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Center for Social Change

We Change Lives!

Our Mission

is to provide services of the highest quality for people with cognitive and developmental disabilities and related disorders including autism that optimize each individual's independence and capabilities, ensure self-determination and rights and, with partnerships in the community, enhances their opportunities to live healthy, safe and valued lives.

Our Vision

is to provide programs and services to individuals with developmental disabilities and related disorders including autism to live and work in the community and exercise their rights, choice and freedom and to live independent of institutional life through integrated efforts of change agents who are passionate about changing lives of people with disabilities throughout the world.





JURASSIC WORLD LIVE TOUR

Get ready for an adventure 65 million years in the making with the Jurassic World Live Tour, an epic experience that roared into Baltimore on a spectacular Saturday afternoon, March 16. All the dinosaur lovers from CSC signed up to experience this unique event. This immersive tour is a dream for many, promising an unforgettable day for our individuals and staff. Our CSC community witnessed the awe-inspiring spectacle of life-sized dinosaurs, from the mighty Tyrannosaurus Rex to the intelligent Velociraptors, in a live setting. Using cutting-edge technology, these prehistoric creatures are brought to life with stunning realism. A unique educational opportunity, the tour brings prehistoric learning to life in a way that books can't match.



KID'S EASTER EGG HUNT

On March 28, 2024 Center for Social Change transformed its backyard and mini golf course into an enchanting Easter wonderland, delighting the hearts and sparking the imaginations of the children in our CSC program. The backyard was speckled with colorful eggs, each containing sweet surprises that sparked excitement and happiness as they were discovered. Adding to the festive atmosphere was the arrival of the Jelly Bean Easter Bunny, a beloved character who brought smiles and laughter to all. The highlight for many was the moment each child received their Easter basket, filled with stuffed toys, candies, lunchboxes, backpacks, and more.



ANNUAL SPRING FASHION SHOW

On April 26th, Center for Social Change blossomed into a vibrant runway for its annual fashion show, and what a spectacle it was! This year, we embraced the essence of spring - a palette of spring colors and a floral theme that brought the season to life right before our eyes. The air buzzed with excitement as our fun DJ set the perfect soundtrack, turning the runway into a spectacular event that had everyone moving. Our CSC models walked down the runway, showcasing their spring-inspired outfits that dazzled the audience. But what's a fashion show without a little paparazzi action? Our photographer, playing the part brilliantly, captured the magic of the moment, adding an extra layer of fun and realism to the event. After the runway lights dimmed, we all shared laughs and compliments. Here's to another year of style, creativity, and community at CSC.





MEMORIAL DAY

Memorial Day is a time to honor those who have sacrificed their lives for our country, but it's also an opportunity to come together and enjoy the company of friends and family. The Memorial Day Cook-Out at CSC on May 24, 2024, was a perfect blend of remembrance and celebration. No cookout is complete without mouth-watering food, and the CSC Memorial Day Cook-Out did not disappoint. Catered American barbeque and a variety of sides were available from Founding farmers, satisfying every palate. Guests were greeted by vibrant red, white, and blue banners and balloons, setting a festive tone right from the start. The event was filled with activities designed to bring out the fun in everyone. The DJ kept the energy high with a lively mix of music. We always look forward to this annual tradition, honoring our heroes while celebrating the freedoms they fought to protect.

