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NEWSLETTER OF RAUCH, INC.

# Behind *the* Seen

## March is National Disability Awareness Month!

Each March, Disability Awareness Month is celebrated throughout Indiana. Disability awareness is significant to all of us; after all, adults and children with disabilities represent over 19% of Indiana's population. Led by the Indiana Governor's Council for People with Disabilities, the goal of Disability Awareness Month is to increase awareness and promote independence, integration and inclusion of all people with disabilities.

This is the 22nd year in which Disability Awareness Month has been recognized. The 2012 theme was "Celebrating Community" with the slogan "Ignite community spirit: Get involved!" Rauch clients and staff visited fourth graders at Our Lady of Perpetual Help, Slate Run Elementary, Floyds Knobs Elementary, Rock Creek Christian Academy, Maple Elementary, and Jeffersonville Elementary. Students learned about various disabilities and participated in activities that simulated what it would be like to have a particular disability, such as attempting to play connect the dots while wearing glasses that had Vaseline smeared on the lenses and trying to identify an object by feel alone.

Each student was also encouraged to participate in an essay writing contest on the topic of "attitudes." Area fourth graders who submitted an essay were entered to win a \$30 cash prize and to also have \$30 donated to the charity of their choice. All of the essays will be read by a panel of judges and voted on to determine the five winners. We look forward to reading everyone's essays!



Imagine a community where everyone belongs...

## A Magical Evening

The lights dimmed, and the evening opened with the soothing sounds of jazz from the Jamey Aebersold Quartet. Attendees mingled and nibbled on appetizers while browsing and bidding on 97 unique silent auction packages. The tables were adorned with vases of colorful peacock feathers and crisp white linens. The 2012 Imagine Awards benefiting the Rauch Foundation had begun!

Ticket sales were brisk leading up to the big night on March 3, with the greatest number sold in the event's 12-year history. A buzz was in the air - the audience was excited to celebrate the cause, and eager to hear the amazing talent of pianist Matt Savage and toast the award recipients.

The promise of the evening did not disappoint. Matt's talent on the piano was undeniable, and the 19-year-old was equally engaging in his interview, where he spoke candidly about his diagnosis of high-functioning autism at age 3 and the subsequent therapies which brought him to his current level of incredible success. Without sheet music, the Berklee College of Music senior's hands effortlessly coasted across the keys, filling the Showroom with toe-tapping rhythms which culminated in a standing ovation.

The awards ceremony was unexpectedly intertwined. Gregory Thomas Court accepted his award first, thanking all of those who made it possible for him to be a successful businessman in the face of the challenges presented by Muscular Dystrophy. One of those supports was the New Albany-Floyd County School system, the organization at which Geradine Schultze has made a career assisting children with disabilities. As Geradine accepted her award, she acknowledged Greg's achievements and passed on well wishes from a former instructor. She also mentioned the Boy Scout troop, in which her son is a member, which has assisted at the Children's Academy Early Learning Center. That same troop was represented as Tunnel Hill accepted their award, as the Scouts provide volunteer support to the bi-monthly dances for individuals with disabilities hosted by the church.

Matt Savage took the stage one last time after the awards ceremony, and was delighted to be able to rouse the crowd with a rendition of "Back Home Again in Indiana" with the accompaniment of the Jamey Aebersold Quartet. As Jamey's jazz Play-a-Longs have been vital to Matt's jazz education, this was as much of a treat for the performer as it was for the crowd. The joy was apparent on Matt's face, and many others, as the crowd trickled out of the hall after a magical evening.



Photos from top: Rose Wathen, Rauch Foundation Secretary/Treasurer; Gregory T. Court; Bettye Dunham, Rauch CEO • Geradine Schultze & family • Tunnel Hill Christian Church: Michael Clark, Pastor Becky Gibbons, & Brenda Simmons • Right: Matt Savage & Jamey Aebersold. More photos at [www.facebook.com/rauchinc](http://www.facebook.com/rauchinc).

## SUMMER CAMP: A Time of Discovery

Rauch's Summer Respite Developmental Kids Camp will provide area youth with an opportunity for a fun and educational summer. The camp, designed to provide your child with a solid foundation for later learning, will enhance academics and improve social skills and social interactions.

