

Pony Pages



FAMILY OF SPECIAL ONES

Winter 2013

THANK YOU KNIGHTS!

Since January 2004, the various councils located in Jefferson County have donated \$73,776 to help Pony Bird! Most of this money has been raised through their annual "Tootsie Roll Drive".



Each fall, member Knights hand out tootsie rolls at various locations while asking for donations to benefit children and adults with intellectual disabilities.



6th ANNUAL GREAT TASTE

If you haven't reserved your seats yet for *Pony Bird's Great Taste 2013*, you will want to do so soon. For \$30 all guests will receive two drink tickets for the bar as well as samples of all the wonderful food and drink brought in from the various restaurants and wineries! While sampling all of the delicious food, attendees will have the opportunity to bid on some wonderful silent and oral auction items, participate in some great raffles, and listen to live music by Dave Blum!



We are still looking for Sponsors, Advertisers, and more Silent Auction items! If you would like to help out with a donation please contact Mike Foley at 636-931-5818 or mike@ponybird.org.

If you are interested in attending the event and have not yet purchased tickets please see the registration form on page 5.

HEARTS FOR PONY BIRD

When you Give your Heart to Pony Bird, we'll put your dedication on a special Valentine's heart and display it here at Pony Bird. Hearts are available in any donation amount:

\$1 - \$49.99	= White Heart
\$50 - \$99.99	= Red Heart
\$100 - \$199.99	= Pink Heart
\$200 +	= Gold Heart



A form is available inside on page 3, or you can pick one up at Pony Bird.

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"What's Up?"

February

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12	Mardi Gras Party
13	Volunteer Orientation
14	Valentine's Day
-	Decorating & Dessert Contest
18	Board Meeting
27	Volunteer Orientation

March

9	Great Taste
13	Volunteer Orientation
17	St. Patrick's Day
18	Board Meeting
27	Volunteer Orientation
31	Easter

April

10	Volunteer Orientation
13	Friends of Pony Bird Meeting - Mapaville
15	Board Meeting
18	Special Olympics
24	Volunteer Orientation

*To register for Volunteer Orientation, please call Jenny Steward at 636-931-5818

For more details, please view the Pony Bird Calendar of Events at

www.ponybird.org

Executive Director's Corner

Dear Family and Friends,

We have once again reached a new year and a new beginning. Looking back, 2012 held many notable events for Pony Bird. We celebrated our 35th anniversary in June, and a great time was had by all who attended. We also finalized our Strategic Plan for the next three to five years. However, with good news comes bad, and we mourned the loss of our Day Services QDDP, Amy Slama, along with Arthur Molina, one of our much-loved individuals. However, through a joint effort on the part of the staff, we set up our Tree of Life this Christmas to help celebrate the lives of those who are no longer with us.

What does 2013 hold in store for us? Here at Pony Bird, we will be celebrating our 36th year of providing top quality care to our individuals. We are currently working to make some improvements to our homes to make them safer and more comfortable for our individuals. We are also working to shift our documentation online, and we hope to have made the transition by the end of 2013.

I want to thank all of you for your dedication and commitment to making Pony Bird the wonderful home that it is. We couldn't do it without the continued efforts of all of our supporters. Thank you, and Happy New Year!

Linda M Dallas

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FAREWELL ARTHUR

On Tuesday, November 13th, Arthur Molina passed away in his sleep. He had recently celebrated his 21st birthday. Arthur was very friendly and outgoing, and he always had a big smile on his face. He came to Pony Bird in 2009 after living with his father and sister. When he arrived, he made

fast friends with the staff, and always remembered to ask about his friends if they missed work.



Arthur was a huge sports fan, and his room was decorated with Rams and Cardinals gear. He enjoyed watching cartoons, and he especially enjoyed SpongeBob Squarepants.

He also liked to listen to music on his radio, and was never afraid to sing along.

Arthur was a joy to have at Pony Bird, brightening every room he entered with his contagious smile. He will be sorely missed.

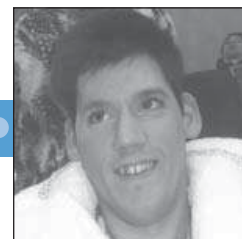
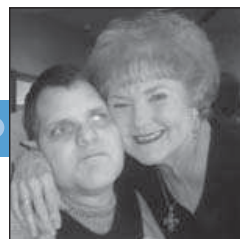


ANNUAL APPEAL A SUCCESS!

