

CAPSTONE!

OUR STORY CONTINUES...

SOMETIMES SUPER POWERS JUST HAPPEN!

WHEN FOUR-YEAR OLD, DAMION, RAN OUT OF HIS CLASSROOM AT THE MILTON CHILD CARE CENTER HIS TEACHER, DEBRA MCLAUGHLIN, TOLD HIM TO GO BACK INTO HIS ROOM. HE RESPONDED BY SAYING, "IT'S MY SUPER POWERS MAKING ME DO IT!" OBYIOUSLY, HE HAS SUPER NINJA RUNNING POWERS AND IT JUST COMES OUT OF HIM. BUT ALL ENDED WELL, AS DAMION RECHARGED HIS SUPER POWERS BY TAKING HIS DAILY NAP AT MCCC!

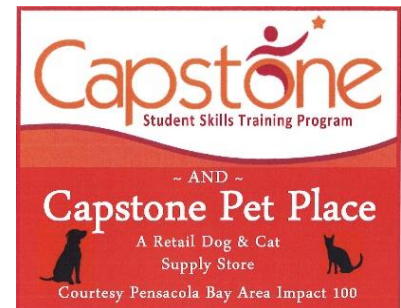


BUT, WHEN HEROES BELIEVE... GET READY FOR THE **IMPACT!!!**

CAPSTONE IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF OUR NEW ADULT AND YOUTH TRANSITION TRAINING PROGRAM AND OUR SIXTH GROUP HOME IN MILTON, FLORIDA. THE PROGRAMS ARE ACCEPTING REFERRALS RIGHT NOW.

CAPSTONE PET PLACE

THE MILTON TRAINING PROGRAM WILL BE CALLED CAPSTONE PET PLACE. THANKS TO A GRANT FROM PENSACOLA BAY AREA IMPACT 100 AND OUR SUPER HERO DONORS, LIKE YOU, CAPSTONE STUDENTS WILL LEARN ALL ASPECTS OF RUNNING A RETAIL STORE AND WILL PARTNER WITH LOCAL ANIMAL RESCUE ORGANIZATIONS AND SHELTERS TO HOST PET ADOPTION DAYS. THE SUCCESS OF THIS PROGRAM IS ANTICIPATED BY OUR STUDENTS AND THE COMMUNITY AT LARGE.



PENSACOLA BAY AREA IMPACT 100

CAPSTONE IS GRATEFUL TO PENSACOLA BAY AREA IMPACT 100 MEMBERS FOR OUR 2017 GRANT OF \$107,700.

BECAUSE OF THIS GRANT, CAPSTONE PET PLACE WILL BE A REALITY. THE IMPACT OF THIS GRANT WILL BE EVIDENT FOR MANY YEARS TO COME AS STUDENTS WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES WILL LEARN JOB SKILLS TO BECOME PRODUCTIVE CITIZENS. IN ADDITION, CAPSTONE PET PLACE STUDENTS WILL HOST PET ADOPTION DAYS AND PROVIDE SPAY AND NEUTER INFORMATION TO PET OWNERS.

THANK OUR SUPER HEROES!

YOU TOO CAN SUPPORT CAPSTONE BY VOLUNTEERING, PARTICIPATING, OR DONATING - SOME OF OUR RECENT "SUPER HEROES" INCLUDE:

LARRY ANDERSON	AT&T PIONEERS	BARBERI HEATING & AIR	RANDY BRICKER	CORNERSTONE MORTGAGE	JEANNE CLARK
SAUNDRA DAGGS	JOANN DOMAN	ED & TRISHA MORRISON	ANGELA EDDY	EMERALD COAST GRANITE & TILE	RYAN ELLIOTT
EXIT REALTY	FLORIDA BLUE	GULF POWER	HANCOCK BANK	BRAD HUGGINS	JAMES JENKINS
JOAN & GERRY KEMPEL	BILLIE JEAN KINDER	FRED LEVIN	LIBERIS LAW FIRM	BOBBY LIKIS	KARA DAWN MAKRIS
MATTHEW CHESTNUT SCORES!	MARTIN MARIETTA	TRUDY O BRIEN	MATTHEW PEACOCK	BUZZ RITCHIE	LESLIE SAAM
SCHMIDT FAMILY RESTAURANTS	NORMAN SMITH	JOYCE & KELVIN SELLERS	DIANE SOMER	DOROTHY STACHOW	MARY THOMAS
NEIL THORSEN	ROBERT UNDERWOOD	CHESTER VROCHER	DR. SHERRY A WHITE	SUSAN BRADSHAW	ZELICA GROTTO

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WE ARE HAVING AN EXCITING FALL SEMESTER AT CAPSTONE ACADEMY IN MILTON! SCHOOL GOT OFF TO A GREAT START IN BOTH OUR YPK AND ESE PROGRAMS. OUR AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM IS HAVING A BLAST AS WELL!

