

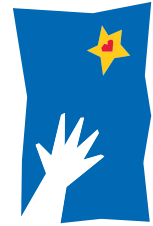
LAKEMARY
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IMPACT REPORT



June 2024

Empowering children and adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities to achieve their individual potential.



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WHAT'S HAPPENING

CEO'S CORNER



A Note from Kirk

Welcome Summer!

Lakemary kicked off summer with our graduation celebration and the end of another school year. We continue to move forward with many exciting programs and projects.

This IMPACT newsletter is full of information about what is happening across our organization. As you know, I like to talk about Lakemary as "the city that never sleeps", and this newsletter gives a small glimpse of how true that is! I am very

proud of the work we do. Daily I see how far our staff go above and beyond to create "not just a good life, but a great life for the people we support."

I want to give a big THANK YOU to everyone who was able to join us for our Boots and Bowties event. What a great evening of fun, conversation, great food, and being together with so many dear friends. Proceeds from the event will help us build new playgrounds for our children on our Paola campus. Every child loves to play on the playground and the children at Lakemary are no different. If you could not join us and would like to support our playground fundraiser, please let us know at Development@lakemary.org.

As we look forward to the coming months, our adults and children will be enjoying our swimming pool that is being reopened for the first time since Covid. We have been working hard to get the pool area freshened up and ready for everyone to enjoy during the hot summer months. We also have many outings planned for our adults and children like local parades, trips to the movies, picnics, and other fun summer activities. It's a great time of year at Lakemary Center!

Kind Regards,

KIRK DAVIS, M.S.

PRESIDENT/CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A NOTE FROM MOLLY MEEK

BOARD CHAIR

It's a busy time at Lakemary!

For many of us, summer is one of the busiest times of the year and for Lakemary, it is no different! With the school year officially coming to an end, it has been a joy to see everything the organization has been busy with including graduation, a carnival and many more exciting things that you will read about in this IMPACT Newsletter.

Lakemary has continuously pushed the potential of how to support individuals with intellectual and developmental disabilities in the best way possible. In the past few years alone, Lakemary has made significant strides to improve the level of care even more, whether it was creating the A.I.M. transition program for students 18-21 years of age, creating the Specialized Aging Support Services program for our aging adults, or more recently, constructing the Kirk Davis Center, a state-of-the-art dormitory designed with the safety of our students and staff first and foremost. This year, we are continuing to strive to give those we support the best of the best with some exciting things that I am sure will be announced in the months to come!

With the weather warming up it has been so fun for us on the Board of Directors to see all the different activities going on at Lakemary Center! Many of us had the pleasure to make it out to the annual Spring Fling and it was so inspiring to hear stories from our employees across the organization about the efforts they go to on a daily basis to support the adults and children here at Lakemary. It makes me even more excited to be part of a team that is committed to making a difference in the lives of those we support!

MOLLY MEEK, CHAIR

MEET OUR Executive Team

- Kirk Davis, M.S.**
Chief Executive Officer
- Teddi Hernandez**
Chief Operating Officer
- Michelle Erickson**
Chief Financial Officer
- Jean Hoyt, LSCSW, RPT-S**
Vice President of Children's Services
- Tracy Price**
Vice President of Adult Services

MEET OUR Board of Directors

- Molly Meek**, Chair
- Tim Lang**, Vice Chair
- Barry Fink**, Secretary
- Jeff Aberdeen**, Treasurer
- Dr. William Craig**
- Joan Horan**
- Carolyn Jacobs**
- Lonnie King**
- Nancy Lusk**
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- Harold Mitts, Jr.**
- Dr. Michael Proffitt**
- Mike Sanders**
- Barbara Sipes**
- Paul Sokoloff**
- Gary Weinberg**

LAKEMARY HIGHLIGHTS



Ursuline Legacy Park

The Ursuline Legacy Park is set to open Spring 2025. This park will honor the Ursuline Sisters of Paola who founded Lakemary Center. Kirk Davis, President/CEO of Lakemary, had the idea to create this park on our 32 acre campus in Paola. A committee led by Josh Patterson, Director of Information Technology, was formed to see how we could bring this park to life and see Kirk's vision come to fruition. Many meetings later, and one that included a visit with two of the Ursuline Sisters, the park is on pace to open phase one in the Spring.

"Having a chance to meet with the sisters was an incredible experience" says Josh. "The stories they had about the history of the organization and the care they provided throughout their time here just reinforces why this park is so important to honor the legacy they left for us." We are excited about the development of Ursuline Legacy Park.

