



CREATIVE LIVING

Living. For the physically disabled.

News August 2010

35th Anniversary BBQ



We enjoyed City Barbeque,



music by The Cowtown All-Stars,
& catching up with many friends



caricatures by artist Tom Gluck



Former resident
Rikki Dunson and his family



Former Board Presidents
Tom Beerman and Charlie Snow with
former CL office staff Marilyn Beerman



Former resident Brent Simonds
with his wife Francee



Executive Director Marilyn Frank
with resident Billy George



CL Board Member Jon Giganti
with his wife Michelle



Former resident Richard Golden

Reflecting

Lena Pigg said a few words at the picnic. Her cousin, Carol Sue Cyrus, was one of the charter residents of Creative Living. Lena said Carol Sue's success "would not have been possible if there had not been a Creative Living. Creative Living helped her fulfill her dreams and her life".

Carol Sue lived at Creative Living for 20 years before her death in 1994. In Lena's family scrapbook she has this about Carol Sue: She once said she didn't want an ordinary life and she certainly didn't get one. In 1956, at the age of 16, she was injured in an automobile accident leaving her paralyzed from the neck down. She didn't let her physical limitations stop her. Carol Sue was Miss Wheelchair Ohio in 1977, she earned two degrees from Ohio State and became a public relations officer at the Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. She's been an inspiration to her family, her friends, and her co-workers. So many were touched by her and will always remember her cheerful, positive attitude and strong-willed determination. And she was so proud of being the biggest fan of her cousin Billy Ray Cyrus!



On November 19, 1963 The Ohio State Lantern carried a front page article titled, "Student injured in football game". It was the championship football game between Phi Delta Theta and another fraternity. The last play of the game Dick Maxwell was scoring a touchdown when he was injured, breaking his neck. After two years of surgeries and rehabilitation, Dick returned to classes with the help of his mother, fraternity brothers and high school friends who lifted his manual wheelchair for him to attend classes in the then inaccessible OSU buildings.

On June 7, 1968, almost five years after his accident, his picture was in the Columbus Dispatch accompanying an article titled, "Quadriplegics stymied by lack of home". Dick was working and living at Dodd Hall; the article emphasized there was no place for people to go once they were rehabilitated. Dick was pictured with Jack Dacre who faced the same problem after being paralyzed in an automobile accident at the age of 20.

Both men said there were many things they could do to be productive in society, but first, "we have to have a home". Creative Living was the solution and has been home to almost 150 physically disabled individuals over the past 35 years.



Above, former residents Jack Dacre and Dick Maxwell catching up. Left is a photo of Dick and Jack from 1968.

17th Annual
CREATIVE LIVING
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GOLF CLASSIC

Tuesday August 31, 2010
at the Little Turtle Golf Club

We hope you consider participating in a day of golf, food, beverages and friends.

If you know a corporation that would like to sponsor, or individual golfers that would like to play, please call or go to www.creative-living.com for information.

Corporate Sponsorships are available ranging from \$1,000 Bronze to \$3,000 Beverage Sponsor
 Non-golfing Hole Sponsors \$250
 Individual golfers \$125

Welcome New Resident

Rick King comes to us from Galion, Ohio. He is looking forward to the advantages living in the city offers - including attending Columbus State where he plans to study Mechanical Engineering.

On Thanksgiving day in 1997 when Rick was 19 years old he was paralyzed when his car flipped in bad weather. He spent 3 months in rehabilitation before moving back to his parent's home. In 2000 he lived at Creative Living for one year until medical complications forced him to move home.

Rick is looking forward to getting back to living independently. He also hopes to continue woodworking - he has sold his bowls and other items at arts & crafts shows. When Rick was 10 he made his first item - a wooden train for his grandfather who was a railroader.



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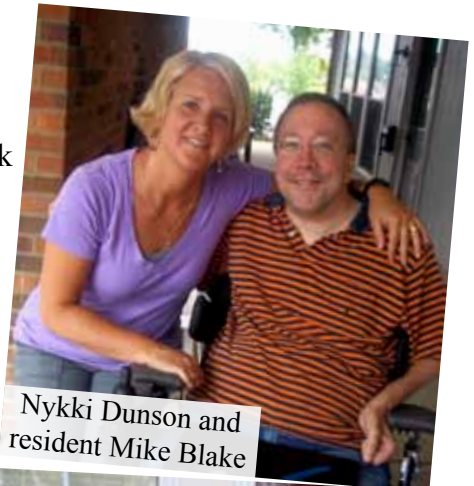
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June 27th Creative Living hosted a BBQ to celebrate 35 years. Thank you to Don & Pam Hermanek for underwriting the picnic.



Nykki Dunson and resident Mike Blake



Dick Maxwell, Board Member Mary McMunn with husband Gregg, Bobbie McGrew



Mike Horgan, Board Member Katie Ogle and Ana Jackson



Board Member Laura Shinn with her husband Steven

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