



December 12, 2024

Dear guardians and family members,

As we close out 2024, I want to take a look back and share what our members and staff have done this year. We have seen a continued increase in community outings, including the multitude of activities at the Iowa City Rec Center, May Day scavenger hunt baskets, the Day Habilitation Halloween party, and many more. RFYP had the privilege of hosting the Annual RFYP Party in-person this year! I enjoyed getting to see everyone and appreciated the overwhelming support for RFYP. Some members tell me they are already ready for next year's party, and I promised them that it would not be on the same night as the University's homecoming parade!

This fall we began planning for the expansion of the Day Habilitation hours and are continuing to work on increasing the number of members attending each day. Our goal is to resume our pre-pandemic schedule which will ensure that the Day Hab can plan for longer outings, such as attending museums, baseball games, the Iowa State Fair in July, and visiting Bruce more during the holidays. I know that the members will enjoy the outings and get much more out of the day program.

This past spring, we completed our CARF Survey and were given a three-year accreditation and great feedback about our programs. Our Waiver recertification also took place this year and we also received a three-year certification. Both are the highest scores any agency can receive.

RFYP will be taking on a new endeavor to benefit the community and specifically our staff. We value our staff and how hard they work for our members every day. To help our staff, we will be opening a childcare center tentatively next fall. Recently, we purchased a property on B Street in Iowa City and are in the beginning stages of planning a remodel of the building. It will eventually be open to the staff as well as our public, in the hopes of providing another resource for quality childcare for the community.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday and a happy new year!

Sincerely,
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