



Press Release

THE NICHOLSON CENTER PARTNERS WITH THE BEAVER CREEK CANDLE COMPANY

Warren, OH – October 4, 2011 – The Nicholson Center, a Trumbull County non-profit organization for adults with developmental disabilities or special needs, has formed a partnership with The Beaver Creek Candle Company, in Lisbon, OH. The Beaver Creek Candle Company will provide work opportunities for the clients of The Nicholson Center, giving them the responsibilities of preparing, packaging and shipping the candles while compensating them for their efforts.

People with developmental disabilities handcraft every candle at The Beaver Creek Candle Company, and the Columbiana County Board of Developmental Disabilities oversees the day-to-day operations. The company is owned and operated by its consumers, so 100 percent of the proceeds go directly to the workers and the operation of the facilities.

The Nicholson Center is a Certified State of Ohio developmentally disabled (DD) facility that provides a Day Habilitation Curriculum with two types of programs Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Adult Work Curriculum is a day habilitation work program that pays clients for their efforts. Clients can create digital garment prints (T-shirts); sort and assemble mail; pack and ship items; create homemade dog and horse treats; shred paper; assemble bulletins and newsletters for churches, schools and clubs and participate in other work opportunities. Socialization and educational programs are also available through the Adult Work Curriculum. The Adult Services Curriculum is a day habilitation and vocational program that includes non-work activities focusing on educational and socialization skills such as life skills learning, money management, hygiene classes, cooking classes, reading programs, music and exercise programs. Several types of recreational activities are varied throughout the year and include arts and crafts, bingo, entertainment, swimming, volleyball, softball, field trips, dances, etc.

DD adults are eligible for grants, including Community Connection Grants for entertainment through social, recreational or cultural events; Instructional Grants for lessons in art, cooking, yoga, roller skating or dance; Organization Grants for social activities and gyms; Sports Grants for sports and community activities; Hobby Grants; Music Grants; Apparel Grants; Home Maintenance Grants; Personal Hygiene Grants; Parent Respite Grants for rest and relaxation for the parent(s) or caregiver(s) and a Technology Grant for Braille-related materials, memory boards, computer and assessment software.

The center's first location opened in February 2009 at 3581 Youngstown-Warren Rd. in Warren and has had more than 120 clients, including individuals with both physical and mental disabilities, ages 18 through senior citizens. The second location followed shortly after at 1240 North Main St. in Niles. The Nicholson Center provides work or non-work programs, learning activities and fun in a special and caring environment. Its amenities and activities include an on-site swimming pool, volleyball court, outdoor pavilion, library area, computer access, an on-duty registered nurse, birthday parties, field trips and bus transportation.

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