



# Press Release

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## THE NICHOLSON CENTER SUPPORTED AND PARTICIPATED IN SPECIAL OLYMPICS OHIO WITH DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED CLIENTS

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Warren, OH -- August 10, 2011 -- The Nicholson Center, a Trumbull County, non-profit organization for adults with developmental disabilities supported and participated in Special Olympics Ohio this summer. Eighteen of The Nicholson Center clients competed in the unified soccer and bocce tournaments at the Special Olympics held at the Ohio State University campus in Columbus. The unified soccer team consisted of representatives from the Niles varsity soccer team and 4 from The Nicholson Center.

A total of 2,700 athletes will compete in Special Olympics, Ohio's largest event. The mission of Special Olympics Ohio is to provide year-round sports training and competition opportunities for children and adults with intellectual disabilities. Special Olympics contributes to the physical, social and psychological development of the athletes. Through successful experiences in sports, they gain confidence and build a positive self-image which carries over into the classroom, home, job and community. Special Olympics Ohio has approximately 200 local member organizations that originate from County Boards of MR/DD, public schools, developmental centers, parks & recreation departments, churches and parent & community groups.

The Nicholson Center is a Certified State of Ohio DD (developmentally disabled) facility which provides a Day Habilitation Curriculum with two types of programs Monday - Friday from 8 am to 4 pm. The first option being a work program where clients get paid for their efforts and a second based on habilitation needs which include non-work activities that are educational and fun. The Adult Work Curriculum includes digital garment prints (T-shirts), mail sorting and assembly, packing & shipping, creating homemade dog and horse treats, paper shredding, bulletin and newsletter assembly for churches, schools and clubs and other work opportunities. Socialization and educational programs are also available. The Adult Services Curriculum second option, is a day habilitation and vocational program that includes non-work activities with 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 such as arts & crafts, bingo, entertainment, swimming, volleyball, softball, field trips, dances etc.

Grants are also available for DD Adults including Community Connection Grants for entertainment through social, recreational or cultural events, Instructional Grants for lessons in art, cooking, yoga, roller skating or dance lessons, 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 and a Technology Grant for Braille related materials, memory boards, computer and assessment software.

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

Please contact The Nicholson Center at 330-373-0084, email [info@thenicholsoncenter.com](mailto:info@thenicholsoncenter.com) or view [www.thenicholsoncenter.com](http://www.thenicholsoncenter.com) for more info.

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