This past November, Pony Bird sent out our 2nd Annual Appeal letter to our current and past donors asking for their support. The letter featured a story on Arthur Molina and his experience at Pony Bird. Unfortunately, Arthur passed away just a few days after the mailing went out. Arthur's family felt it was a fitting tribute to him since he always enjoyed being the center of attention.

We sent mailers, email blasts, and reached out via Facebook and our website to as many supporters as we could reach. After much effort, we are happy to report that the appeal has raised just over \$12,000!

Thank you to all who were able to donate!



Pony Bird's Monthly Giving Program

Everyone knows the pain of an unexpected expense. A sudden trip to the emergency room or an unexpected car repair can make a huge dent in your monthly budget. Some of you may look at charitable donations the same way: a big dent in your budget. However, it doesn't have to be that way.

For those of you who want to support Pony Bird but may not be able to make a big donation, there is the option of monthly recurring donations. We currently have four monthly donors, the longest of which has been making her regular monthly donation for over 10 years now without ever missing a month! Our current donors give between \$10 to \$100. It is wonderful to know that those checks or online donations will arrive without fail each month.



There are a couple of ways you can chose to set up a recurring donation. First, donors can donate through our website. You can set up a monthly donation to Pony Bird in an amount that you can afford. Each month, on a set date, money is charged to your credit card. That's it! Just set it up once and never worry about it again. The second option is to set up an automated bank draft or send in a monthly check. Either way, your entire donation is tax deductible. Best of all, you can help support Pony Bird and all of the programs we provide.

To set up a monthly donation through Network for Good, visit the Pony Bird web site (www.ponybird.org) and click on the "Network for Good" button on the left side of the page. It only takes five minutes to set up your monthly donation, and you can start helping us provide our vital service without breaking your budget. Every little bit helps!

I want to give my heart to Pony Bird!

Name _____ Phone _____ Email _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Select one: ☐ **White Heart (\$1.00 - \$49.99)** ☐ **Red Heart (\$50.00 - \$99.99)**

☐ **Pink Heart (\$100.00 - \$199.99)** ☐ **Gold Heart (\$200.00 +)**

Please dedicate my heart:

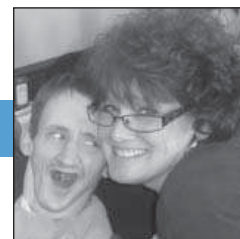
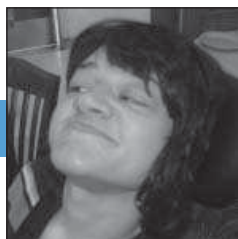
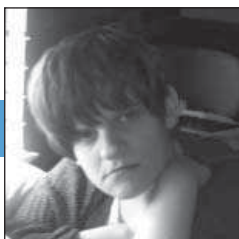
In Honor of: _____

In Memory of: _____



Enclosed is my donation of \$ _____

**Please make your check payable to Pony Bird, Inc. and return by February 14th to:
Pony Bird, Inc., Attn: Heart, PO Box 190, Mapaville, MO 63065**



RUN FOR A CAUSE



On Saturday, April 13th the annual Going The Distance for All Abilities 5K fun run and 1 mile walk will be held to benefit the Dental Services Fund of Jefferson County.

The run will take place in West City Park in Festus. Registration begins at 7:00 am with the 5K run and 1 mile walk beginning at 8:00 am. Trophies will be awarded to the top male and female runner. Awards will also be given to the top three finishers (both male and female) in 13 different age groups.

For more information contact Sara Sucharski at 636-931-5818 or

OFF TO THE RACES

The 8th Annual Nite at the Races, to benefit Next Step for Life, is scheduled for Friday, February 8th



at Andre's Banquet Center, located at 4245 Telegraph Road in South County. Tickets are \$25 per person before January 15th and \$30 per person after the 15th. Attendees will enjoy a light dinner and open bar while watching the races and bidding on a great variety of Silent and Live Auction items as well as a 50/50 Raffle.

For more information contact Michelle Donovan-Cuddihee at 636-282-4400 or mrcuddihee@nextstepforlife.org.

Coming Soon

February 12 - Mardi Gras

Pony Bird individuals will be making king's cakes, showing off our beads and listening to Cajun Music.

