

MEMORANDUM

To: All OGC Families, Staff and Volunteers

From: Kyle Hauth, Executive Director

Subject: OGC Update

Date: July 16, 2007

You have an opportunity on the evening of July 27th to enjoy an excellent baseball game at a greatly reduced price and help us honor an individual who has made many exciting and beneficial changes to the field of developmental disabilities. Our very own, Dr. Rick Rader, will be honored at the July 27th, 7:00 p.m. Lookouts v. Mississippi Braves game which will take place at Chattanooga's AT&T Field. We can obtain group rate tickets to this game for only \$2.00 a person. Please call Johnnie Perry at 493-2911, if you would like a ticket and we'll be happy to acquire as many as are needed. In order for us to acquire the discounted rate, we must purchase the tickets in advance. Please don't wait, put your order in today.

Dr. Rick Rader will be honored with the *Exceptional Parent Magazine* "Maxwell J. Schleifer Distinguished Service Award" at the Chattanooga Lookouts game. In fact, Dr. Rader will have the honor of throwing out the pre-game first pitch at this game. As you may know, Dr. Rader has served as *Exceptional Parent's* magazine Editor-In-Chief since November 2000. We are so honored to have Dr. Rader as our Director of the Morton J. Kent Habilitation Center. He has brought so many innovative and cutting edge training advancements to our agency as well as created excellent networks with universities, state and federal agencies. Please join us as we celebrate Dr. Rader's significant contributions to our field.

I hope you are planning on joining us for the July 24th Parent Meeting which will be held in the Habilitation Center Training Room at 7:00 p.m. We will bring you up to speed on changes that are taking place at Orange Grove and as usual have an open forum for questions, comments and general discussion. This meeting date occurred at a most fortuitous time, as we will be hosting a visiting physician who we are interviewing for our Health Clinic. Dr. Cheetham will join us for the parent meeting and give everyone an opportunity to hear from him regarding his experience in our field. As you may remember, Dr. Prater will be leaving us at the end of this month to pursue his interests in addiction medicine. As was pointed out in earlier memorandums, we will ensure that healthcare services continue to be provided to the many individuals who depend upon the Orange Grove Health Clinic in spite of the change in physicians. It is our top priority that the new physician we select for this crucial work will continue the fine tradition of providing our clients with superior medical intervention. Although change is often difficult, it is inevitable within any organization. We vow to ensure that the patients of the Orange Grove Health Clinic do not experience any negative effects from the transition that will take place. With the fine leadership of Lynn Porter, OGC Health Care Director, and the devoted efforts of all of our distinguished medical staff, there is no doubt that the Orange Grove Health Clinic will continue to thrive.

I am happy to announce that our local United Way has just approved our plan to conduct a capital campaign beginning in November. We intend to raise a minimum of \$4,775,000.00 for facility renovations and improvements as well as the development of new services for the future needs of our population. Mr. Dan Bowers will be assisting us in the coordination and implementation of this campaign. You will certainly hear a great deal about this worthy endeavor and will have many opportunities to assist us. I hope you give serious consideration to this effort.

I look forward to seeing you next Tuesday evening.