

CWTC
benefits from
 CITY CLIPPERS CLIP-A-THON



City Clippers hosted 35 CWTC consumers on July 1 for their Clip-A-Thon fundraiser. The consumers were each charged \$5 to receive a haircut and the money raised—about \$200 – was donated to CWTC. The event raised more than just money for the organization but also a feeling of independence for the consumers who participated.

City Clippers co-owners Jackie Patten, Annette Inman and Marti McDaniel, as well as stylists Jody Scott, Brenda Brooks and Morgan Glaub closed their doors to the public so they could give haircuts to CWTC consumers. Jackie, whose brother Jim Davis is a CWTC consumer, wanted to bring her business together with CWTC as a way to give back to the organization that has given so much to her brother.

Patten's mother passed away last year and Jim, who lived with their mother for 59 years, was devastated and in need of assistance. "Peoria lacks programs for the disabled, and he needed help quickly," says Jackie, who contacted Mona Robinson at CWTC and explained her brother's situation. Mona immediately started looking for placement for Jim and within 45 days she found him an apartment.

"We try to find people a comfortable home and something they like to do," says Mona, "just like the rest of us."

Jim now lives on his own in an apartment and works four days a week at the CWTC facility, breaking down cardboard

packaging and learning janitorial skills. "The entire staff was wonderful," Jackie says. "It gave him something to look forward to. The job gave him a life."

Jackie and the rest of the staff at City Clippers always enjoy when the CWTC consumers come into the shop. "They are wonderful," she says. "You get something back from them. You feel appreciated. This is just something we wanted to do to give back."

Consumers were charged \$5 each to receive a haircut. The event raised about \$200 and Jackie stressed the staff donated not just their time but also their wages for the event. "These girls are doing this because they care."



Upcoming events:

September 9
 Annual Awards Dinner & Auction

October 22
 Corporate Trivia Challenge

November 26
 Thanksgiving Luncheon

August 2008

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Letter to our friends...

When you have a dependent with special needs—like the people we serve at CWTC—it's especially important to think about the future. Here is some information I believe will help you as you make plans to meet the long-term needs of your family member.

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Gail M. Leiby, Executive Director

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Experts On-line

Two CWTC administrators are proud to serve as Experts Online at www.week.com—the website of Peoria's WEEK-TV Channel 25. Patti Gratton, administrator of residential services, and Jim Simkins, administrator of vocational services, are the CWTC featured experts.

The site has been a great way to reach out to the community and share information on the many services offered. Visitors may read the CWTC section, which includes answers to many commonly asked questions, or they may submit a question of their own to be answered by the experts.

The Experts Online page includes CWTC contact information as well as a link to the CWTC website. You may visit the site at www.week.com/features/expertsonline.

CWTC Corporate Trivia Challenge

Wednesday, October 22

- game-show format
- prizes
- bragging rights
- fun

Location to be determined

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the trophy!

Join us on September 9th

CWTC PATHWAY AWARDS DINNER & SILENT AUCTION
Par-A-Dice Hotel, East Peoria, Illinois

Silent Auction & Cocktails 5 p.m., Dinner & Program 6 p.m.

special guest speaker: Abbey Curran, The Reigning 2008 Miss Iowa, USA
tickets, \$35.00 each. For reservations, call 309.686.3300.

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