



Family Support

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Family Support Walk-N-Roll 2013



Oh what a wonderful morning we had! Twelve Family Support clients along with their friends and family, turned out on a beautiful November Saturday for the 2nd Annual FS Walk -N- Roll fundraiser. We had 40 in all to participate, which included members of the Local Council and a photographer who volunteered his time. We raised more than \$1100 for the FS program and those on our waiting list (which is up a little from last year's walk.)

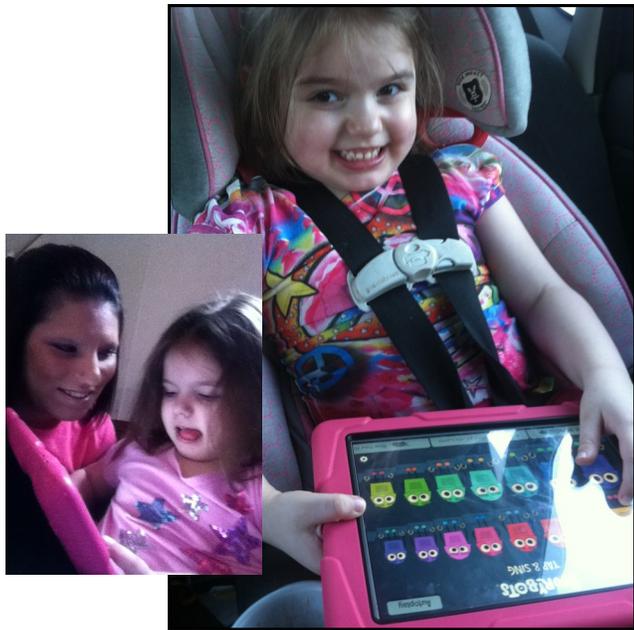
A big thanks goes out to all those who participated... by coming out for the event, for baking cookies, for bringing their crafts to sell, for taking pictures, and for making donations. We look forward to next year, and hope to make it bigger and better! We'll be sharing information with you about our next walk during FS sign-up times in the Spring.



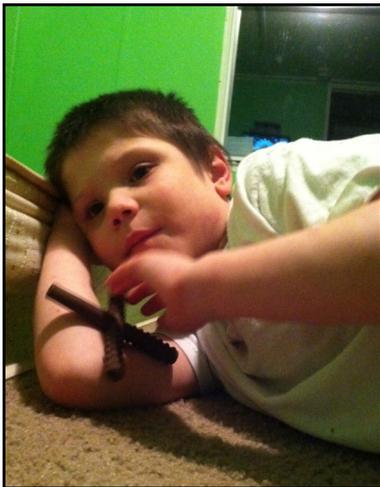
Stephanie Hicks and her grandmother Sammie Wells of Lincoln County were back again this year for the walk. Sammie serves as member emeritus on the Local Council.

Technology Can Sometimes Be the Difference Needed

Most children reach developmental milestones around the same age.... Rolling over, crawling, noticing their own hands, recognizing their mommy's voice, walking... and we can't forget saying their first word. For one FS mom of two with Autism, saying the first word was a challenge she wanted her daughter to overcome. Her daughter's therapist recommended using an iPad with a specific communication application. So the mom, Dawn, asked if Carly's Family Support dollars could be used to purchase an iPad. The answer was yes. In her letter requesting the iPad, Carly's therapist said that it was "imperative that Carly have a means to communicate effectively with others." Mom reports that Carly loves her iPad and recently spoke her first word... Daddy.



Carly Weaver of Franklin County, pictured above, with the iPad purchased with her allocated FS funding, and working together with her mom, Dawn, on numbers. Carly is 6. She and brother Dylan, pictured left have been diagnosed with Autism. Dylan, who is 7, is playing with one the sensory toys, used for fine motor development . His sensory toys were also purchased with FS funding.



Walk N Roll Friends



DIDD Proposes Cutting Family Support Funding Next Fiscal Year Yes, They're Trying To Do It Again!

We had hoped with Governor Haslam taking the reins and including Family Support in his budget for this year, funding would be a sure thing for at least the next two years while he is still in office. However, we are not as confident after reviewing the Department of Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities (DIDD) budget presentation for fiscal year 2014-2015 included cutting funding completely to the Family Support Program. Governor Haslam had asked each department again this year to include a 5% reduction in their proposed budget, and for the DIDD the biggest portion of that "reduction" was eliminating funding to our program!

So what does this mean for us? It means we must begin contacting our legislators! It's time for letters, calls, emails and personal visits. After several years of this uncertainty we feel our legislators know *who* Family Support is, but they need to be reminded *how* important Family Support is to you and your family. *And* we want to thank them for our funding for this year. Stories and a picture are what you need to share, and get your family and friends involved, too. Feel free to give the office a call if you have any questions about what to say, or how to contact your legislator (931-6847673).

"Disability Day on the Hill" is set for January 29, 2014. This is a great day to visit your legislators in person, just call ahead for an appointment. Representatives from the Community Development Center will be going that day to advocate for the future of Family Support.

Keep in touch. Let us know what you are doing, and especially any responses you get from your legislators.

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Happy Holidays from me and my girls!

With love,

Christy Jensen, FS Coordinator

(with Molly, Annie-Grace and Zoe)

**Please keep in mind
as you use your FS
dollars... the absolute
deadline for turning in
all receipts and invoices is
May 15, 2014.**

*If you usually wait until the very end
to turn in your receipts, do
me a favor and go ahead and begin
turning them in now. (This will help
you get your funds sooner!)*

- Christy

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