Recreation and Wellness

Lakemary has stayed consistently busy finding ways to level up the care that we provide. Whether it is to improve our facilities for those we support or programs for our staff, we always strive to look for ways to improve our organization. We are excited to announce a new initiative, Lakemary's Recreation and Wellness Program.



The Kirk Davis Center, our new Psychiatric Residential Treatment Facility for children opened in March 2024, completing phase one of our A Blueprint for Hope Capital Campaign. Phase two is constructing inclusive playgrounds and other recreational opportunities. The new Recreation and Wellness effort for both our children and adult programs will benefit from the new additions to our Paola campus. Shawn Ming, our Recreation

and Aquatics Manager, has identified the layouts of two new inclusive playgrounds. "Having the ability to go outside and participate in activities is such a critical part of everyone's overall wellness and we firmly believe the individuals we support deserve the same opportunity" says Shawn Ming. "With that comes the need to make sure everything we provide for them is equipped to be accessible and beneficial for them and that is where the need for inclusive playgrounds is." The proceeds from Boots & Bowties 2024 and the 40th Annual Lakemary Golf Classic in October will be going directly towards this project to bring safe, high-quality equipment to Lakemary for the children and adults to enjoy!

Lakemary Fast Fact

Over 20 managers at Lakemary are serving on over 30 different civic or professional organizations across the country. Lakemary employees give of their time and talent!

Organizations such as:

The Down Syndrome Guild
Johnson County Aging Coalition
Kansas Association for Behavior Analysis
Association for Play Therapy
Interhab
The Mission Project

Get involved!
Email Teddi Hernandez to see how you can get involved at Lakemary!
Teddi.Hernandez@lakemary.org or development@lakemary.org

Graduation 2024

On May 21st, Lakemary was proud to graduate 8 students from our school. Family, friends, and faculty gathered in our gym in Paola, Kansas to celebrate a big milestone in each of these students' lives. "For the parents, it is incredible to see their children achieve something that they weren't sure they would ever have the opportunity to," says Jean Hoyt, Vice President of Children's Services. "To see the excitement and joy these students have for such a big day just really makes you remember why we do what we do" says Kirk Davis, President, and CEO. "We couldn't be more proud."



Welcome Angela Kelley

Earlier this year, Lakemary Center announced the hiring of Registered Dietician, Angela Kelley. "Angela brings a wealth of experience to us" says Jean Hoyt, Vice President of Children's Services. "We are thrilled to have her on board as she continues to take our nutrition efforts to the next level."

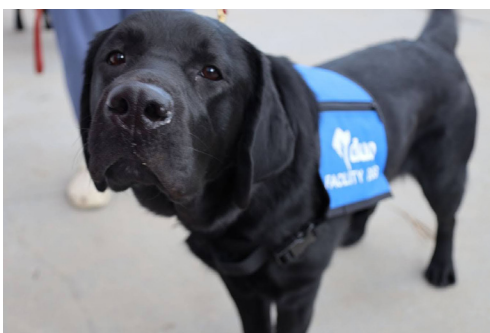
Angela has been licensed as a Registered Dietician for over 28 years after receiving her bachelor's degree from Kansas State University and her master's degree from Kansas University and she is excited to bring her passion here to Lakemary. "The food you eat has a great impact on your overall well-being" says Angela. "It's our task to provide the students with healthy meals that are not only good for them, but they also enjoy eating. If you are hungry or unhappy with your food, it can have such a negative effect on your mood."

For Angela, joining the Lakemary staff is like joining a family. "Everyone here has been so kind and helpful. To me it speaks a lot about the culture of the organization. I know firsthand how important the work that we do at Lakemary is because my brother-in-law has been here for many years and the care and support he has received has been so important to my family."

Welcome to the team, Angela!

Welcome Duo Dog Alvin!

With Duo Dog Sarah retiring last year, it left a hole in our hearts for another furry friend. Enter Duo Dog Alvin, who the school welcomed into our service in early May! Alvin is a black lab and just over two years old! We are excited to welcome Alvin to Lakemary because we know the importance these animals have in support of the students.



"Within therapy sessions it is evident that the therapy dogs truly provide a sense of comfort to the students" says Kayla Hadd, Animal Assisted Therapist. "Petting and brushing the dogs provides a unique sensory experience that helps the student feel calmer and more grounded. This also helps the students feel more comfortable while discussing difficult topics such as trauma or grief and loss. The dogs always seem to make a difficult day better, not only for the kids but also the staff." We can't wait to watch Alvin's bond grow with everyone at Lakemary!

