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)