

***“Celebrating 25 years of serving People with Vision Loss!”***

As our 25th Anniversary continues we are so proud of our very special programs that have come to be major parts of Spectrios Institute for Low Vision. This issue of the Bright Side is dedicated to two of these programs.



First, our **“Seeing is Believing”** children's program (which is celebrating its 20th Anniversary this year). During its twenty years we have conducted 881 clinics across the state of Illinois serving over 5,250 student in grades K thru 12.



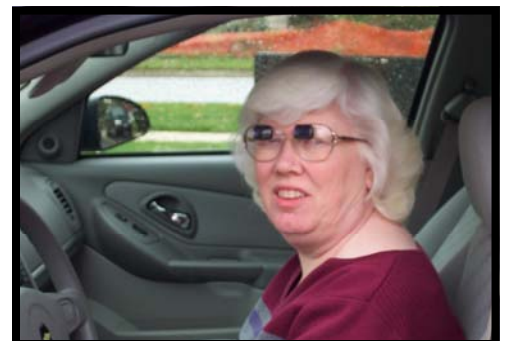
On pages six through eight you will find special editorials about our “Seeing Is Believing” Children's program.

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Spectrios Institute’s **“Sight for the Road”** driving program, began in 1994, Since its inception this special program has seen over 500 people with vision loss.



On pages nine through eleven you will find special editorials about our “Sight for the Road” program.



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## EDITORIALS

Special editorials are articles written by Spectrios Institute's staff members, board members and volunteers. We hope you will enjoy their special insights.

The following editorials can be found in this issue:

### **Special "Seeing Is Believing Articles:**

- **"Proud, Proud, Proud"** by Bonnie Sokol, Volunteer page 6.
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- **A Very Special Occasion"** by Dorothy Troyer, Board Member, page 3.

## FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Those of you who have come to Spectrios Institute (Deicke Center) know how important our program is and how important getting the proper tools to help can be. If you know of someone who would benefit from our program or if you haven't been back in a while, we can help!

Funds are currently available to help eligible low income individuals and seniors on fixed incomes with the cost of our program fee and also with the cost of glasses, magnifiers and other specified devices. All funds are on a first-come-first-served basis and during these difficult economic times are in great demand.

**Contact: Diane Levine, 630-690-7115, Ext. 12** to request financial assistance prior to making an appointment. We hope you will share this information with everyone you know!

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## NAC ACCREDITATION

It is exciting to know that Spectrios Institute for Low Vision has successfully met the national standards of performance required for membership in the National Accreditation Council of Agencies Serving People with Blindness and Visual Impairment (NAC). This important achievement is an indication of Spectrios Institute's dedication and commitment to improving the quality of life for people who are blind or have visual impairment.

## A VERY SPECIAL OCCASION

By Dorothy Troyer

On June 16, 2011 families gathered at Spectrios Institute for Low Vision at Deicke House to honor and remember someone dear to them. These were people who had donated bricks for our walkway of Hope and patio.



The groups were welcomed by executive Director, Dr. Tracy Williams and Board Member, Dorothy Troyer. As each brick was placed, a short presentation and remembrance was shared about each individual honored.

After all bricks were placed, refreshments were served in the Spectrios Conference Room, with one final toast:

*“To Spectrios, which connects us all. Let us go now and do what the people whose names are inscribed on these bricks would have us do and that is to make the most of life before most of life is gone.”*



This new tradition met with the enthusiastic approval of the families who participated. Now, when you purchase a brick for the Spectrios

patio or the Spectrios front walkway, you will be invited to come to Spectrios on a date in June to participate in this formal tradition of brick placement, honoring your loved one. If you purchase a brick in honor of a living person, that person will be invited as well.

Call Diane Levine, Director of Development at 630-690-7115 X 12 for details about donating an inscribed brick or go to our website, [www.spectrios.org](http://www.spectrios.org). Click on “Get Involved” then click on “Ways to Give” on the left, and scroll down to “Donate a Brick” and then click on “brick donation form.”

