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OUR MISSION — “Enhancing the quality of life for adults with developmental disabilities through community awareness; family support; housing options; and education, social and recreational activities.”

May 2014

A Note from FDD Board President: Becky Stark

As of many of you know David Glenn is no longer with FDD. David left on good terms and we wish him well in the his future endeavors. The FDD Board of Directors realizes that this is an opportunity to make changes to allow FDD continued growth and become the strongest program possible for our members.

I assure you that the Board is not taking these changes lightly and that much research and discussion has occurred and is occurring as part of these changes. We continue to discuss the future, growth, vision, direction, and long-term development for FDD and it's families. The Board is dedicated to the mission of FDD and enhancing the quality of life for our adults with developmental disabilities and their families. We also realize that we still have much to do and see many opportunities in the areas of housing, job support, respite and community awareness.

With those opportunities in mind the Board set out to select an Executive Director that will champion those goals and adopt them as their own. We are lucky to have found that and more, in Teresa Stohs. Teresa comes to us with great experience with

nonprofit work, fund-raising, grant writing and team building. We feel she will be a wonderful fit and help re-energize our current supporters, and bring many more to help with the continued growth and success of the organization.

Teresa's first official day was May 1st. Welcome Teresa! Please see page 2 for an introduction to Teresa.

During the transition several Board members have helped in the office as needed to make the transition a smooth one. **Thank you** to those who stepped up with your time, I know Jennifer and Stacie appreciate you being there.

I leave you with one more thought from Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr: “You don't have to see the whole staircase. Just take the first step.” We are building an amazing staircase that includes everything our families need to allow them to live fulfilling and happy lives. We invite you to help us, one step at a time! If you would like to help, please contact a Board Member or the FDD office.

Sincerely,
Becky Stark
FDD President



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Welcome Teresa Stohs



“When you focus on someone's disability you'll overlook their abilities, beauty and uniqueness. Once you learn to accept and love them for who they are, you subconsciously learn to love yourself unconditionally.”

— Yvonne Pierre, *The Day My Soul Cried: A Memoir*

I am so excited about joining the Foundation for the Developmentally Disabled and can't wait to meet all of you! During my nonprofit career I managed the Disability Awareness and Deaf Services Programs for Johnson County, Kansas. I went on to serve as Executive Director of the Midwest Ear Institute where we

did cochlear Implants —little miracles of hearing. In fact, this is my fourth time to be an Executive Director. Lucky you—I've got most of the kinks worked out.

What could I tell you about me? Me the person, not the title. I come from Kansas City, John and I moved here about 15 months ago and are loving it! Our life-long dream has been to live by the ocean. My car is a copper red Miata. I'm a bit of a car fanatic and this community is a car-watching mecca. My son Preston and his wife Abbey live in Colorado Springs. My sister Karen and I are very close and many people think we look like twins—but alas, I will always be three years older. If you ever want to get in my good graces, take me out for a glass of iced tea—no lemon please.

We will all learn lots about each other in the upcoming months and years. In the meantime, don't be a stranger—you can always reach out to me teresa@fddswfl.org or 239-273-5368.

All that Jazz... Kevin Mahogany Headlines Benefit Concert for FDD on May 8th

Kevin Mahogany will bring his exceptional talents as a jazz vocalist to Daniels Pavilion at Artis-Naples on Thursday, May 8 in a benefit concert for FDD. The concert is presented by a local foundation (TARA) with all proceeds going to support FDD programs.

Mahogany's debut album “Double Rainbow” was released in 1993, and since then he has released albums on Enja, Warner Brothers, Telarc and on his own label, Mahogany Jazz. Mahogany has been an in-demand sideman and guest artist with a select cadre of jazz stars including T.S. Monk, The Ray Brown Trio, Marlena Shaw, Roseanna Vitro, Carl Allen, Barbara Morrison and Elvin Jones.

