Gifts Received from the Kentucky Postal Workers Union

Thanks to the Kentucky Postal Workers Union, KAP received many supplies needed for the participants. The union workers donated items such as snacks, school supplies, cleaning supplies, hygiene items and crafts supplies. The participants enjoyed sorting all of the goodies. Thank you postal workers for the cash donation also.
KAP Elementary Program

This summer the elementary groups were very energetic as they explored many new topics. They began with studying the countries of India and China. The participants learned about the geography, food, clothing, entertainment and transportation located on the other side of the world. The participants made masks and paraded through the halls of KAP. They even learned how to eat with chop sticks! Thanks to staff members Rachel, who just returned from China and Pankaj who is from India, these participants learned about real life experiences.

Participants made Chinese masks and had a parade through the halls of KAP.

Camp Happy Days

The Kelly Autism Program would like to thank the staff at Camp Happy Days for allowing two of their high school participants an opportunity to work for them. Each day the two participants joined with the campers and staff members to help make Camp Happy Days a success. They lead groups, entertained the campers, and fed them. They were introduced to the working experience and gaining independence while having a good time.

KAP participants, Alan Stanley and Markita Wesley pictured with Brent Belcher, were presented their first checks for a job well done!
Individual Job Sites
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An individual’s first job represents a huge milestone in their lives. The Kelly Autism Program was able to provide all participants over the age of 16 with the opportunity to work this summer. Thanks to The Daniel Jordon Fiddle Grant, participants who were older earned paychecks for their work. Participants were placed in jobs according to their interests. The two individuals that I had the pleasure of working with this summer chose to work outside. The first half of the summer session participants worked on Cemetery Road with Bowling Green PRIDE helping to maintain the landscape that stretched over two miles. The participants’ job included de-weeding, watering and caring for the plants. During the second half of the summer session participants partnered with PRIDE in cleaning up the graffiti in Bowling Green. The participants’ job entailed reading maps to locate the graffiti, taking pictures of the graffiti and finally painting over the graffiti. At the end of summer Bowling Green’s PRIDE recognized the participants for their dedication and outstanding work. Over all the participants sited more than 100 graffiti locations in Bowling Green.
Once again KAP has had one of its most successful summers for all participants thanks to The Daniel Fiddle Grant! This year, the staff found jobs which were of special interest for the participants, adding a lot of enthusiasm to their daily schedule. Two history buffs worked at the Kentucky Museum at WKU while two other participants had lunch with the BG PRIDE committee including: the mayor, council members, county magistrate, and other community members. The staff would like to extend a heartfelt “Thank You” to all of the businesses which provided these opportunities including:

- Bowling Green Parks and Recreation “Camp Happy Days”
- Operation PRIDE, Bowling Green City
- Warren County Public Library
- Re-Pets Animal Rescue & Adoption Center
- Alive Center
- St. Vincent DePaul
- Family Enrichment Center
- Home Towne Suites
- The Kentucky Museum
- Orchestra Kentucky
- Bowling Green-Warren County Humane Society
- Community Action of Southern Kentucky
- WKU Gifted Program
- Meals on Wheels
- Wee Care Nursery
- Helping Hands
- Manna Mart
- Village Manor

Thank you again for the generous contribution of The Daniel Jordan Fiddle Grant which made this experience possible! This program has truly had an impact on the participants at the Kelly Autism Program and their families. Also thanks to the Kentucky Postal Workers Union and their generous gift of supplies and money to KAP.

Fall is right around the corner so plans are underway for the start/return of approximately 25 college students next week. Then, Kiwanis/Lifeskills are sponsoring the 4 mile run/1 mile walk with all proceeds going to KAP on October 17. Many activities are scheduled so mark your calendar!

Thank you for all of your support—we couldn’t be as successful without your support!

As always, we ask that everyone remember KAP and the benefits that are being brought to the community. KAP has an endowment fund or consider us in estate planning and other forms of giving. KAP can also grow through your effort of time, talent, and treasure.