

98,579 HOURS >

A SUCCESS FULL (FISCAL) YEAR... 98,579 HOURS AT CEL

**T**hank you for helping us end our fiscal year strong!

Fiscal Year 2016 was an incredible year and we have YOU to thank! I want to share a few of our proudest achievements that have happened because of you!

- 429 members enjoyed 98,579 hours of achieving goals, expanding life experiences and learning new skills at CEL and the surrounding community.
- 1,920 donors gave \$1,612,835 throughout the year!
- Received the Charity Navigator 4-star designation for the 3rd year in a row!
- Selected as Chicago Magazine's top twenty nonprofits to support
- Achieved Universal Design in our building so that each individual who enters and uses our building does so as equals.



Summer Camp just ended where the campers enjoyed trips to local pools, art projects, and theme days, such as a Hawaiian Luau and Hollywood Day! REACH members are still enjoying the season visiting Farmer's Markets, local beaches and festivals. Our evening and weekend excursions are getting members of all ages out in the community taking in summer concerts, festivals and more!

Sammie is a new CEL member who attended Summer Camp this year. **She is happy at CEL, made new friends and enjoyed a wonderful summer!** Sammie's mom stopped by after camp to tell us how much Sammie loves camp and how grateful she and Sammie's dad are for the care and thoughtfulness everyone put into the camp experience.



Sammie at Summer Camp

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Another program running this summer is our Thursday Ladies Night, providing an opportunity for women to come together and have an evening of fun with their girlfriends. One recent evening the ladies from two different residential agencies celebrated the importance of friendships and trust with each other, stating that, "We are better than best friends - we are like family!"

***That's why CEL is here!***



*Becky & Carol enjoy Ladies Night!*

Your support is impacting lives all year round. This summer teens with developmental disabilities enjoying a fun-filled Summer Camp and adults are building friendships and enjoying social engagements in the community. With our employment initiative, many are also exploring paid career opportunities.

You make it possible for our members to experience summer the same way you and I do – enjoying the longer days and warmer nights in the community with friends.

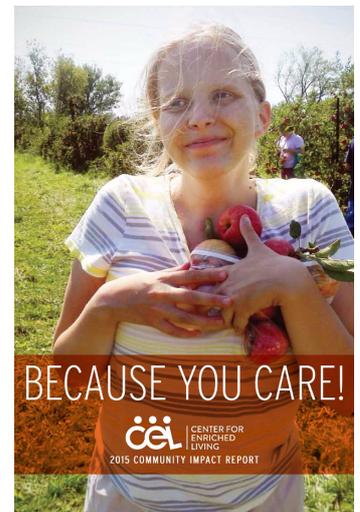
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## BECAUSE YOU CARE

Check out our 2015 Annual Report to read more about how your gift impacts lives at <http://bit.ly/29kDBcH>. We do so much because of your support! Given that we do not receive federal or state funds, we are able to grow and expand because of you.

When we are all included, our community is richer and more diverse!

***Thank you for your belief in CEL!***



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