

End of Year Giving

The entire Opportunities Unlimited family is very thankful to be a part of such a giving and inclusive community. Because of the generosity of individuals and businesses throughout the Siouxland region we are able to provide and improve upon the services we perform each day for our persons served.

As the year draws to a close, we ask that you remember Opportunities Unlimited in your year-end charitable giving. All gifts, in any amount, are greatly appreciated and will allow us to continue to excel and expand our services to individuals and families in Siouxland.

In 2014 we saw change, growth and new partnerships!

- OU opened its first Home and Community Based Services home for young adults making the transition to a more independent lifestyle – this new home is OU's 10th residential dwelling

- OU has partnered with the City of Sioux City to provide vocational training to our persons served through the Parks and Recreation Department
- OU continues to grow community partners like the Sioux City Art Center at opening events, Art Splash and through art therapy classes for our persons served
- The city provided a bus shelter on the OU campus for the individuals served that utilize public transportation
- OU has now certified and employs 44 Certified Brain Injury Specialists, we have achieved CARF accreditation for the 3rd time, and maintained our ACBIS and BBB memberships

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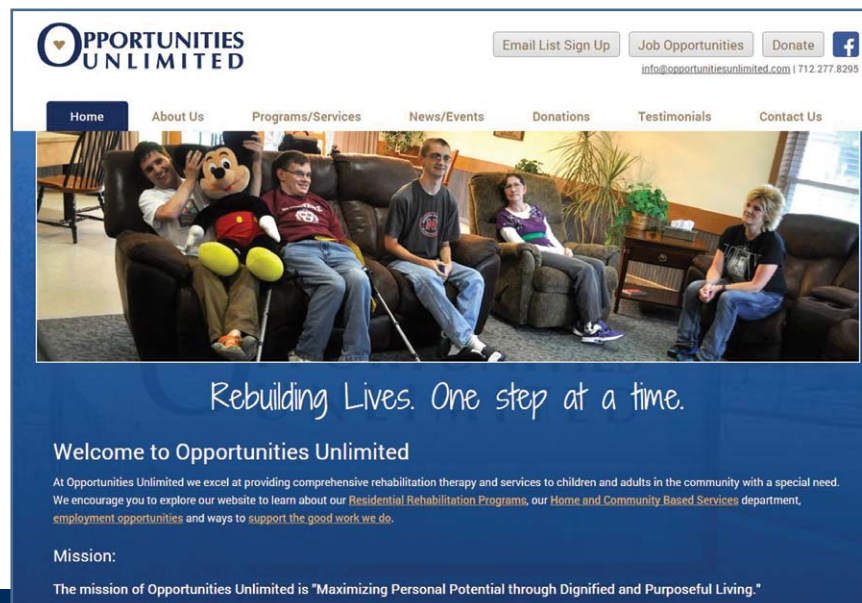
<http://opportunitiesunlimited.com/end-of-year-campaign.php>

Check Out the All New OU Web Site!

We've been hard at work updating our web site with new content, updated outcomes, new pictures and video, and more ways than ever to connect with OU. You can sign-up for email updates from OU, check out our job opportunities and contribute to OU to help us keep bringing our services to the Siouxland community.

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Persons Served Keep Active in Our Community

Summer and Fall has once again been an extremely active time for OU persons served and staff alike. Not only do we get out into the community we also give back in various ways. Here's a sample of some of the fun activities we've been up to.

- OU had a pie toss to raise funds for the "Feed Just One" program at LeMars Gehlen High School
- Girls Inc. came out and toured the OU facility and had access to our playground
- We held a fundraiser at Pizza Ranch where OU staff and persons served played the part of servers for a night
- OU participated in the opening celebration of the Jackson Pollock exhibit at the Sioux City Art Center and OU participated in the Art Center's 100th Birthday Celebration
- The OU Golf Tournament was another resounding success with the help of OU staff and persons served
- The Revelers performed at OU as part of the Mardi Gras Krewe de Charlie Sioux Celebration
- OU staff and persons served raised money for ALS by participating in the "Ice Bucket Challenge"
- OU persons served visited a local Pumpkin Patch
- OU Celebrated Bike Helmet Safety and Awareness with a Summer Solstice Night Time Bike Ride
- OU had a huge turnout for Family Day



"Maximizing Personal Potential through Dignified and Purposeful Living"

OU Hosts the Neighborhood for a "Trunk or Treat"

In addition to the normal excitement that goes along with Halloween at OU, this year, OU hosted a "Trunk or Treat" event in the parking lot of the OU Center.

OU staff and persons served decorated the trunks of their cars in spooky fashion, created games and had prizes and Halloween candy on hand for the neighborhood kids and the persons served in the Home and Community Based Services department.

A great time was had by all that came out and braved the cold. Everyone had a such a good time that we've decided to make this an annual event so stay tuned for next year's "Trunk or Treat"!





Pollock in the Park



This summer the Sioux City Art Center generously asked if the OU staff and Persons Served would like to participate in Art Splash. We jumped at the chance and through brainstorming with the Art Center staff came up with the idea of celebrating the arrival of Jackson Pollock's "Mural" by creating "Pollock in the Park".

The Art Center donated two 20 foot long canvases and our local Home Depot donated more than \$500 in paint. During Art Splash the public came and learned about OU, the Art Center and Jackson Pollock's "Mural" and added to the canvases.

We were thrilled with the results and the works of art are now adorning the walls at the OU Center. We encourage the public to come and see these unique pieces of art. You can call and make an appointment at 712-277-8295.



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OU Expands with New Community Partnerships

OU has some exciting new partnerships to announce!

It's been a busy summer and fall for the staff and persons served at Opportunities Unlimited as we continue to increase our community presence. More than ever before, OU persons served, our Vocational Department and leaders are being seen in the Siouxland community.

The OU Vocational Department is now working with the Sioux City Parks and Recreation Department to provide park clean-up services. Each week you'll find persons served from OU helping to beautify a different Sioux City public park. Not only are we thrilled to work with the city and happy to have this new opportunity to provide vocational training, but we're pleased to be able to beautify and actively support our city.

Additionally, OU has contracted with Walmart to provide cleaning services at a local location.

OU has also developed and grown an extremely positive partnership with the Sioux City Art Center. OU has participated in several Art Center events like the opening of the Jackson Pollock exhibit, the 100 year anniversary celebrations, ArtSplash and OU leadership attended ARTilicious.

Another new partnership has formed between OU and Palace for Paws. The OU Vocational Department provides cleaning services and as an added benefit the persons served get to spend some quality time with the dogs.



Revelers performing at OU



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