

DIGS NEWS

Spring 2011

DIGS Inc. is a 501C3 non-profit organization whose mission is to provide safe housing, work and leisure opportunities for adults with developmental disabilities. Please visit our website www.digsrome.org

Member Highlight!

Cory was born with Down Syndrome. In 1983 some people still thought the right thing to do would be to send a child with Down Syndrome to an institution. Like over forty percent of all people with Down Syndrome, Cory was born with a heart defect. He had a Complete Atrioventricular Canal. The interior of his heart was not fully formed with the necessary chambers and valves to supply an adequate flow of blood. Cory was blessed to be born in 1983. The doctors were able to perform corrective surgery on him. Cory spent most of the next six months in Egleston Children's Hospital before coming home for good the next spring.

Cory is now twenty-eight years old and sharing his journey through life has brought it's share of challenges but also opened a door for us into a wonderful world full of delightful, loving people and those who love and care for them. Not at all the dreary, sad world some predicted for us in 1983. No, Cory can't read or write or cook his own food.. But he has an engaging personality, lots of friends, and can coordinate our TV/surround sound/DVD system better than his mother. He plays his Nintendo Golden Eye game like a pro and he has an amazing memory and sense of direction.

We thank God for Cory and all the blessings that have come to him and to our family through him. We also ask God for the



answer to a new question. You see, a generation ago most parents of a child like Cory would not have thought that much about "Who will take care of Cory after we are gone?" Most of the time the Corys of the world didn't live a long life. Guess what? Cory is healthy and his cardiologist tells us that if it wasn't for the scar down the middle of his chest you would never know he had a heart defect.

This is why DIGS, is so important. How can we provide Cory and his friends a place to call home while we are still here? This is our main goal and we need your help. We need your prayers, your time and your financial support.

If you have never meet Cory, I hope you will get an opportunity to do so someday. Why not check out the monthly calendar on www.digsrome.org and attend an event. Better yet, come out and be a volunteer. Your life will be better for it and so will Cory's.

Charlie Schroeder
President, Board of Directors
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DIGS Receives RFPRA Special Citation



From left, Richard Garland, Executive Director of Rome-Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority; Barbara Monday, Executive Director, DIGS, Inc.; Charlie Schroeder, President, DIGS Board of Directors; David Mathis, President, RFPRA Board of Directors

Monday, February 28, 2011, DIGS was awarded a special citation at the 2011 Rome-Floyd Sports Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony: “Awarded in recognition of your dedication, service and personal commitment to providing parks and recreation services in Floyd County. “ DIGS thanks all its volunteers for their dedicated service.

Disability Beatitudes

Blessed are you who take the time to listen to difficult speech, for you help me to know that if I persevere, I can be understood.

Blessed are you who never bid me to hurry up, or do my tasks for me, for often I need time rather than help.

Blessed are you who stand beside me as I enter new and untried ventures, for my failures will be outweighed by the times I surprise you and myself.

Blessed are you who ask for my help, for my greatest need is to be needed.

Blessed are you who understand that it is difficult for me to put my thoughts into words.

Blessed are you who encourage me with a smile to try once more.

Blessed are you who never remind me that I have asked the same question twice.

Blessed are you who respect me and love me just as I am, and not as you wish I were.

- Joni Eareckson Tada



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for serving



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Bank employees,
Kraig Ingalsbe

(right) and John Moore helped with a DIGS yard sale fundraiser in early March. THANK YOU , John & Kraig and Citizens First.



ART's
Art Club
co-sponsored by
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To book a 'Just As I Am' performance at your church or civic organization, contact director, Pat Sweezey at 706-506-2651 or LivnFaith7@aol.com



Watch for our new line of greeting cards!



Thank you for your support!



"Just As I Am" choir, Snap Happy Camera Club and 1 Step @ A Time dance club are co-sponsored with Rome/Floyd Parks & Recreation Authority.

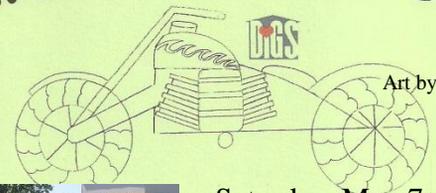
Motorcycle Ride Raises \$2800 for Capital Fund



We have the land but we need your help to build the home for adults with developmental challenges.



Ride for DIGS



Art by Antoine!!



Saturday, May 7 was a fun day for everyone. Rodney & Kippy Lance helped lead the ride. "Just As I Am" and Cactus Keg provided entertainment. Thirty-eight riders/27 bikes participated and food and prizes were enjoyed by all. We hope this will become a yearly event!

DIGS thanks the sponsors: Street Chrome, Schroeder's., Stamey Personal Care Home, River City Bank, Florice Schneider, Rome ReSale, TanNStation, Los Portales, Ashley Tanning Salon, Dippity Do-Da Dogs, The Medicine Shoppe, Flipper Pools & Spas, Cave Spring Transportation, Martha's Skillet and many others who provided prizes for the drawings. We appreciate all your support!



Anna Whitehead, owner/ manager of Street Chrome USA receives a "Harley Frog" from DIGS member Kippy Lance. This special frog was made by our garden art crew to thank Anna for all her help and support with the fundraiser.

For a monthly calendar of events, please visit our website www.digsrome.org



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