



Family Service

Enriching lives across the generations

Fall Newsletter 2011

*Celebrating a Century of Care
1911-2011*



Close to 300 guests joined Family Service staff & volunteers for our July 16 ice cream event at 88 Broadway in Lincoln Square Mall as we celebrated 100 years of partnering together to serve people in our community.

An immaculately restored 1955 Chevy truck with Meals on Wheels signs provided a nostalgic welcome to arriving guests. After admiring the car, many people moved on to the adjacent raffle table. Eight raffle items boasted something for every taste--homespun comfort, sporty Illini, outdoor chef, classic date, financially prudent, and pamper me pink.

Moving inside 88 Broadway, guests were treated to an old-fashioned ice cream bar with all your favorite toppings. Thanks to SuperValu for the ice cream, Puritan Springs for the water bottles, and Fluid Events for sodas. People chatted at tables as they ate their sundaes and watched our centennial PowerPoint. Many guests wrote memories or congratulatory comments on paper hands that they then displayed on the Tree of Hands. It was really meaningful for us to capture their thoughts.

After ice cream, people moved to our draped-off area in the mall to listen to toe tapping entertainment. Faye Ballard took us back to the roaring twenties with an assortment of ragtime tunes. Later, Mike Harmon revved things up with the guitar and his folk and rock ballads. He also did some fun improvisation with the lyrics to recognize Family Service and please the crowd.

In between performers, people registered for door prizes and took the Family Service quiz. As the oldest private non-profit human services agency in Champaign County, there was a lot of history to recognize. A seventy-five foot timeline ran the perimeter of the draped-off area in the mall. The top half detailed the world, national and local events of the last century. The bottom half chronicled the Family Service responses to those events. Guests toured the timeline while completing a quiz to learn how Family Service adapted to local needs and impacted community development.

Face painting proved a popular activity for young guests and soon children's cheeks and hands bedecked with painted flowers, balloons, and sporty designs added to the festive feel for everyone. Children accompanied by their parents were able to fill out and color their family tree allowing them to get a sense of history and heritage within their own family.

A special treat was having former executive director Marian Ascoli attend the event with her daughter Jean and niece Amy. Former board members attending also enjoyed the chance to reminisce and reconnect with Marian.

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Former Executive Director Marian Ascoli chats with former board member Cody Abbott at event



Debbie Day, Retired WILL Centennial Annual Fund Chair

“Be it resolved, by the House of Representatives of the Ninety-Seventh General Assembly of the State of Illinois, that we congratulate the administration and employees of Family Service of Champaign County on the occasion of the organization’s 100th anniversary and wish them continued success in the future.”

One hundred years of service! Family Service is the first private non-profit social service agency in Champaign County to reach this milestone. Organized in 1911 as United Charities, its mission today, **to support people across the generations by providing quality human services**, continues to reflect the agency’s original purpose.

It was my honor to serve on the Family Service Board of Directors for more than a quarter century (1978 – 2005). During these years, six different Executive Directors led the agency, programs were added, staff and budget increased, and the agency, which had rented office space for its first 75 years, finally was able to purchase a home of its own.

What impressed me most during my tenure on the board was the agency’s flexibility...its ability to respond to changing needs within the community, even in periods of discouraging funding challenges. I was reminded of this again when I looked at the historical timeline prepared recently for the centennial celebration.

The commitment of the staff has been remarkable. And so has the commitment of hundreds of volunteers who have made it possible for a small professional staff to serve the thousands of people who each year come to the agency for help.

At present, Family Service has nine programs and even more services. Each is funded by a combination of funding sources, many that change from year to year. In the current economic climate, several grants have been reduced, some eliminated, and many payments delayed.

As a result, the agency is depending increasingly on annual financial support from individuals and businesses to supplement grant funds which are usually designated for a specific program or service. These unrestricted contributions can be used wherever they are most needed.

From my own experience as a board member and annual donor, I assure you that the agency leaders are wise and responsible stewards of your investment in Family Service. I hope you will join me in continuing to support this agency as it begins its second hundred years of service to our community.

Congratulations Family Service staff, donors and volunteers, past and present. What a difference you have made in an uncountable number of lives through 100 years of service here in Champaign County.

Centennial Celebration article continued...

We were able to play a previously taped interview by Debbie Day with Marian Ascoli and Sheryl Bautch (former and current executive directors) highlighting the agency accomplishments under their respective tenures.

Meanwhile, Sheryl kept the energy going on stage as she called out thirty door prize winners throughout the event. We really appreciate all the local businesses that supported us in this way. Of course there would be no event without our wonderful sponsors. We offer many thanks to BankChampaign, Champaign Telephone, Health Alliance, Meyer Capel Law Firm, and Todd Jacob State Farm Insurance. You literally made our day! For full details about all our generous supporters, please see our website at www.famservcc.org



Guests register for door prizes and tour the timeline as they take the centennial quiz

It was a gift to have a reason to review our century of care in this community. We are stronger and better prepared for future challenges by learning from our shared history. We have reinvigorated longstanding partnerships as well as developed some new friends in the process. Mostly, we are very grateful to celebrate the integrity and the worth of the work that we do together every day. It’s a humbling thing to consider the impact of changing hundreds of thousands of lives. Thanks for that opportunity and thanks for your continued support as we begin our next century of care.

RSVP Volunteer Recognition Luncheon



Tuesday, October 4, 2011
Luncheon Seating: 11:30 am

Buffet Luncheon: 12:00 Noon

Round Barn Banquet Centre
1900 Round Barn Rd., Champaign

Emcee: Mike Haile

Entertainment to be determined

Luncheon Tickets: \$15
(No charge for RSVP members)

Please order by mail from:
Family Service RSVP
48 Main St. Champaign IL 61820

RSVP members will receive invitations in your Sept/Oct *Volunteer Connection*.
Please return by mail to Family Service RSVP on or before September 20 to attend
the luncheon at no charge.

Save the Date – Integrated Care: Building Bridges to Successful Partnerships

East Central Illinois Mental Health & Aging Coalition

October 25, 2011
8:30 am – 4:00 pm

Holiday Inn
1001 Killarney St., Urbana



Keynote Speaker
Dr. Martin Repetto, MD
Psychiatry, Neuropsychiatry
The Pavilion, Champaign

Conference Topics:
Medication management
Suicide in older adults
Laws covering Power of Attorney
Engagement of the older adult
Resources available
Town hall panel Q & A

**CEU's available for nurses, social
workers, & counselors**

Registration includes lunch/
snacks

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RSVP..... 359-6500
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Our Website:

www.famservcc.org

Homepage quick links to services
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*Supporting people across the generations
by providing quality human services:*

- Meals on Wheels**
- RSVP**
- Senior Transportation**
- Self-Help Center**
- First Call for Help**
- Senior HomeCare**
- Counseling**
- Children First**
- Senior Counseling & Advocacy**

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	May 2011	\$2,500	Self-Help Center
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