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Dream Maker Luncheon Highlights Community

A family that feels embraced and encouraged. Roommates who have become best friends. A sister who is happy that her brother has his own goals and dreams. These stories inspired the attendees of the Sixth Annual Dream Maker Luncheon.

This year's luncheon attracted nearly 600 guests and raised over \$150,000 to support InReach's programs and services.

Luncheon speaker Kirsten Hampy shared these thoughts about her family's connection with InReach.

"During the past 13 years, we have been so blessed with many amazing InReach staff. We always feel at peace knowing that Matthew is in good hands."

Kirsten added, "Matthew's staff help him work on important goals and expectations of ours. The saying, 'It takes a village to raise a child,' hits home with me. InReach is my village!"

Amy and Teresa, who receive services from InReach, shared the following about their experiences.

"My roommate Teresa and I have lived together for six years in our home by ourselves. Teresa and I are not just roommates, we are best friends," Amy said.

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Dream Maker Committee members (l-r) Sandra DuPuy, Velva Wollen and Frances Bryant enjoy the luncheon.

Photo by Liza Cox.

Dream Maker Luncheon, cont.

Amy and Teresa are currently participating in the InReach Project Search program together. The program focuses on employment skills training.

“We take the bus to our Project Search classes at CPCC, and then we go to our internship at the Government Center uptown,” Amy added. “It is a year-long program, and after we are finished, we will be looking for jobs!”

In this year’s luncheon video, Julie Hilton spoke about her brother’s experience with InReach.

“He has his own life – there have been dances and bowling, and really caring people who’ve worked with him to become more independent. For us it’s just a feeling of security knowing that he’s taken care of in a fun environment. It’s nice to know that someone you love has a life.”

Many people and organizations contributed to this year’s luncheon. We greatly appreciate Holy Trinity Greek Orthodox Cathedral for their assistance with this year’s luncheon, particularly Helen Karras and Angelo Tatsis. Many thanks to Caroline Simas of Multiple Blessings, Tracey Atkinson of tava designs LLC, and Flowers by John Lupton and Andrew Thomas for their incredible generosity.

Special thanks go to Matt Barton for sharing his terrific musical talent with our luncheon guests and the Philoptochos Greek Ladies Society for their very generous donation of baklava. Many thanks also to George Cochran and his student, Andrea Guir from CPCC for their beautiful arrangement of our “Creativity at its Finest” video, which has been shared with all for whom InReach has an email address. Our most sincere thanks to Liza Cox for capturing the essence of our luncheon through her photographs.

If you would like to see the awesome “Creativity at its Finest” video, visit the InReach website (www.inreachnc.org) or contact Kathi Knier (kknier@inreachnc.org) to receive the link.

Planning is underway for next year’s luncheon. If you would like to participate as a sponsor or a table host, please contact Kathi Knier.

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Dream Maker Luncheon Chair Bridget Browne (right) with her parents, Mike & Joan Fitzgerald

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Leadership Charlotte Class 33 participant Dara Rubadeux (left) was excited to meet Charlotte Mayor Anthony Foxx. Dara, who receives services from InReach, is interested in politics. She was joined on this adventure by InReach President Lori Gougeon.

A Few Good Men

Many thanks to these men (and woman) who served the Dream Maker luncheon guests under the leadership of Terry Young and Steve Huntley.

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InReach, in partnership with The Catholic Diocese of Charlotte, has been awarded \$2,008,200 from the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) for a twelve-unit apartment building for individuals with developmental disabilities. This was one of six projects chosen from applicants in North and South Carolina.

“InReach is honored to receive this funding to provide affordable housing for individuals with developmental disabilities that is convenient to transportation and other services,” said InReach President Lori Gougeon.

These apartments will be located on South Tryon Street in the Steele Creek community and will be a part of a future Charlotte Catholic Diocese Senior Center complex. The project, which will include ten one-bedroom units and two two-bedroom units, is expected to be completed in two years. Look for project updates in future newsletters.

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We invite you to bookmark our website:
www.InReachNC.org



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To learn more, please contact Kathi Knier, 704-536-6661 or kknier@InReachNC.org.

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