Achieving goals one story at a time

Constant Companions participants explore talents in writing and photography

What happens when a writer and a photographer find themselves at the same Constant Companions? A good story!

Marian has been coming to Constant Companions in Twinsburg since 2014. Constant Companions is Hattie Larlham’s day program for adults with disabilities. Marian and our other participants engage in daily activities that encourage personal growth, learning and community involvement. For Marian, being part of Constant Companions has empowered her to work towards her personal goals—like becoming a writer.

In 2016, Michelle, known by her friends as “Mo”, joined Constant Companions. It wasn’t long before Marian, the other participants and Site Manager Tristina Eck noticed Mo’s photography skills.

“I like to take pictures of animals,” says Mo. “I have two cats and three dogs at home.”

Tristina suggested Marian and Mo combine their talents to create a project that would allow them to learn to work together and hone their skills. The dynamic duo is now responsible for the writing, photography and layout of a bi-monthly newsletter for their location.

“Everyone here is very encouraging of Mo and me,” says Marian of the staff and her friends at Constant Companions.

Marian and Mo enjoy doing features on different places the Constant Companions participants visit on their daily outings including Bow Wow Beach and One of A Kind Pets. In their next issue, they plan to feature a story on the Quirk Cultural Center in Cuyahoga Falls, where Constant Companions participants enjoy doing ceramics and other activities like painting.

“Understanding our participants’ interests, goals and talents is important in helping them make community connections,” says Program Director Stacy Timm.

“We create opportunities for everyone to be part of the community through daily activities, peer interaction and volunteering. This fosters independence and encourages them to explore the different roles they can take on alongside fellow community members.”

In the future, Tristina and Stacy plan to encourage collaboration and a mentoring opportunity for Marian and Mo to work with participants at our other locations to create their own newsletter.

If you would like to learn more about how to support Constant Companions, have a loved one who would benefit from our services or would like to tour one of our seven program sites, contact Stacy Timm at 330-899-9067.

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Support Hattie Larlham events

32nd Annual Sugar Bush Golf Classic

Registration is open for the 32nd annual Sugar Bush Golf Classic, to be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018. Held at the Sugar Bush Golf Club in Garrettsville, Ohio, the event features morning and afternoon rounds with an awards ceremony and lunch or dinner to follow. Proceeds from the Sugar Bush Golf Classic benefit residents at the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities. Since 1986, the event has raised more than $900,000. This event sells out every year. Register today at www.hattielarlham.org. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

**Morning Round Schedule**
- 6:45 a.m. Registration and Continental Breakfast
- 7:30 a.m. Call to Carts
- 7:45 a.m. Shotgun Start
- 1 p.m. Awards Luncheon

**Afternoon Round Schedule**
- 12:30 p.m. Registration and Boxed Lunch
- 1:15 p.m. Call to Carts
- 1:30 p.m. Shotgun Start
- 6:30 p.m. Awards Dinner

2018 Friendship Luncheon

Join us for our fourth annual Friendship Luncheon at 11:00 a.m. on Fri., June 15, at the Hilton Garden Inn in Twinsburg, Ohio. The event recognizes our partners, volunteers and supporters for the impact they make on the children and adults we serve. The luncheon's Trailblazer Awards celebrate the achievements of Hattie Larlham employees with disabilities who transitioned from our work-training program to independent, community-based jobs. The Trailblazer Award also honors businesses that partner with Hattie Larlham to make this possible. This year’s luncheon will be hosted by Sara Shookman, anchor for WKYC-TV. Visit www.hattielarlham.org to purchase tickets. Sponsorship opportunities are available.

**Event Details**
- Friday, June 15
- 11:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.
- Hilton Garden Inn Cleveland/Twinsburg
- 8971 Wilcox Drive
- Twinsburg OH 44087

Host your own event to benefit Hattie Larlham

Third-party fundraisers are a great way for you and your friends or co-workers to support Hattie Larlham. A third-party fundraiser is an event that is organized, promoted and hosted by a member of the community or an organization. That person or group then donates the event’s proceeds to Hattie Larlham. Individuals, community groups, churches, businesses, fraternities and sororities (or anyone else!) can organize a fundraiser, and the money raised supports programs and services for the children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities we serve.

The best part of third-party fundraisers is that since it’s your event, you can plan it to fit the needs and desires of your group. There are many types of third-party events, including bake sales, fashion shows, networking mixers, golf outings, wine tastings, fun runs, salon cut-a-thons, dress-down days at work – the possibilities are endless.

It’s easy to get started. Set a goal, pick a date and contact us to start planning your event.

To learn more about our upcoming events, visit www.hattielarlham.org or contact Development Officer Wendy Voelker at 330-840-6845 or wendy.voelker@hattielarlham.org.
Respiratory issues are the #1 danger to the babies, children, and adults living at the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities. On March 27 and 28, we asked our supporters to help our residents breathe easy and donate to our Flash Fund. The 48-hour campaign raised money to cover costs for respiratory alert systems that are particularly important in the care of those in our pediatric ventilator program, but offer benefits to virtually anyone who encounters a respiratory setback. Thanks to an anonymous donor, all Flash Fund donations were matched up to $3,000. We would like to thank each of the Flash Fund donors listed below.

If you would like to learn more about how you can support the residents of Hattie Larlham, contact Director of Development Jennie Dawes at 330-840-6843 or Jennie.Dawes@hattielarlham.org.

Thank you for supporting our Flash Fund.
Thank You

Thank you for supporting Hattie Larlham’s mission to create opportunities for children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. From October to December 2017, the following donors gave up to $249. Thank you for your important contribution and for creating opportunities for those we serve.
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The following donors have given gifts to Hattie Larlham in tribute or in memory of friends and family members from October to December 2017. These gifts commemorate a milestone, or the birth or passing of a loved one. Thank you for your support.

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At Hattie Larlham, we create that opportunity every day. Our trainees are not just ready, but able, to work in their communities.

With your support and the support of Northeast Ohio businesses, we’re changing our community’s employment landscape.

We encourage you to be a catalyst for our community. Share the I Am Able message on social media and include #IAmAble with your posts. The awareness you create could help find a job for a person with disabilities.

Together, we can influence change and make our region’s workforce more inclusive.

Contact us to request I Am Able campaign materials for your workplace or to hire a qualified Hattie Larlham candidate.
Volunteer with us

April is National Volunteer Month. At Hattie Larlham, our volunteers make the difference. Our volunteers receive hands-on experience working with children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. Whether you join us for a day, a week or several times a year, when you give of yourself you make an impact on those we serve.

Volunteer activities may include:

- Hosting activities for our residents and program participants
- One-on-one or small group experiences such as playing games or reading
- Assisting staff on community outings
- Painting, landscaping and other upkeep of our program sites
- Helping at Hattie Larlham events

Junior Volunteer Program

Your child will learn teamwork, peer interaction and compassion for people with disabilities, all while having fun.

Open to all children six to 13 years old, the youth volunteer program is an opportunity for children to participate in activities and crafts, play games and socialize with peers and children who live at the Hattie Larlham Center for Children with Disabilities.

Reserve a place for your child at these upcoming volunteer sessions:

6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Wednesday, May 9
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.  Wednesday, June 13

To learn more about one-on-one, group and junior volunteer opportunities with us, contact Volunteer Coordinator Lauri Molnar at 330-840-6844 or Lauri.Molnar@hattielarlham.org.

More information can also be found online at www.hattielarlham.org.