A team of dedicated and experienced teachers will join forces to offer three 2-week sessions of discovery for kids with developmental disabilities ages 9-17 years. The first session will begin June 11. The

variety of approaches will include field trips, entertaining activities, and in-house events. The goal will be to develop the children's skills, broaden their horizons, increase social skills, and provide a time of respite for families.

More information about the summer camp or Children's Services, including a brochure, at [www.rauchinc.org/childrens\\_services](http://www.rauchinc.org/childrens_services) or contact Amelia Williams: [awilliams@rauchinc.org](mailto:awilliams@rauchinc.org) or 812-945-4063.

**Support Rauch's Summer Camp - eat at the Clarksville BW-3 on May 2. 10% of proceeds will benefit the program. Download a voucher at [www.rauchinc.org](http://www.rauchinc.org). You must have the voucher for your purchase to benefit Rauch!**



## CAN YOU SEE THE DIFFERENCE?

The week of March 12, new lighting was installed throughout Rauch Industries. The funds for this improvement came from the generous donors to our Building Blocks Campaign. The cost was also significantly reduced because of a rebate program currently available for increasing the use of energy-efficient lighting. Thank you to Earthwell Energy Management for a high-quality job on the lights, and for notifying Rauch about and securing the rebate. This photo shows what a difference the new lights are making. The lights on the left are the ones being replaced, and the ones on the right are the new fixtures. This improvement will not just help Rauch save on electricity and

reduce the heat output from the fixtures; it is also highly beneficial to the clients served, several of whom have vision impairments. Thank you to everyone who helped make this improvement possible.



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## Dine & Discover RAUCH!

Rauch is launching a new event series where, on a quarterly basis, the public is invited to visit us for a no-cost lunch to learn about the agency with a rotating focus on different programs and services.

The first "Dine & Discover" event will be held Friday, April 20, at Fairmont Neighborhood Center (2525 Charlestown Road in New Albany) from noon to 1 p.m. This session will give an overview of Rauch programs and services with a special emphasis on the ACCESS and Adult Developmental Activities (ADA) adult day programs. Participants will enjoy the special treat of a visit to The Studio, the art program which is part of the ADA program. RSVPs are required and attendance is limited to 12 people.

If you would like more information about Dine & Discover, or want to reserve your space, please contact Lindsey at 812-945-4063 or [ldavis@rauchinc.org](mailto:ldavis@rauchinc.org).



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Far too often, organizations find out about planned gifts of this sort after it is too late to properly thank the donor for their generosity and foresight. If you have made such plans, **please let us know** so that we can properly thank you for your generosity. If you would like to receive more information about making a planned gift, or would like to inform us of your will or estate plans which include Rauch, you may contact:

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Since 2011, Chris Shireman has been Rauch's Landscape Division Manager/Lead Designer, ensuring that yards and businesses across the area are trimmed, tidy and attractive. A lifelong resident of Southern Indiana, Chris' love of the outdoors developed into a career path when he worked with a Purdue University horticulture graduate and learned more about the field. Later, Chris went on to study Horticultural Production and Marketing at Purdue as well.

Prior to working at Rauch, Chris worked for respected local nurseries, and owned his own landscaping and lawn care business for three years. He is proud to now be able to put his skills to work to benefit a known and respected non-profit in his hometown. Rauch's Landscape division provides vital earned income for Rauch, and also is an important job training opportunity for people with disabilities in your community, who regularly help on the crew.

To learn more about Rauch Landscaping and Lawn Care, visit [www.rauchinc.org/landscaping\\_lawn\\_care](http://www.rauchinc.org/landscaping_lawn_care) or call Chris for a free estimate today at (502) 819-2633.



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Rauch's 4th  
Golf Scramble:  
**8/27 at Fuzzy  
Zoeller's  
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*More details at  
[rauchgolfscramble.com](http://rauchgolfscramble.com)*

### Other Dates:

- Dine & Discover Rauch, April 20, noon - 1 p.m., call Lindsey at 812-945-4063 to register
- Eat at Clarksville BW-3 to support Rauch's Summer Camp May 2. Visit [rauchinc.org](http://rauchinc.org) for details.
- Rauch Interpreting Services Open House, June 9, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m. at 215 E. Spring St., New Albany
- Summer Respite Developmental Kids Camp begins June 11