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WALK FOR ENVISION A SUCCESS!

It was blazing hot at Winton Woods on September 21st with temperatures soaring well above 90 degrees. But attendees didn't let the unseasonable heat and humidity diminish their fun as they gathered for the agency's first annual walk to support the services Envision provides to children and adults with developmental disabilities in the Greater Cincinnati area.

The event generated a whopping 60 percent increase in net revenue over last year's Emerald Gala, according to Director of Development, Susan Hosler. "The walk is really a good fit for us. We were so pleased by the turnout of individuals we serve and their families – along with staff and friends of Envision."

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Meet Roz Bell

An Everyday Super Hero



Her original design used for Walk for Envision team t-shirt

When the staff from Envision's Administrative Office formed a team for the "Walk for Envision" event in September, they engaged Roz Bell, who receives services through the agency's Supported Living program, to come up with the team name and t-shirt design.

"We wanted something that really reflected the spirit of the people we serve. Roz's 'Everyday Super Hero' was absolutely perfect," said Envision's CFO, Barry Chambers, who spearheaded the project.

When asked why she chose that team name, Roz simply said:

"Because I feel like a Super Hero!"



Roz Bell (middle) models her original T-shirt design with Envision staff members Barry Chambers (left) and Shelley Barsan (right).

Dear Friends of Envision...

It's the little things that make a **BIG** difference.

- A "comfort bag" filled with a toothbrush, soft pajamas, a teddy bear and other items can soothe some of the apprehension of moving into foster care when circumstances make remaining in the family home impossible for a child with a disability.
- Training aids – such as timers for toilet training and signage for task reminders – can help children with disabilities learn important life skills.
- A mattress for a child with a disability who sleeps on a couch (because she doesn't have a bed) can restore dignity and provide a much-needed good night's rest.
- Plants for a vegetable garden can give adults living in a group home a fun project and fresh produce for their meals.



Envision has always been committed to providing these "extras" and established a **Quality of Life Fund** many years ago to help provide "the little things that make a big difference." Every penny comes from compassionate individuals, like you, because government funding (our primary revenue source) only covers the most basic services we provide annually to more than 600 individuals.

Envision's **Quality of Life Fund** is running dry and desperately needs your help. Will you please consider making a generous year-end gift so we can continue to meet these very important needs?

We hope to raise **\$50,000 by December 31** and would be delighted to receive your donation. You can use the attached remittance envelope or make an online donation with a debit or credit card at www.envisionohio.org. Here are just some of the ways that your gift can make a difference:

<p>A gift of \$50 will provide training aids for two children in Envision's CITE program</p>	<p>A gift of \$100 will provide plants for a garden at one of Envision's group homes</p>	<p>A gift of \$250 will provide ten "comfort bags" for kids in Envision's foster care program</p>	<p>A gift of \$500 will provide a mattress for a child whose family can't afford one</p>
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Your tax-deductible gift will truly bring a smile to the face of a child, young adult and others with developmental disabilities who receive services from Envision. Thank you for believing in all the possibilities that continue to form Envision, now and in the future. Best wishes to you and your family for a wonderful Holiday Season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sara Neyer".

Sara Neyer
Envision Board Chair





Foster mom Alicia Barnfield (center) with Addy, age 11 (left) and Kiki (age 17).

“It’s like you’re never alone. And if you’re going through something, you have someone to talk to who really cares.”

– Addy (age 11)

The holidays are a time for families to gather and make memories, exchange gifts and enjoy each other’s company. Envision’s foster families are no different. They embrace the season – and each other – with bonds of love that transcend blood ties.

When Alicia Barnfield’s extended family gets together to celebrate Christmas, Kiki (age 17) and Addy (age 11) will have a place at the table. It won’t be the first time they’ve mingled with the relatives. They accompanied Alicia to a family reunion in Detroit last summer and visited COSI in Columbus on the way back.

“The girls are part of our family now and always will be,” said Alicia, a single mother of grown children who recently became a grandmother.

Even when Addy moves back home with her biological mother in the coming months, Alicia said the door to her house and heart will remain open. That’s not surprising to Kiki, who said:

“She has been so kind to us and has always made us feel welcome in her home.”

Fostering a Sense of Family

“When we go to family reunions, weddings and funerals, she comes with us because she's part of our family now.”

– Vicki Burt

Vicki Burt treats Patience (age 23) as she were her own daughter. Patience has lived with Vicki and her husband for four years. Shortly after Patience arrived in 2015, Vicki was diagnosed with cancer and had to undergo chemotherapy treatment. Patience pitched in, to the best of her ability, to help around the house.

“It’s been so wonderful having her here. We’ve had our struggles, but overall, Patience has been such a blessing. Even now, I’ve strained a muscle and need to use a cane to get around, but Patience really helps me out.”

