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# The Clubhouse

## For Special Needs, Inc.

For the mild to moderate mentally/physically challenged teenagers and young adults.

JULY 2011

### From the director's desk

Dear Friends,

I do not believe there are any non-profits today that aren't feeling the crunch of the economy. This past year has been the biggest challenge for us. BUT, God is faithful and we're still here. DOUBLE BUT! It's been difficult since we rely 85% - 90% on donations and also a few of our families have lost their jobs and had to withdraw their young person from The Clubhouse. That's a sad thing to me - not the money part, although that is important; but that **the special needs teen isn't getting that much needed socialization.**

Socialization is very important. Humans are social beings and socialization is vital in anyone's development. However, often, our special needs community isn't given a lot of opportunity to interact with their peers.

If you remember the movie with Tom Hanks, Castaway, you might remember "Wilson." Wilson was a volleyball. That was Tom's buddy during his alone years on the island. It is imperative that humans interact. Without it, we would become mentally unbalanced. A volleyball just isn't going to cut it! Does society cause our special kids to create a "Wilson," or is it something else?

I firmly believe that our special needs teens and young adults do not progress further or quicker in their development because WE NEGLECT to give them quality interaction with their peers.

What do you think?

*Darlene*



Friday, July 8<sup>th</sup>  
6:00 - 8:00 pm

### Announcing TCSN NEWS 800

*The Right News, With The Right People!*

Weekly video news updates of upcoming events and activities featuring our very own young people news anchors!!!

Visit our website under the "Program & Fun" tab to get the latest, up-to-date news of the week.

### OUR WEBSITE

www.theclubhouse.org

### It's a NEW LOOK!

TAKE A LOOK!!!

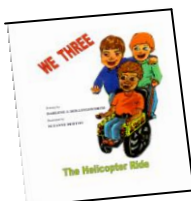
- Easy to get around
- Weekly TCSN NEWS video
- On-line games
- Videos / Slide Shows
- More links

Make a \$50 or more donation to The Clubhouse for Special Needs and choose from one of two

**THANK YOU** gifts.

Make check payable to The Clubhouse for Special Needs and mail to our address below.

**WE THREE-The Helicopter Ride**  
**WITHOUT U - Raising a Child with DS**



Visit [www.lulu.com/spotlight/wethree3](http://www.lulu.com/spotlight/wethree3) for details.

## OOPS!

### KROGER

Neighbor to Neighbor FUNDRAISER

**THE BARCODE IN THE JUNE NEWSLETTER WAS FOR LAST YEAR. OOPS!**  
**PLEASE USE THE BARCODE BELOW AND HAVE IT SCANNED AT YOUR LOCAL KROGER STORE.**  
Sorry for the inconvenience!!

July 1<sup>st</sup> begins a new program year!  
2011-2012

Present the BARCODE below to your Kroger's cashier upon checkout. After they have scanned your Kroger Plus Card you will be enrolled for the current year of the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation Program. Every time you shop at Kroger and use your enrolled Kroger Plus Card, Kroger will contribute a percentage of your eligible purchases to the Kroger Neighbor to Neighbor Donation fund. **Once a card is scanned with the barcode, it will be active for the remainder of the program year.**

THE CLUB HOUSE FOR SPECIAL NEEDS INC.



## Kroger Fundraiser 2011/12

**EMAIL TO YOUR EMAIL LIST AND ENCOURAGE THEM TO JOIN IN THIS FUNDRAISER AND HELP US!**

**The more people that participate, the more opportunity for a successful fundraiser!**

Thank you for participating!

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*"...exceedingly, abundantly above all we ask or think."*

501c3 Non-Profit Organization A MHMRTC Contracted Provider

Photo of the Month



IT'Z- Bumper Cars!  
[formerly Incredible Pizza, Euless]

## SUMMER PROGRAM

JUNE is Past  
JULY & AUGUST are left!  
There is room for you.  
817-285-0885

visit our website:  
[www.theclubhouse.org](http://www.theclubhouse.org) for the  
July Tentative Schedule.

Save this date  
AUGUST 19<sup>th</sup>  
This is our annual summer closing program.  
More info later!

## Community Opportunities

Save the date

**EXPO October 4, 2011**  
**Grapevine/Colleyville**

This EXPO has approximately 50+ exhibitors from various non-profit organizations which provide services to the Special Needs community. This is a must attend opportunity for you to learn what is out there for your special person!!!!

Visit us on FACEBOOK

### Summer Program Needs.

Thank you to those who responded to our summer program needs for June.

#### Here's what we need for July.

- Paper Cups [6-8 oz]
- Plastic ware [forks, spoons, knives]
- Printer paper [20 – 24 lb weight]
- Printer ink–Dell Mono Lazar MFP 1125

Thank you for helping with these needs!

EDUCATION: *The Clubhouse for Special Needs gives my young person an opportunity increase her life skills. Thank you!*

Parent

SOCIALIZATION: *I have friends. A lot of friends. I like the computer and the Wii.*

Teen

INDEPENDENCE: *The staff at The Clubhouse makes me do for myself and I learn to be more independence.*

Young Adult

**SOCIALIZATION, Not VEGETATION!**