



VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES



A Fashion Show event to benefit the Friends of JCDS

Friday • September 23, 2011 • 6 p.m.

Overland Park Convention Center • Eilert Ballroom B and C
6100 College Boulevard • Overland Park, KS 66211

EVENT OVERVIEW

The 2011 RESTYLE RUNWAY fashion show promises to be an unforgettable experience! Friends of JCDS, in conjunction with Big Brothers and Big Sisters of Greater Kansas City, has invited students enrolled in any college art, design or fashion merchandising classes to show off their talents and compete for cash scholarship prizes by creating clothing collections restyled entirely from donated items obtained at local Savers stores. The garments will be presented by models, including people served by JCDS, with winners announced at the September 23 runway show.

WE NEED YOUR HELP

Putting on a full-scale runway fashion show is lots of fun - but it's a big job!

We need your talents, your energy and your big heart to help make Restyle Runway 2011 our most successful fundraiser yet! If you'd like to lend a hand, contact event chair, Marcia Tammeus, at: mtammeus@kc.rr.com. We look forward to hearing from you!

RESTYLE RUNWAY VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Promotions and Marketing

- Design marketing materials
- Assist in development of press packages
- Design & place media advertising including flyers, posters & advertisements
- Develop/distribute event signage

Sponsorship

- Contribute to list of potential sponsors
- Solicit individuals/businesses to establish sponsorship relationships and/or secure gift basket items
- Maintain an accurate list of event supporters
- Write thank you letters to all financial & in-kind donors

Event Production

- Help plan decoration needs including tables, gift basket display, seating & stage
- Assist with set-up prior to event
- Help clean-up after the event
- Assist with return of borrowed equipment/ supplies





YOUR VOLUNTEER SUPPORT MAKES WISHES COME TRUE

These examples demonstrate how your volunteer support helps meet specific, long-term needs of our neighbors with intellectual and developmental disabilities through Friends of JCDS.

NO PLACE LIKE HOME

Instead of being isolated in a special building, or even living at home with his parents, Chris has moved into a bright, airy, wheelchair-accessible home! The home offers a tremendous opportunity for Chris and his roommates to live more independent and fulfilling lives.

Chris' home is the 11th to be purchased and renovated by Friends of JCDS; Chris is now one of nearly 50 people served by JCDS who are benefiting from the wheelchair-accessible features of these homes.

For his part, Chris has already befriended his new neighbors, explored the corner park and visited a nearby church!

Just ask and Chris will tell you --- "There's no place like home!"



We truly appreciate your support!



HELP WHEN NEEDED MOST

Sometimes life deals a difficult hand and we've no choice but to accept it. Certainly this has proven true for Renee!

Born with severe developmental and physical disabilities, Renee is unable to speak, walk, or carry out the activities of daily living without help from others. Yet she loves life and joins in a variety of pursuits at home and at JCDS every day.

Renee uses a recliner to stretch out and relax from the sometimes painful constraints of her wheelchair. But when her old one wore out and she needed a new one - Renee simply couldn't afford to make the purchase!

Thanks to a special assistance grant from Friends of JCDS, she can now continue to benefit from this simple, yet important, amenity.

A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Although he'd moved with his long-time roommates into a comfortable, barrier-free Friends-owned home several years ago, things were going downhill for Jimmy. He had gained a lot of weight, which aggravated other serious health and behavior conditions. Those who cared about him were deeply concerned. He began refusing to participate in life's activities, preferring the sanctuary of his bedroom and ever-blaring television set.

Today, Jimmy is a changed man! Thanks to a healthy eating plan implemented by his staff, he's lost significant weight! In addition, a grant from Friends special assistance fund enables Jimmy to maintain a regular swimming schedule at the YMCA.