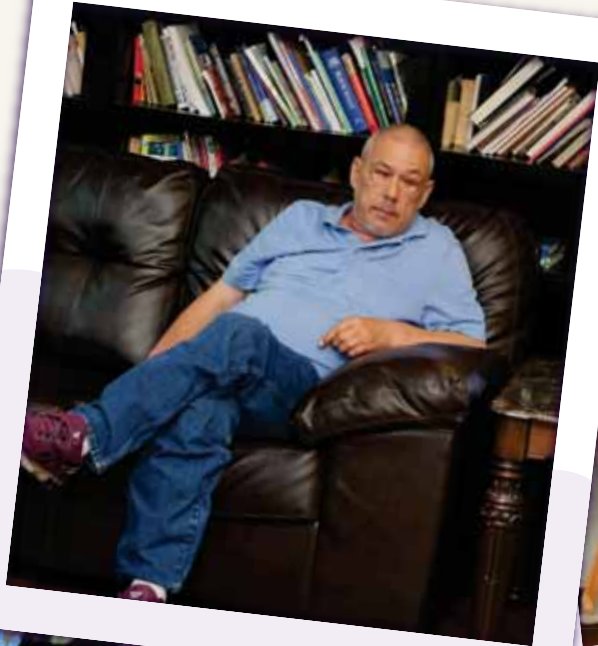




SUMMER CARNIVAL

CSC hosted a vibrant and joyous carnival to celebrate the July 4th holiday, creating an unforgettable day filled with fun, food, and festivities. The ambiance was set with decorations in classic red, white, and blue, capturing the patriotic spirit of Independence Day. The outside of the program gleamed with colorful decorations, welcoming everyone to join the celebration. The carnival featured a variety of engaging games that delighted everyone. The inflatable basketball hoop was enjoyed by many followed by the royal flush dunk tank that several of our staff volunteered to get inside and get wet. The event was filled with laughter, creativity, and a splash of color as our talented balloon artist twisted and turned balloons into fantastic shapes and characters. The highlight was undoubtedly the caricaturist. Attendees lined up eagerly to get their portraits made, each sketch capturing their unique features with a playful twist. Our photographer was on hand to capture all the memorable moments including dance moves and face paintings. No carnival is complete without mouth-watering food, and Founding Farmer's BBQ did not disappoint. As the day came to a close, it was clear that everyone had a fantastic time.





ORIOLES GAME AMDC

The Orioles Game Party suite on May 15, 2024 was not just a regular baseball game for the attendees. It was a full experience that left lasting memories and brought individuals and staff of CSC together. The suite allowed for socializing and bonding over our love for sports and the Orioles team. Everyone enjoyed the game from the comfort of our luxurious suite, designed to provide an unparalleled viewing experience. With cozy seating, ample space, and top-notch amenities it was a dream come true for our CSC fans. But beyond the delicious food and comfortable setting, there was something special about being at Camden Yards that day. Perhaps it was the energy of the crowd, or the excitement of seeing and cheering for the winning of the Orioles. From game-changing home runs to flawless fielding, our players have shown exceptional skill and determination. Orioles have emerged victorious.





KINGS DOMINION

On July 20th the CSC community embarked on an exciting trip to Kings Dominion in Virginia. Both individuals and CSC staff had been eagerly anticipating this adventure, and it certainly did not disappoint. The trip began with a lively bus ride filled with excitement. Everyone shared their hopes for the day and discussed which rides they were most eager to experience. Upon arrival, the group wasted no time in heading straight for the roller coasters and thrill rides. The rides offered a perfect blend of adrenaline and fun, leaving everyone with unforgettable memories. Between the exhilarating rides, there was plenty of time for bonding. Individuals and staff members enjoyed delicious food and refreshing beverages, sharing stories and laughter. The rainy weather couldn't dampen the spirits; instead, it added to the camaraderie, as everyone enjoyed the park's indoor attractions and huddled together under umbrellas.



KID'S SIX FLAGS WATERPARK:

On July 24, 2024, our CSC children and staff embarked on a highly anticipated outing to Six Flags Waterpark! With thrilling slides, lazy rivers, and wave pools, excitement was in the air as everyone geared up for a day of fun and adventure. The day began at Buccaneer Beach, where everyone splashed around and enjoyed the sun. The lively atmosphere and refreshing water ensured everyone had a great start to their adventure. For those who love a bit of speed, Bamboo Chutes was a hit. The twists and turns of this ride brought out the inner daredevil in many of our group members. Next up was Hurricane Bay, the park's massive wave pool. The standout moment of the day was undoubtedly the RipQurl, the tallest water ride at the park. By the end of the day, everyone left feeling refreshed and rejuvenated. The trip to Six Flags Waterpark was the perfect way to enjoy the summer and cool off in the water.







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