For his May 8th appearance in Naples, Mahogany will be accompanied by his own five-piece band. The Community School of Naples all-star jazz band will open the show. The event kicks off at 7 p.m. and tickets are \$150 per person. For more information or to purchase tickets, call 919-0408 or visit www.gigforgood.org

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HAPPY MAY BIRTHDAY TO:

Jennifer Gentile	05/01
Karen McCulloch	05/09
Doug Hamilton	05/12
Cheryl Thomas	05/14
Dennis Ellis	05/16
Joseph Shirley	05/18
Kenny Stacy	05/18
Jolene Chimento	05/20
Angie DeLong	05/20
Ronald Joseph	05/25
Kevin Morlock	05/25
Cleo Pappas	05/26
Mary Connors	05/27
Jamie Novello	05/28
Lauren & Lisa Maiocco	05/31
Todd Rochow	05/31

Please let the office know if we have missed anyone's birthday.

Celebrate Your State Party

On April 26, FDD hosted a "Celebrate your State" party at the Glades Country Club. 73 participants and 51 guests came dressed in shirts and hats depicting teams from states where they were born. Others wore college shirts that represented their state.

The dance floor was always filled as the party goers danced to the music of Crystal Sounds DJ and only stopped to enjoy a meal of Chicken Pasta Alfredo and a huge piece of chocolate cake.

During the evening all the states were named and clients came on the dance floor to be recognized.

Despite the fact that many teams and colleges were represented there was only friendly competition and all enjoyed their evening as they danced the night away.

Thank you to Nannette Begley and Darlene Rochow for hosting this fun event!

ARE YOU TRACKING YOUR VOLUNTEER HOURS?

TRACKING AND REPORTING YOUR HOURS TO THE FDD OFFICE HELPS US SECURE ADDITIONAL FUNDING. PLEASE KEEP TRACK OF YOUR HOURS! THANK YOU FDD VOLUNTEERS!

FDD Life Skills Workshop:

Fitness For Everyone

The FDD is excited to announce the next series of Life Skills Workshops: Fitness for Everyone!

We have partnered with personal trainer Anthony Dunford and Transcendent Fitness on Power Street in Naples to bring a six week series of personal fitness classes. Using their own body resistance and medicine balls (no weights or machines) the workshop participants will focus on body mechanics and awareness, dietary awareness, gym safety and etiquette.

The six week workshop will be held from 1pm to 3pm on Tuesdays starting on May 27th and ending July 1st. The cost for the workshop is \$90. Space is very limited so please contact the FDD office to register.

Opportunities to help!

We have several openings on our various committees. Are you interested in helping the FDD continue to expand?

Current opportunities include:

- Social Events Committee
- Housing Committee
- Development Committee
- Finance Committee
- 2015 Gala Committee

Time commitments vary, but committees typically meet for about 2 hours per month. Can you help make a difference in the life of our participants?

Please contact the FDD if you are interested.



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-Martin Luther King Jr.

The Board of Directors meets the third Tuesday of each month. Please contact a Board Member before the first of the month regarding any topic you wish to bring to the Board’s attention.

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FDD SOCIAL EVENTS CALENDAR

DATE	SOCIAL EVENT	LOCATION	HOSTESSES
May 3, 2014	Baseball Awards Picnic	St. Katherine's Greek Church	Becky Stark
June 8, 2014	VFW Party	VFW Post 7721	Jodi Ziajka Cecilia Bollella
July 13, 2014	Movie Matinee	Pavilion Theatre	FDD Office Staff
August 1, 2014	Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat	Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre	Joyce Jensen-Drake
September 20, 2014	Bowling Awards Banquet	Spanish Wells Country Club	Whitey and Pat Ellis
October, 2014	Halloween Party	TBD	TBD
November, 2014	Thanksgiving Party	Emmanuel Lutheran Church	TBD
December, 2014	Christmas Party	TBD	TBD
January, 2015	New Year's Party	Countryside Country Club	JoAnne Cellini June Feeney
February, 2015	Valentine's Party	TBD	Naples Civitan Club
March, 2014	All American BBQ Party	Ladies Philoptochos of St. Kather'ine's Greek Church	Mary Anne Fowler
April, 2014	TBD	TBD	TBD

SOCIAL EVENTS RULES AND REQUESTS

Please take a moment to review our rules and policies for our social events.
If you have any questions, please contact the FDD office.

- 1) Guests to our social events are limited to four people per family (1 client and 4 guests).
- 2) Payments and reservations for additional events cannot be accepted at the door.
- 3) If you do not stay at an FDD event, please be sure your client member has a way to contact you.
- 4) If you leave a client at an FDD event, please return to pick that person up on time.