February 14 - Valentine's Day Box Decorating & Dessert Contest

Pony Bird will celebrate Valentine's Day with a Valentine's Box decorating contest for the individuals and staff. The staff will also have the chance to participate in our annual dessert contest. For more information contact Lynn Suiter at 636-931-5818 (Mapaville) or Anne-Marie Denny at 636-243-2000 (DeSoto)

March 2 - All Abilities Expo

The 9th Annual All-Ability Expo will be held Saturday, March 2nd at the Fox C-6 Service Center, located at 849 Jeffco Blvd., from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm. The event is free and open to the public.

March 9 - Pony Bird's Great Taste

Join us for our annual taste experience, featuring a wide variety of food from local restaurants and wineries as well as Silent and Oral Auction Items. Pony Bird's Great Taste begins at 6:00pm at the Meramec Arnold Elks Lodge.

March - St. Patrick's Day Skating Party

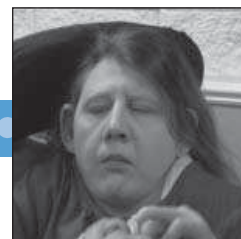
Pony Bird will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a skating party. Final date and time TBD. For more information contact Lynn Suiter at 636-931- 5818 (Mapaville)

April 13 - Going the Distance for All Abilities

Join us for a 5K or a 1 Mile Walk in recognition of Developmental Disabilities Month– 8:00 am at West City Park. For more information contact Sara Sucharski at 636-931-5818

April 18 - Special Olympics - Local

Pony Bird will once again be participating in the local Special Olympics at DeSoto High School. For more information contact Diana Ellis at 636-931-5818.



HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSE

Pony Bird hosted our Holiday Open House on Sunday, December 2nd, for family and friends to come together and celebrate.

We were fortunate to once again receive help from so many wonderful volunteer organizations to make the day a success. We'd like to express our sincere thanks to Friends of Pony Bird, who put up all of the Christmas trees and decorated the homes so beautifully.

Our wonderful friends from AT&T Cares came down to help us prepare for the big day. Since they could not spend the day making cookies and treats as they have in years past, members of the organization took time out of their busy schedules to make the cookies at home and brought them down for the party.

Finally, we need to offer our thanks to Road Riders for Jesus. For the past three years, they have ensured that Santa visited Pony Bird during our open house. This year, they were able to bring a large group to share the day visiting with our individuals and leading the Christmas carols!

STAFF APPRECIATION DAY

On Friday, October 12th, *Friends of Pony Bird* once again hosted an employee recognition luncheon for staff of Pony Bird. Staff were treated to a delicious lunch, catered by King Daddy's BBQ, followed by a number of wonderful desserts, provided by Friends of Pony Bird. Staff then split into teams and competed in contests based on the popular "Minute to Win It" game show.



Employees tried to bounce ping pong balls into cups, move a cookie from their forehead to their mouth without using their hands and other great games. Gifts and prizes were donated by Friends of Pony Bird.

Pony Bird's Great Taste 2013

(Note: All items must be completed for credit card payments)

Registration & Payment Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____
 Address: _____ E-mail: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Number of tickets requested: _____ X \$30 per ticket = Total Cost of Tickets: \$ _____

☐ I am enclosing a check, OR ☐ I am paying via credit card ☐ Please pre-register me for the Auction (requires credit card)

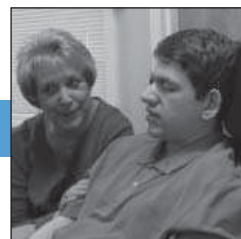
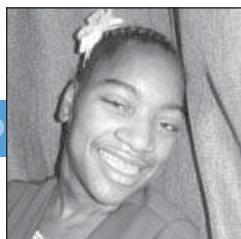
Credit Card: ☐ Visa ☐ MasterCard ☐ Discover Card Total Amount to be Charged: \$ _____
 (Note: American Express and Debit Cards are not accepted)

Card Number: _____ - _____ - _____ - _____ Exp. Date: ____ / ____

Print Name exactly as it appears on your credit card: _____
 Billing Address of credit card (if different than above): _____

 (must include house no. and/or building no. AND zip code)

Authorization Signature:(required) _____ Date: _____



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IN TRIBUTE

IN HONOR

Rick & Cheryl Aurin
Richard and Arline Aurin
Lindell Carter
Bret & Kristi Tweedy
Ann Ferguson
Peter and Marianne Gleich
Colleen Gormley
Ken and Lois Brinkmeyer
William and Marie Shores
William and Sandra Taylor
Anna Harnacker's 80th Birthday
Gary and Linda Dallas
Linda Harnacker
Margi Petri
Dana & Sue Hockensmith
Tim & Terri Morrison
David Mangelsdorf, Sandra Overberg and Bryan Goforth
Linda Kalisch
Joe Moenster
Tom & Laurie McKenna
Mary Fran Whitelaw
Michael and Ruth Whitelaw
Abelin Oliver
Bill and Connie Moody
Pony Bird Staff
Alicia Govero
Laura Winchester
Lewis Family and Kerri Rauch
Bobby Zell
Charles & Catherine Vaaler

