

# Community Involvement:

## Donations to Richmond State Supported Living Center

(Partial List – March, 2015)

The following is a partial list of what millions of dollars in community contributions have provided at Richmond State Supported Living Center:

- ▶ The 241 acres on which RSSLC sits (by the George Foundation)
- ▶ The chapel complex of three (3) buildings
- ▶ The natatorium building and indoor pool heated with donated solar panels, a new covered splash pad, and an outdoor pool
- ▶ The therapeutic riding arena (1992) and refurbishment (2013)
- ▶ The outdoor therapeutic center with 40-ft. gazebo (approx. \$1M)
- ▶ Pavilions and patio covers around all the homes
- ▶ A gazebo in the cottage area
- ▶ A small gazebo (12' – 15') near riding arena
- ▶ A screened-in cabin in the woods
- ▶ Snoezelen special therapeutic room redo (recent - \$15K)
- ▶ Internet coffee shop creation and furnishings
- ▶ Major redo of the Family House (lodging for visiting families) - \$60K Houston Endowment grant + complete furnishings
- ▶ Project Noel, annually, which is the public's tour of Christmas displays and "Santa Land" (a long-standing local tradition)

The following is a partial list of direct benefits to residents from donated money:

- ▶ Nice Christmas and birthday presents, each resident, every year
- ▶ Annual trips for participants in SSLC music festival (hosted by the 13 SSLCs on a rotating basis)
- ▶ Special Olympics participation, statewide and international
- ▶ "Make Your House a Home" project redecorating the interior of the homes – items selected by the individuals; landscaping the exterior of the homes -- as the residents themselves wished.
- ▶ Rooftop Air Conditioners
- ▶ Extra supplies, furnishings, and equipment – not provided by the state – for Richmond SSLC homes and departments
- ▶ Recreation and trips funded from a large bequest left to Richmond SSLC for that purpose
- ▶ Funds donated to specific Richmond SSLC homes for the benefit of residents of those homes
- ▶ Musical instruments in the chapel complex
- ▶ Festival sponsorship and prizes (Family Association)
- ▶ Major medical (CT scanner, etc.) and dental equipment
- ▶ Wheelchairs (about 160 residents are wheelchair-dependent)