

The Center for Enriched Living’s 23rd Annual Golf Outing Hits an Ace! Annual Event Nets More than \$325,000!

Riverwoods, Illinois, August 13 – The Center for Enriched Living’s (CEL) 23rd Annual Charity Golf Outing had another exceptional year, raising over \$325,000, and brought 175 golfers to the Twin Orchard Country Club on Monday, August 6. Each year the event builds awareness of CEL, a privately funded non-profit that provides a community of friends and a world of opportunities for more than 425 Chicagoland people of all ages with intellectual and developmental disabilities, including autism, Down syndrome and cerebral palsy.

NetApp/Tech Data was once again the title sponsor of the event. Additional sponsors included Arrow, Skender Foundation, Proline Options and Sterling Bay along with 60 other sponsors.

Golfers learned about the impact of their participation as they made their way around the course and in the evening’s closing program. “The golfers are here for a great day of golf. As they interact with CEL members at the event, we hope they will want to get involved at CEL and make even more of an impact in the lives of people with developmental disabilities,” says Randi Frank, Director of Development.

The after-golf dinner program was full of energy and inspiration, thanks to an empowering speech given by Liz, CEL’s receptionist whose life has changed because of CEL’s Employment Opportunities Program. Below is an excerpt...

“I never in a million years thought I’d become a public speaker, but through this position I’ve found my voice and been able to uncover my talents and share them with the world. In the past that never would have happened to me. Yet here I am working at CEL for two years, training a new employee, speaking on film and doing public speaking at CEL’s big events.

***I love my job.** Thank you for giving me another opportunity to share my story and for supporting CEL so that programs like the one that helped me find a job can continue to grow.”*

“The support we receive from our sponsors and golfers directly impacts the quality of life for people of all ages with developmental disabilities,” says Harriet Levy, Executive Director. “CEL members are connected to friends and the community through meaningful employment, skill-building programs and social enrichment opportunities.” Levy adds.

About the Center for Enriched Living

For 50 years, the Center for Enriched Living has enhanced and enriched the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities – from youth through adulthood. CEL’s programs provide social, recreational and educational opportunities for our members in our renovated Universally Designed building in Riverwoods as well as throughout the community. CEL has been designated as a 4-star charity by Charity Navigator for 4 consecutive years. More information available at www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org.