Vicki and Patience enjoy going to movies together and doing other things that are typical of mothers and daughters.

Alicia and Vicki couldn’t be more different. Alicia works full time; Vicki and her husband are retired. But that only proves that there isn’t a “cookie-cutter” profile of the ideal foster parent. What matters most is a heart to help.

“The experience has opened my eyes about what people go through and has helped me take feelings into consideration. It makes me appreciate smaller things. I love it,” said Alicia.



Foster mom, Vicki Burt with Patience (age 23)

Interested in learning more about becoming a foster care provider? Please contact Kristie Hirsch at: (513) 619-2953 or khirsch@envisionohio.org



PLANNED GIVING

WILLS & BEQUESTS

BENEFITS OF A BEQUEST

- Receive an estate tax charitable deduction
- Reduce the burden of taxes on your family
- Leave a lasting legacy to charity

HOW A BEQUEST WORKS

A bequest is one of the easiest gifts to make. With the help of an attorney, you can include language in your will or trust specifying a gift to be made to family, friends or Envision as part of your estate plan, or you can make a bequest using a beneficiary designation form.

WAYS TO LEAVE A BEQUEST TO ENVISION

- Include a bequest to Envision in your will or revocable trust
- Designate Envision as a full, partial or contingent beneficiary of your retirement account (IRA, 401(k), 403(b) or pension)
- Name Envision as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy

GIFTS THAT PRODUCE INCOME

A Charitable Gift Annuity is just one of four gift-giving vehicles that produce income for the donor. Please visit Envision's website for information about the other three.

BENEFITS OF A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY

- Receive fixed payments for life
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction for the charitable gift portion of the annuity
- Benefit from payments that may be partially tax-free

HOW A CHARITABLE GIFT ANNUITY WORKS

A charitable gift annuity is a contract between you and Envision. You transfer cash or property to Envision and in exchange, we sign an annuity contract and promise to pay fixed payments to you for life. The payment can be quite high depending on your age, and a portion of each payment may even be tax-free. You will receive a charitable income tax deduction for the gift portion of the annuity. You may also make a gift of appreciated securities to fund a gift annuity.

Did you know that you can achieve your financial and estate-planning goals with a planned gift? It's a wonderful way to demonstrate your affinity for Envision while also reaping **substantial tax benefits** for you and your family.

STOCKS & BONDS

There are special rules for valuing a gift of stock. It is determined by taking the mean between the high and low stock price on the date of the gift. Mutual fund shares are valued using the closing price for the fund on the date of the gift.

BENEFITS OF GIFTS OF STOCKS AND BONDS

- Avoid paying capital gains tax on the sale of appreciated stock
- Receive a charitable income tax deduction

HOW TO MAKE A GIFT OF STOCKS AND BONDS

By electronic transfer – Please contact us on how you can transfer stocks or bonds from your brokerage or investment account to Envision.

By certified mail – If you hold securities in certificate form, you will need to mail two envelopes separately to complete your gift. In the first envelope, place the unsigned stock certificate(s). In the other envelope, include a signed stock power for each certificate. You may obtain this power from your broker or bank. Please remember to use certified mail.

IRA ROLLOVER

If you are 70½ or older, you may be interested in an IRA rollover as a way of lowering the income and taxes from your IRA withdrawals. You have until 12/31/19 to take a tax-free distribution of up to \$100,000 by executing an IRA Charitable Rollover.

BENEFITS OF A QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTION

- Avoid taxes on transfers of up to \$100,000 from your IRA to Envision
- Satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) for the year
- Reduce your taxable income, even if you do not itemize deductions
- Make a gift that is not subject to the deduction limits on charitable gifts

HOW AN IRA CHARITABLE ROLLOVER WORKS

- Your IRA funds will be directly transferred to our organization to help continue our important work.
- Please note that IRA charitable rollover gifts do not qualify for a charitable deduction.

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Peggy Lewis: 35 Years at Envision (*and counting...*)



Peggy was working as a drycleaner when she first encountered Envision (then known as the Resident Home for the Mentally Retarded).

Her neighbor, who had a young son with cerebral palsy, was in a bind and needed someone to fill in for her by attending required parent training sessions at Envision where her son was a student.

It didn't take long for the teachers and administrators to recognize that Peggy had the heart and motivation to work with children with disabilities.

She left drycleaning behind and her career at Envision was officially launched.

Today, she works in the CITE program, but has held a number of positions over the years after the residential school closed.

"I really love my job. Making a difference in the lives of kids and helping their parents be more effective in responding to the challenges their children face is way more satisfying than drycleaning!" said Peggy.