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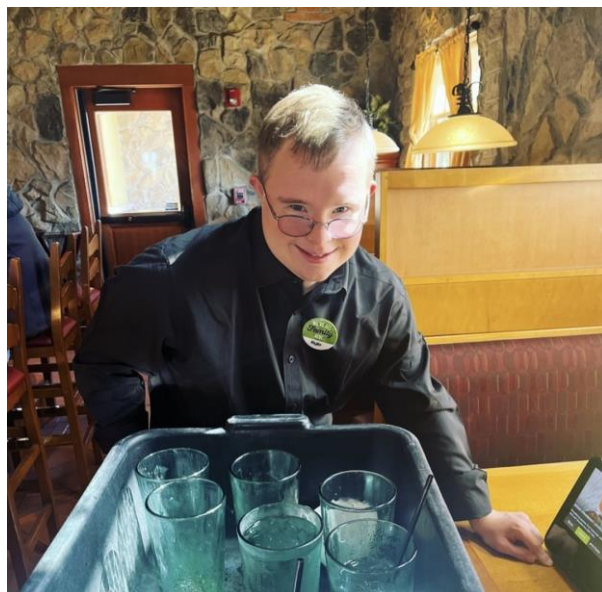
There's a fundamental truth that gives us hope - that together we can do extraordinary things - **together**.

Big news – we have made an offer on a piece of property in Olathe for our new supportive living campus, with hopes of coming to an agreement very soon! We will be excited to share more news as we have it... stay tuned.

Our young adults are SO READY for BelongKC!



Join us in celebrating! We are proud to announce that Inclusion Connections won Silver place for Best Event Campaign for Gala FashionAbility at the 2022 Nonprofit Connect Philly Awards! The Philly Awards celebrate outstanding achievements in nonprofit marketing and communications and we are honored that our organization was recognized.



STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

Kyle's new job! - Kyle Winegar, one of our fantastic PawsAbilities students has a new job at Olive Garden in Olathe! He is bussing tables, filling drinks, and sharing his big smile with all the customers! Kyle tells us his favorite thing about his new job is getting tips.

FashionAbility *Gala*

The **9th annual Gala FashionAbility is SOLD OUT!**

Our 2023 TOP MODEL peer-to-peer fundraising campaign is in place - you can donate to your favorite Top Model [HERE](#). The winners will be announced onstage at FashionAbility!

Also, we are accepting auction items now – please let us know if your business has something to donate – Madison.Brown@ickc.org.

INCLUSION CONNECTIONS NEVER SITS STILL

We continue to add new students to our PawsAbilities roster and are expanding the number and diversity of workplaces for our young adults! The program remains focused on employment that is both sustainable and meaningful!

We are expanding our Learning Center space, in effect doubling our square footage. The buildout will begin soon – we worked diligently to find grants to cover the expenses. With this new space, we will be able to better serve students by including an art studio to encourage entrepreneurs, as well as kick-off our new **Transition Academy** focusing on preparing young adults for independent living at **BelongKC!**

PawsAbilities

As you are shopping for the holidays, don't forget to visit the Olathe PawsAbilities retail store – we will have holiday themed merchandise and special deals!

Also, you can still schedule a [PawsAbilities Mobile Popup](#) visit at your workplace! We bring Paws products to your office, so it's easy for your coworkers to do their shopping and support our employment program at the same time!

Contact Edie.Howard@ickc.org TODAY to get on our calendar!



WE NEED VOLUNTEERS

PawsAbilities products are selling like wildfire! How about helping us out – we REALLY need people like YOU to cut fabric and t-shirts plus decorate dog treats – contact Rylee.Mason@ickc.org and she'll help you schedule.

Also remember - it's not too early to schedule your Volunteer Group to come to Paws in 2023!



YEAR END GIVING

We don't receive government funding, and we rely on the generosity of our wonderful donors to help us serve some of the most amazing students in our community. You can use the Donate button below, or donate through any number of places including United Way, National Christian Foundation, and the Greater KC Community Foundation. Don't forget those dollars sitting in your Donor Advised Charitable fund, and be sure to ask if your company matches their employees' donations!

We'd like to encourage you to make IC a part of your end of year giving.

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