate some of the people we work with at Rauch for this great honor.



Avoid Taxes... While Helping Rauch!

The second half of 2016 is already upon us – don't let your financial planning for this tax year sneak up on you! Are you looking for a way to lower the income taxes from your IRA withdrawals? An IRA Charitable Rollover is a way you can help continue Rauch's work and benefit personally. This provision allows individuals who have reached age 70 ½ to donate up to \$100,000 to charitable organizations directly from their Individual Retirement Account (IRA) or Roth IRA, without treating the distribution as taxable income.

An IRA Charitable Rollover has several benefits. You can avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 per year from your IRA to a public charity such as Rauch. This enables the you to satisfy the yearly required minimum distribution (RMD) while reducing your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions. And, of course, you can do this while helping to further the work and mission of Rauch! Charitable donations from 403(b) plans, 401(k) plans, pension plans, and other retirement plans are ineligible for this tax-free treatment.

How do you make an IRA charitable rollover gift? You will need to contact your IRA plan administrator and request to make a donation from your IRA to Rauch. These funds must be made directly from the IRA trustee payable to Rauch. In order to qualify for tax-free treatment, donors cannot receive any goods or services in return for charitable IRA rollover contributions. Rauch will provide written verification of the IRA rollover contribution for your records. Please contact Rauch if you wish for your gift to be used for a specific purpose.

To speak to someone at Rauch about an IRA Rollover gift, call the Development office at 912-945-4063.



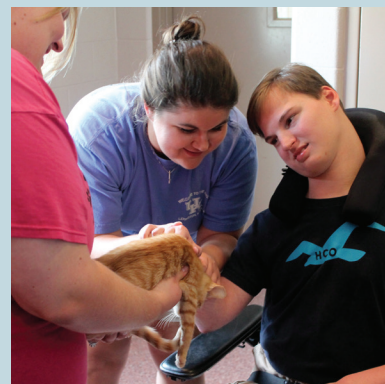
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A Summer of Fun and Discovery

Rauch's Developmental Youth Respite Camp is under way! This year's campers are having a blast and have visited the Louisville Zoo, Floyd County Animal Shelter, Huber's Orchard, SIGS Sports Complex, and many other places. Campers also made yummy homemade pizzas and other fun activities. These summer activities are not only important to help increase the attendees' social skills and reduce skill loss during the break from school, but also to have fun!



Summer Camp was made possible by the Department of Child Services and Indiana First Lady's Charitable Foundation.

Lions and Tigers and Bears... Oh my, ACCESS visited the Louisville Zoo!



Rauch's community-based adult day program, ACCESS, visited the Louisville Zoo on a recent trip. It was a hot, sunny day, but the lions were roaring and everyone had a great time. The group favorites were definitely the curious goats in the petting zoo and the gorilla forest exhibit. Michelle would've been tickled pink (the same color as her shirt) if she had been able to stay and watch the gorillas all day. Dylan couldn't take enough pictures of the goats, and one even tried to nibble on David's wheelchair!

This trip was made possible by a generous donor. If you would like to help enrich the ACCESS program, and the lives of its participants, donations of event or attraction tickets are gratefully accepted. Contact Lindsey at 812-981-4411 or ldavis@rauchinc.org for more information.



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Suellen & Ed Wilkinson at the
2016 Imagine Awards.

Wish List

*Items in bold type
are most urgently needed*

- Admission to bowling, local museums, ball games, etc. for client outings
- New or gently used wheelchairs
- Paper dining products (plates, napkins, cups, utensils)
- Teaching aids
- Refrigerators in good working order (4 needed)
- Client activities (simple board games, 25-50 piece puzzles)
- Large "golf" umbrellas
- Digital cameras & SD memory cards
- Art supplies (poster and art paper, paint brushes, paints, crayons/markers)

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Interpreting Services: Helping Make Memories

Rauch Interpreting Services provides interpreting in a wide range of settings: hospitals, courtrooms, doctor's offices, and classrooms. Did you know that Interpreting Services also provides services for events like weddings and concerts, and even summer camps? It might seem odd to interpret at a summer camp, but for one camper at the Life Adventure Center Camp in Versailles, Kentucky, it made all the difference in the world. In an email to Rauch's Interpreting Services Director, Dave Calvert, that impact is described:

Dear Dave,

As the successful week of camp comes to a close, please accept our DEEPLY felt thanks for providing us with interpreters Gideon and Justin. They were simply awesome! Joining in with all of our camp activities, they helped integrate our special needs camper, Kieran, seamlessly into our camp this week. Positive, energetic, and adventuresome, they fit right in with the rest of our group and were loved by both my staff and all of the kids.

More importantly, their inclusive and helpful interpretation made it possible for Kieran to participate in virtually all the activities: archery, canoeing, horsemanship (where he particularly connected with the animals and proudly overcame some initial fears). With their help, Kieran was embraced by the other kids as one of their own. On this final day of camp, I personally witnessed him giving and receiving lots of "high-fives" and cheers.



Kieran's mom was so thankful for the impact we collectively had on her son, she was literally in tears when she picked him up on our final day of camp.

*Timothy D. Magill, M.S. C.C. I. P.
Executive Director, Life Adventure Center*

(Right) "This shot is emblematic of Kieran's experience and triumphs during his camp experience. That shot and Kieran's joy were made possible by Gideon and Justin's support for and significant connection with Kieran."



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- Go to Kroger.com
- Click the blue Sign In tab at the top of the page
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- From Community Rewards, click Edit or Re-enroll and select Rauch, Inc.

**Exercise Your
Right to Vote!**

Rauch encourages people with disabilities to get out and vote this November 8! The deadline to register to vote in the General Election is October 11. You can register or re-register to vote or find your polling location at <http://fifthfreedom.org/I/vote>. You need to re-register to vote if you have moved to a new district or changed your name. You can also call the Hoosier Voter Hotline at 1-866-IN-Vote (866-461-8683). Be sure to act today so you are ready for Election Day!



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