Celebrating 65 Years of Caring

“Take this child to the state institution and leave him there.”

“Go home and take care of your other children.”

“Forget you had him; let the state take care of him.”

These are suggestions physicians were reported to have routinely made to parents of children with significant disabilities through the first half of the last century. Some families followed this advice. Some did not. Our story here in Clark County is of those pioneering parents in 1952 who did not. Sixty-five years ago this month, parents of children with disabilities defied advice and are now the founders of the intertwined history of Developmental Disabilities of Clark County and TAC – The Abilities Connection.

The vision and mission of these early activists was to create meaningful lives for their children here in our community, lives that paralleled those of children without disabilities.

Our organizations started with one parent and child meeting another parent and their child. They shared their hopes and dreams, and together decided to transform our community to include their children. Today, we are still focused on the person. Everything from the daily schedule to desired services to specific jobs or activities is individualized and based on the person’s desires and needs.

Our programs began small, but the trajectory of our combined history has grown bigger and wider. We started with borrowed space, donated equipment, supplies and volunteers. We told our stories and garnered more community support. Our services became more professional, and funding came more in the form of grants, and later educational units or billing for services.

In 1958, a committee of labor, civic and business leaders formed to fund the building of a school. This ballot issue -- the first of its kind to provide funding for a community program for children with significant disabilities -- was approved with 86% of the vote. For decades after, each time we asked our community for support, the answer was “Yes”!

As children grew into young adults, they often found the doors to employment closed to them. So we asked the community for work opportunities. The answer was “Yes”! Companies provided contract work, group employment, and individual employment opportunities. They still do today.

TAC Industries, Inc. has grown from a small job shop to an integral part of the business plans of a number of local companies. Our mission remains true to our founding parents’ aspirations: to employ, connect and care for people with disabilities in community settings of their choice.

Today we celebrate our shared history-- Developmental Disabilities of Clark County and TAC -- for 65 years of caring. Dr. Frederick Mueller, one of the founding parents, described this as “One of the greatest works on earth.” That is as true today as the day he

Mary Brandstetter, CEO
TAC—The Abilities Connection

Jenny Rousculp-Miller, Superintendent
Developmental Disabilities of Clark County
BUSINESS NEWS

Third Quarter Business Operations

USAF—463L Cargo Net Manufacturing

We are currently producing at 4500 nets per month. We have adjusted our schedule to run near 3,000 nets a month starting in October. More orders still pending.

FMS - 463L Cargo Net Sales-

We have sold over 200 FMS nets in the 3rd quarter of this year.

USAF- 463L Cargo Net Repair -

We lowered our production to 500 nets a month for 3rd quarter of this year due to the low volume of nets coming in for repair. We did receive in a new Repair Delivery Order that will take us into next year repairing cargo nets.

Trutec— We continue to have a strong workload each day with parts setting. As of September, we have set over 3 million parts this year for Trutec.

Cascade - Third quarter volumes have been steady. So far, for the year, we have assembled and packaged over 21,000 parts for Cascade.

SK Tech – Due to automotive module changes, our spring assembly requirements have been declining each month. Even with reduced demands, we have assembled over 500,000 springs to date.

Xylem — Continues to be a steady, long- time customer.

NexGen - We have our 3rd order in hand to produce 37 seat covers and 185 seatbelts by the end of the year.

CSafe Global- Orders have continued to pick up after a slow start this year. We have requirements to ship several bags, document pouches, and straps by the end of the year.

Morgal - We have gained Morgal as a new customer this year. We are inspecting and packaging automotive parts for this local customer.

ColePak - We have also gained ColePak of Urbana as a new customer during 3rd quarter of this year. Many groups have learned to assemble cardboard inserts in the last month.

For Rittal - Our production orders were up in September, we have shipped 1,487 completed assemblies from our plinth packaging area. We should end up around 2500 units by end of the month, putting us at the highest.

Hef USA— Volumes have picked up slightly over the last quarter.

A Visit from Kinedyne

TRUTEC cargo nets were featured prominently in a recent story about shipping relief to victims of Hurricane Irma in FL.
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Jerri Gutierrez is just one of the new staffers here at TAC in the past few months. Welcome to all—we’re very glad to have you on board!

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**UPCOMING EVENTS / DATES TO REMEMBER:**

- October 9 — Inservice Day (Staff only)
- October 20 — FALL HARVEST Celebration
- November 10 — Veteran’s Day (TAC closed)
- November 23 & 24 — Thanksgiving Holiday (TAC closed)
- November 29 — Open Mic in the Four Seasons Room
- December 22 — HOLIDAY PARTY
- December 25 — Christmas Day (TAC is closed)
- December 26-29 — STAFF ONLY (TAC is closed)
- January 1 — New Year’s Day (TAC is closed)

**STAY healthy this winter!**

- Exercise (a brisk walk) for 45 minutes a day can help reduce the risk of a cold!
- Get sleep—7 or 8 hours a night
- WASH your hands often
- Avoid rubbing your eyes; cover your mouth when coughing or sneezing
- Get a flu vaccine

Congratulations to our Advocates of the Month! Jackie Gay is our August advocate, and Nathan Hensley is our September advocate. Both individuals are recognized for their consistent and meaningful contributions to TAC’s overall mission. Good job Jackie and Nathan!
Summer SLAM 2017

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DEC BIRTHDAYS

Francis Fent  1
Amanda Nolan  5
Chad Giedt  8
Robert James  10
Kim Bollinger  12
Juanita Ferner  13
Richard Kilgore  13
Gail Leffel  13
Lloyd Speaks  14
Ronnie Braden  15
Treva Combs  15
Joe Courtney  16
Kyle Schwartz  18
Thomas Holt  19
Paris Patterson  20
Karen Capper  21
Stacy Thomas  21
Chris Anuszewski  23
Maureen McWilliams  24
Elza Salyer  24
Larry Windon  24
Judith Albert  26
Brian McClanahan  26
Terry McCullough  26
Michael Fent  27
Gary Scarbrough  30
Joseph Miller  31
Frederick Rice  31
Sue Ellen Young  31

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Thanks to everyone who came out to run, set, spike, pull, toss and pickle ball for TAC on Saturday, Sept. 9th. We “TAC Cats” had a great day!