IN MEMORY

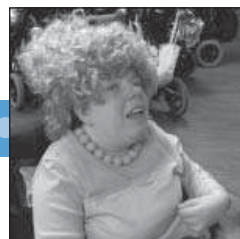
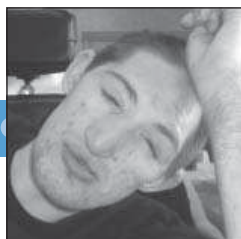
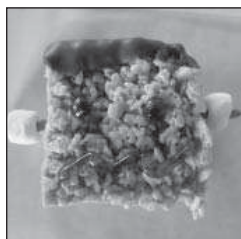
Tim & Shirley Bauer, Dennis & Butch Bauer and Virginia Dallas
Gary and Linda Dallas
Mr. Breidenbach
Arlene and Alvin Marschel
Marguerite Burns & Marie Whitley
Paul and Kathy Whitley
Evelyn Drury
Selma E. Braun
Shawn Grady
John T. & Carol L. Grady
Philip Hockensmith
Maxine Whitt

Dana and Sue Hockensmith
Robert and Linda Reynolds
Margery Johnson
Gary and Linda Dallas
Rick Hemphill & Janet Heitzig
Greg and Mary Johnson
James Moser
Mark & Catherine Harrington
Harriet Kettenhofen
Terry Kelly
Linda and John Harnacker
Marlene Koch
Joseph & Dolores Chiecsek
Ken and Nancy Kremer
Joseph and Lois Obermeyer
Jack Kozup
William and Marilyn Svejkosky
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Ellen McCord
Leeman McCord
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Dave & Annie Moenster
Sandy Bauer
John Moenster, Jr
Jerry and Ginger Moenster
Arthur Molina, II
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John Mades
Sister Eileen O'Keeffe
Charles Davis
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Laura Hockensmith
Mark Silver
Christine and Thomas Frichtel
Peggy Rauch
Steve and Myrna Winchester
Mel and Stevie Staat
David and Rita Staat
David and Kathleen Smith
Ronald Thomas
Gene and Anna Thomas
Lindell Williams
Mabel Jennings
Melvin Zerwig
Ann Donoghue

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Anonymous
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Daniel and Jan Baldenweck
Sandy Bauer
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Dorothy Brooks
Diane and Richard Brown
Gene and Joan Carroll
Harold & Glenns Cheatham
Vince Coleman
Clara Crawford
Gary and Linda Dallas
Draves Family Practice
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Roger & Shirley Eberhardt
Alfred and Dolores Eckert
Webb and Carol Ellis
Stan Erb
James and Elaine Faries
Christine and Thomas Frichtel
Peter and Marianne Gleich
Art and Dot Gormley
Dan and Tammy Gormley
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Wayne and Kristine Lawson

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Michael and Ruth Whitelaw



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Clara Crawford
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Drury Hotels
Catherine Duerst
First State Community Bank
Art and Dot Gormley
Govero Land Services
Green Mountain Coffee
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Home Service Oil Co.
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Tower Tee
Vinyard Funeral Home
Yellowstone Cafe

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Glen & Carol Besore
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Alyssa Blattel
Loren and Christine Bodendieck
Karen Bonifacius
Ken and Lois Brinkmeyer
Diane and Richard Brown
Harold & Glennes Cheatham
Joseph & Dolores Chiecsek
Floyd and Patsy Coonce
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Crystal City 8th Grade Choir
Daisy & Elm
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Gateway Combined Federal
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OUT & ABOUT



Pony Bird's
"Tree of Life"



Individuals, family and friends enjoying
craft projects at our Fall Festival



Misty and her Grandmother
enjoying Thanksgiving
Dinner at Tanglefoot



AT&T Cares Volunteers helping us
prepare for the Holiday Open House



Pony Bird individuals and staff
taking part in Special Olympic
Bowling



Jennifer and Arty helping the
Knights of Columbus during
the Tootsie Roll Drive