

AGIS sponsors ice cream social



AGIS volunteers and Damar's Advancement team scooped up a little fun for Damar clients and staff.

Hundreds of Damar clients and staff spent a warm summer afternoon enjoying cool ice cream treats, thanks to the generous support of **Allied Group Insurance Services (AGIS)**.

On Aug. 5, four AGIS employees transformed Damar's conference room into a makeshift sundae factory and scooped more than 300 vanilla ice cream sundaes. The ice cream social was AGIS's first sponsored event at Damar.

"Simple things can light up the faces of these children," said **Nicole Roberts**, an AGIS volunteer. "When our team saw the joy

we could bring to the kids, they understand why we are involved with Damar. We're already planning our next visit."

Each year, more than 45 businesses, charitable foundations and community groups support Damar's important mission by providing event sponsorships and volunteers.

Learn how your organization can make a positive difference at Damar by contacting Donna Stutler, volunteer resources director, at donnas@damar.org or 317.856.5201 ext. 235.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

– Leo Buscaglia, author

Get ready for



The Damar Guild partners with Damar to bring awareness to the community while raising money for the organization and the children

they are privileged to serve. Each year the Guild plans, organizes and conducts annual fundraising events.

The ladies are hosting BINGO Night on Saturday, Nov. 7 at 6:30 p.m. at the Northside Knights of Columbus, 2100 E. 71st St. I am excited to say that tickets are going fast for this limited access event. The \$35 per person admission fee includes dinner, spirits, 10 rounds of BINGO, access to the silent auction, and many chances to win cash and great prizes. Guests must be at least 21 years old and all proceeds benefit Damar's mission.

If you are interested in BINGO Night sponsorship opportunities or helping the Damar Guild plan this event, please join me at the Guild's next meeting on Tuesday, Sept. 2 at 7 p.m. at the Northside Knights of Columbus. We will discuss the event agenda, floor plan, sponsorships and prizes. You can also contact me for additional information at donnas@damar.org or 856-5201 ext. 235.

Sincerely,

Donna Stutler

Volunteer Resources Director

CYO dance kicks off new school year



MJ, a Damar staff member, and Jade enjoy a dance together.

Crafts were made and dance talents where revealed at two afternoon events sponsored in August by **Good Shepherd Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)**.

On, Aug. 3, the girls at Damar created necklaces and party hats, and decorated T-shirts that many of them wore to school.

On Aug. 10, the organization sponsored a back-to-school cookout and dance. Before the dance moves broke out, the clients ate hotdogs, chips and other goodies provided by the CYO.

"We like to choose activities that we can get lots of kids involved in and keep them up and moving around," said **Bernie Price**, CYO leader. "The kids really like our music and we really enjoy being with the kids."

CYO dances are a favorite activity among those served at Damar.

"Our clients benefit from having access to the same experiences they would have if they were living at home," said Molly Wells,

volunteer resources and special events coordinator. "Support from organizations like the CYO go a long way toward helping up provide those special opportunities."

The Catholic Youth Organization (CYO)



was established in 1939

by Bishop Joseph E. Ritter to assist parents in providing quality educational programs for children and to supplement the education provided by Catholic schools. With more than 20,000 members, it has become one of the largest youth-serving agencies in Central Indiana. Each year, the CYO relies on the over 7,000 volunteers who serve as coaches, athletic directors, etc. Good Shepherd CYO has been volunteering at Damar Services since the 1970s.

Damar's new headquarters = new address

The mid-September opening of Damar's new two-story Administrative & Family Center will change the organization's official street address to 6067 Decatur Boulevard, Indianapolis, IN 46241. Damar's main telephone number (317.856.5201) and FAX number (317.856.2333) will not change.

The move to the northeast corner of campus also signals the opening of a new main entrance on Decatur Boulevard — accessible via Ameriplex Parkway — and the closing of both street access routes on Kentucky Avenue.

The Volunteer Resources department will be located on the second floor. Volunteers can continue to reach Donna Stutler at donnas@damar.org or 317.856.5201 ext. 235 and Molly Wells at mollyw@damar.org or 317.856.5201 ext 238.



Special Thanks Due

Eighty freshmen from **Butler University's Ambassadors of Change** program volunteered on Aug. 19 at the annual Mooresville Kiwanis Friends in Aktion Club skating party at Wheels of Wonder.

A philanthropy of Kiwanis International, Aktion Clubs provide meaningful social, recreational and community service opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Mooresville Kiwanis

Friends in Aktion Club serves clients of Damar's Community Living & Support Services (CLASS) program.

"Volunteering is such a great way for students to build their resumes, and I was so impressed by the way the Butler students interacted with the Aktion Club clients and really engaged in the activity," said Robin Mason, CLASS residential manager.



GivingBack

Thank you to the following volunteers for "giving back" in JULY 2008 by contributing 2010 hours.

Emily Adams
Rebecca Anderson
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Timothy Bateson, Jr.
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Breanna Burk
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Sofia Khan
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Jason Smock

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Greg Swinney
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Groups

Good Shepherd Catholic Youth Organization
Plainfield Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints
Southwest Indiana District of the Church of Nazarene

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Wal-Mart

Remember . . .
Please turn in your August
volunteer/intern hours by
SEPTEMBER 6, 2008

Damar Services, Inc.
P.O. Box 41
Carmy, IN 46113



Mark Your Calendar

Upcoming Special Events

Thursday, September 4, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Mighty Puppeteers Show

Saturday, September 6, 2008

Noon

Mid-West Motorcycle Club Picnic and Ride

Wednesday, September 10, 2008

6:30 p.m.

Scrapbooking for Bradford and Girls Base



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