WE WELCOMED OUR CHILDREN'S THERAPY DEPARTMENT BACK INTO OUR MAIN SCHOOL BUILDING. THEY MOVED OUT OF THEIR CLINIC AT 5326 STEWART STREET TO TURN THE SITE INTO THE CAPSTONE PET PLACE (SEE PAGE 1).

OUR STUDENTS ENJOYED A VISIT FROM THE MILTON FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR FIRE PREVENTION WEEK, A SPOOK-TACULAR FALL HARVEST PARTY ON HALLOWEEN, AND A TRIP TO SWEET SEASON FARMS TO TRULY WELCOME THE AUTUMN SEASON. IN DECEMBER ALL OF OUR STUDENTS ARE LOOKING FORWARD TO OUR POLAR EXPRESS PARTY WITH A SPECIAL VISIT FROM SANTA AND THE CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS.

MCCC!



BRAIN POWER! THE MILTON CHILD CARE CENTER "OPENED" A BOOK LENDING LIBRARY IN EARLY NOVEMBER.

THE LIBRARY WAS BUILT BY LEE FAHER, RETIRED ARMY VETERAN, FROM RECYCLED MATERIALS. HE WAS DELIGHTED TO BUILD THE LIBRARY FOR THE CHILDREN.

LEAD TEACHER, JOANNIE BROUSSARD, HAD THE IDEA TO PLACE A LENDING LIBRARY AT THE CENTER. WHEN ASKED WHY, SHE SAID, "I WANTED THE NEIGHBORHOOD CHILDREN TO EXPERIENCE THE LOVE OF BOOKS." SHE ADDED, "CHILDREN DEVELOP VITAL LANGUAGE SKILLS FROM BOOKS. THESE SKILLS CREATE PROBLEM-SOLVERS. BOOKS ARE A SPRING BOARD TO CHILDREN'S LEARNING."

ONCE WORD GETS OUT ABOUT THE LIBRARY, CHILDREN WILL VISIT ON A REGULAR BASIS. RECENTLY, A NEW LETTER CARRIER THOUGHT THE "LIBRARY" WAS A MAILBOX! BOOKS ARE MORE FUN TO READ THAN BILLS. ☺

BOOKS FOR THE LIBRARY ARE DONATED BY CAPSTONE FRIENDS AND FAMILIES. ANYONE WHO WISHES TO DONATE NEW OR GENTLY USED BOOKS MAY DO SO BY DROPPING THEM OFF AT THE CENTER. MCCC IS LOCATED ON THE MILTON HIGH SCHOOL CAMPUS AT 6656 PARK AVE.

THE CENTER SUPPORTS FAMILIES BY PROVIDING HIGH QUALITY EARLY EDUCATION SERVICES FOR CHILDREN AGES SIX WEEKS TO FIVE YEARS. CHILDREN ARE ASSIGNED TO CLASSROOMS BASED ON AGE, DEVELOPMENTAL READINESS, AND/OR AVAILABILITY OF SPACE AND ARE PROVIDED NUTRITIOUS MEALS AND SNACKS EACH DAY.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ABOUT PROGRAMS OR ENROLLMENT, CALL HERLINDA STITT, DIRECTOR, AT 983-5315.

LOOK! IT'S A BIRD! A PLANE!



IT'S A HOLIDAY BREAK! OUR CENTERS WILL BE CLOSED ON THE FOLLOWING DATES FOR THE HOLIDAYS. PLEASE CALL YOUR PROGRAMS FOR INFORMATION ON EXTENDED HOLIDAY CLOSINGS. CAPSTONE WOULD LIKE TO WISH EVERYONE A SAFE AND HAPPY HOLIDAYS. PLEASE NOTE THAT OUR RESIDENTIAL PROGRAM WILL CONTINUE PROVIDING CARE FOR RESIDENTS DURING THE HOLIDAYS AND CENTER CLOSINGS.