LAKEMARY HIGHLIGHTS

Recycling Program

Lakemary Center offers our adults a variety of programs to participate in, however one that many aren't aware of is our Business Solutions. Business Solutions partners with local companies to provide different services such as E-Recycling, package and assembly, shredding as well as on site work teams, and we are proud to be one of the only 100% clean recycling companies in the city.. While this program serves the community, it also provides meaningful employment for the adults that we support . You can always find our adults hard at work providing outstanding quality services in our locations both in Johnson County as well as Miami County. "Being able to work with Lakemary associates is a joy" says Rebecca Baldwin, Reverse Logistics Coordinator with Garmin International. "They bring a positive attitude each day and a willingness to learn something new when the opportunity arises."

Our mission with Business Solutions is to build a workforce of people with intellectual and developmental differences and it's through our great partnerships with companies such as Garmin, American

Family Insurance, First Option Bank, Special Olympics of KS and more that we can achieve this. You can get involved in our recycling program by emailing Lakemary's Recycling Manager, at gary.price@lakemary.org



MARKETING & DEVELOPMENT

Kirk Davis Center Impact

The Kirk Davis Center has now been open for just over three months and its impact on the services we provide at Lakemary have been immeasurable. Offering 40 beds to children for the opportunity to stay on our campus, the Kirk Davis Center had hundreds of hours of preparation and thought going into every decision made to keep both children and staff safe. "The Kirk Davis Center offers improved sight and sound as well as an increase in staff presence" says Jean Hoyt, Vice President of Children's Services. "Instead of staff being spread across our campus they are now under one roof in a larger building to better support each other." With the expansion on our campus of new office space for therapists and other employees well underway, Lakemary is continuing to push the standard of services offered to those with intellectual and developmental disabilities. An expansion to the Kirk Davis Center, scheduled to open in August will provide offices for therapists and others that support the children's program. Quick access to the Kirk Davis Center will make it easier for staff to support the children at Lakemary. **We look forward to opening our beautiful new building to the public on September 13th from 9-11 AM.** We can't wait to see you there!

Lakemary Golf Classic with Will Shields



With Boots & Bowties in the books, it's time to set our sights on the next big event! The 40th Annual Lakemary Golf Classic with Will Shields takes place on Monday, October 14th, 2024! Taking place at the beautiful Shadow Glen Golf Club, includes a breakfast buffet, Chick-Fil-A lunch, and a Cocktail Party at the end of the day! We hope you can join us this year for the Lakemary Golf Classic. This tournament has been instrumental in raising funds over the years for the children and adult programs. Over the years proceeds have helped provide a passenger van with a lift, pool upgrades and a 16 passenger van. Tournament Host, Lonnie King, says this premiere event is always sold out and has become a favorite for many who are involved. It has become a can't-miss event so don't miss your chance this year! Save your spot by emailing development@lakemary.org.

LIMITED SPONSORSHIPS AVAILABLE!

Boots & Bowties

Lakemary's annual gala looked a bit different this year. Guests put away their nice suits and dresses and dusted off their boots to come out to the Lodge at Ironwoods for a night of boot stompin' fun! Boots & Bowties marked Lakemary's first fundraiser of the year,



with all funds going towards our recreation program for our children and adults that we support, specifically new all-inclusive playgrounds. "With the completion of the new Kirk Davis Center, we wanted to ensure that we had not only a state-of-the-art home for our children, but also amazing playgrounds to promote getting outside and having fun like any other child," says Teddi Hernandez, Chief Operating Officer.

Guests at the event were treated to a night out of great BBQ from Joe's KC as well as appetizers donated by our friends at Nick and Jakes and Cactus Grill. There was great music and line dancing to cap it all off! We are happy to announce that due to the generosity of our donors and sponsors, Boots & Bowties raised over \$100,000 dollars! Thank you to everyone who made this event so successful! **Save The Date for Saturday, April 5, 2025 for Boots & Bowties 2025!**

Fund A Need

While Boots & Bowties may be over, it is not too late to donate to our Fund A Need! All proceeds will go towards building inclusive playgrounds for our children we support! lakemary.org/ways-to-help/fund-a-need/



It's a Lakemary Life!

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Joe and our summer intern, Sukie, a student at Pitt State, volunteering at Mission Southside!



Rusty and Rae enjoying a night out watching the Wheel of Fortune!



Students enjoyed getting their face painted at the Lakemary School Carnival!



Students enjoyed a variety of activities at the Carnival to end the school year!



We introduced our new Lakemary Center mascot, **Stellar**, named by Sara our Director of Adult Health Services!



Team Facilities Front Row: Shawn Ming, Recreation & Aquatics Manager, Myranda Brisbin, Facilities Administrative Assistant, Mike Palmer, Michael Brouhard, Kevin Hosley, Facilities Director
Back Row: Matt Edwards, Assistant Facilities Director, Matthew Wendel and Chris Hinote