

Sonnenberg Consultants Newsletter July 2010



Company News

-Fall is coming upon us sooner than you'd think! As soon as you have your fall availability please give it to your Senior along with how many hours you would like in the fall.

- Congratulations to Nata's team- Angela, Rachel, and Robyn for having therapy all 31 days of May! Fantastic!

- Remember if you know in advance you will be going on vacation to let the family and Senior know and have your make up hours planned out before hand!

-If you are an Advanced Line please mark on the timesheet 0.5 Adv. Admin. for each half of the month for the extra work you have done.

Enjoy the rest of your summer!



Stay Cool!

Floaters

If you have to cancel a shift (ahead of time or day of) and no one from that child's team can cover, you now have the option to call a floater.

A floater will come in and cover your shift (barring any plans) and your hours will then be covered.

Once you know what is going on with your shift, call your Senior and the parents to let them know if no one will be there or which floater will be filling in.

Floaters for the summer are:

1. Lea Becker: 262-287-7429
2. Megan: 1-224-717-6918
3. Courtney Swanson: 1-920-619-6965

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Don't forget if you want to help support Autism there's a run September 12! If you don't want to participate in the actual run you can always help volunteer! Have fun to those that

participate!



Dylan's Run

When: September 12

Where: Milwaukee's Summerfest Grounds

Distance: 2 miles

More Info: www.dylansrun.com

In Her Own Words

(<http://ireport.cnn.com/docs/DOC-8046>)

Hi, my name is Sara Childers. I'm sixteen years old, and I have autism.

Let me tell you about myself. I was diagnosed with autism at 24 months by a psychologist, (Aharrona Surrowitz, Ph.D.). With the help of extensive therapy starting at 24 months, (occupational therapy 4 days a week, speech therapy 4 days a week, social therapy, hippotherapy, and behavioral therapy, for many years), tremendous parental support from my single mother, and the outstanding guidance from the world-renowned neurologist, Dr. Roberto Tuchman (who

specializes in Autism, and who has seen me since I was 2 months old), I have been able to overcome the odds. I have progressed far beyond what any of the doctors said I was capable of.

I was a very active girl scout for 9 years, and I was also very active in my 4-H club for 9 years. My mom homeschooled me until my 10th grade (last year). I am currently attending a normal high school and I am in 3 Advanced Placement classes. I am currently majoring in Biology, and I hope to attend the University of Florida and become a veterinarian for cetaceans (whales, dolphins, and porpoises).

People and veterinarians tell me I have a special gift with animals. I believe that I understand and communicate better with animals than I do with humans. Since I was nine years old, I have worked with big cats, and been involved with rescue and rehab with cetaceans. I did my first necropsy (animal autopsy) when I was nine years old. I have vet teched and assisted with surgeries on animals. (Big cats can be very dangerous, and I am not recommending big cat interactions for anyone with or without autism).

I have friends my age, but I get along best with adults. I usually do not tell people that I have autism, because of the strongly negative stereotypes that come along with the "dis"ability. People usually don't know that I have autism unless I tell them.

Overall, I am happy. I tend to be a bit obsessive over things sometimes, but I'm on medication for it. As mentioned, I get along better with animals than I do people, so I tend to hang out with them more. If someone came up to me and said that they could "cure" my autism completely, I would not be willing to undergo treatment. I believe that my gift with animals is *because* of my autism. I believe that autism makes some things harder for me, but it also makes me unique and also gives me advantages over non-disabled people.