DECEMBER 25TH & 26TH - ALL SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS (CHRISTMAS EVE & CHRISTMAS DAY OBSERVED)

JANUARY 1ST - ALL SCHOOLS AND PROGRAMS (NEW YEAR'S DAY OBSERVED)

HOME IS WHERE THE HEROES ARE!!!

NORTH MILTON GROUP HOME

CAPSTONE IS EXCITED TO ANNOUNCE THE OPENING OF OUR SIXTH GROUP HOME IN THE NORTH MILTON AREA. THIS HOME WILL PROVIDE FOUR ADULTS WITH A CARING HOME IN A QUIET NEIGHBORHOOD, JUST MINUTES FROM LOCAL COMMUNITY BUSINESSES, ENTERTAINMENT, AND RECREATION. NURSING OVERSIGHT WILL BE PROVIDED 24/7 BY CAPSTONE RN/LPNS FOR THE RESIDENTS OF THE HOME.



TEC...TEC...TEC!!! BOOM!!!

LACI IS FRIENDLY, INTELLIGENT, HAS A GREAT SENSE OF HUMOR, AND IS VERY ARTICULATE WHEN SHE SPEAKS. SINCE JULY 2007, SHE HAS ATTENDED CAPSTONE ADAPTIVE LEARNING AND THERAPY CENTERS' ADULT DAY TRAINING PROGRAM AT THE TRANSITION EMPLOYMENT CENTER (TEC), LOCATED AT 2600 WEST FAIRFIELD DRIVE.



LACI STRIVES FOR INDEPENDENCE AND THE ABILITY TO BE PART OF HER COMMUNITY.

LACI IS LIVING HER LONGTIME DREAM OF BEING EMPLOYED AND BECOMING A CONTRIBUTING TAX-PAYING CITIZEN. SHE WORKS PART TIME AS A RELIEF RECEPTIONIST FOR TEC. LACI'S DUTIES INCLUDE: ANSWERING THE BUSINESS PHONE, TAKING MESSAGES, AND DISTRIBUTING THE MESSAGES TO THE APPROPRIATE PERSON.

SHE ALSO TRAINS OTHER STUDENTS ON HOW TO ANSWER THE PHONE CORRECTLY AND TAKE ACCURATE MESSAGES. LACI ALSO TUTORS HER PEERS THAT NEED ONE-ON-ONE ASSISTANCE IN REMEDIAL STUDIES. MOST OF THEM COMMENT THAT, LACI IS A GOOD TEACHER, SHE HAS TAUGHT ME A LOT AND SHE DOES NOT PLAY. SHE WILL MAKE YOU LEARN.

HER HARD WORK, TENACITY, AND DILIGENCE ARE RECOGNIZED NOT ONLY BY THE STAFF BUT BY HER PEERS AS WELL. CONGRATULATIONS, LACI!!!

HOW TO BE A HOLIDAY HERO!

Thanks to you, 2017 has been truly amazing for nearly 2,000 infants, children, youth, and adults with and without developmental disabilities (and their families) in Escambia and Santa Rosa counties. You helped ensure they had the services they needed to get through each day. Whether it was speech therapy, nursing, child care, or residential services. Your support helped those we serve maintain their dignity and the best possible independence for them.

Because of you, Peggy and her family's life is a little bit easier this year. Peggy recently moved into one of our Capstone group homes. She lived with her parents until her mother passed away and her father was no longer physically able to meet Peggy's unique needs of more one-on-one and specialized care. Peggy moved in to our Kelvin group home in July 2017 and has enjoyed an outing to a Zelica Grotto dance with her house mates and joined the Miracle League of Northwest Florida.

Every day your support makes stories such as Peggy's and her family's possible.

Today, we launch our 2017 Year End Giving Campaign. Our goal is to raise \$25,000 by December 31, 2017. If we raise that amount, we can provide the daily essentials for a happy and healthy life.

Are you willing to make a special year end donation of \$50, \$100, or any amount you can afford to help us meet our goal of \$25,000?

Please return the enclosed envelope to make your donation now. The lives of hundreds of others just like Peggy are depending on you.

Thank you for your continued support and friendship.

With gratitude,

Dr. Sherry A. White
President/CEO



2 COUNTIES... **14** LOCATIONS... **1** MISSION!

TO ADVANCE THE INDEPENDENCE FOR CHILDREN AND ADULTS WITH A SPECTRUM OF ABILITIES AND DISABILITIES!