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## TECHNOLOGY OPEN HOUSE

Each quarter, Spectrios Institute for Low Vision holds a Technology Open House to familiarize people with different types of tools and technology that are available to assist people with vision loss to do many things important for their independence.

This winter’s Technology Open House is:

- DATE: December 3, 2011
- TIME: 10:00 am until 2:00 pm
- PLACE: the Deicke House, 219 E. Cole Avenue, Wheaton, IL 60187

See the technology article on page 4 to learn a bit about some of our newest pieces of technology!

Watch our website ([www.spectrios.org](http://www.spectrios.org)) for special activities at this open house!

## Apple, I-Pad Basic Accessibility

**By Leah Gerlach**

The I-Pad has many accessibility features which are built directly into the system. These include adjustment in font size and type for some of its basic applications, display modification from white with black print, to black with white print, zoom magnification, and screen reading. All of these features can be adjusted through the “Settings App” on the main screen. Here’s how to get started:

Find the “Settings App” and touch it to open the settings features. The settings screen will look like two columns. The left column is the table of contents of the settings features you can open, to find specific features of each setting. The right column is the components available for each item in the left column. Accessibility is located in the right column to find it do the following:

- 1.) Find the word General in the left column and touch it to activate the list in the right column associated with it.
- 2.) Scroll down the right column to the bottom of the right list. You should find Accessibility near the bottom of the list. Tap it.
- 3.) You will see that the list changes to reveal a list of accessibility features. The list includes,
  - a.)Voiceover – the screen reading software; Zoom – the magnification software;
  - b.)Large Text – will give you options for changing the size of the font for the Notes Application, E-mail application and the Contacts application;

- c.)White to Black – which will invert the colors on the screen;
- d.)Mono Audio ;
- e.)Speak audio-text;
- f.)Triple click Home – will adjust what the home button does when you tap it three times quickly.

- 4.) Tapping any of these items will reveal a list of options or instructions about the accessibility feature, and how to adjust it.
- 5.) Once you have turned on a feature there is a simple way to activate or deactivate it. Use three fingers and tap the screen twice. In Zoom if you do this and hold the second tap and slide your fingers apart you can adjust the amount of Zoom you are using.
- 6.) A few words about Triple Click Home, when you tap this item you will reveal a list of features The last one is Ask. This is the one you should tap to select. It will allow you to access any of the accessibility features without going back to the settings menu.

Some applications like “i-books” will have some accessibility features within the specific application or book. These are located at the top right of each book, and look like the following:

- 1.) A sun which will adjust the brightness on the page
- 2.) An “A” which will allow you to change the font size, type and brightness on the page.

These features and their locations change with each App you open. Usually books have the features listed above.

I hope that these few tips will help you get started using your I-Pad.

## PROUD, PROUD, PROUD!

By Bonnie Sokol

The pride that Spectrios Institute for Low Vision feels about the 20-year anniversary of its “Seeing Is Believing” children’s program is surpassed only by the pride felt by past and current program participants.

Dr. Tracy Williams, Executive Director of the Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, recalls 20 years ago when a colleague and fellow member of the Lions Club contacted him with an idea to assist

children with low vision. Jim Smith, then Executive Director – Lions of Illinois Foundation, and also a low vision patient, contacted Spectrios Institute for help to expand the services of



a traveling low vision clinic for students throughout Illinois. Dr. Williams instinctively recognized the potential for a dynamic opportunity in bringing all of this together.

Astute teachers and parents play a major role in identifying kids who can benefit from “Seeing Is Believing.” The plan involves vision teachers being asked to identify six students in their district who could benefit from a special low vision evaluation. The program would be open to students from kindergarten to 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The Spectrios Institute team would meet for one hour with each participating student, their parents and their vision teacher. Local Lions Clubs are invited to observe and volunteer. This program is at no costs to students, parents or teachers.

Although the Lions Foundation offered to underwrite the entire program, the Spectrios team decided as a 501 © 3 non-profit organization, they would raise the the balance of the funds to support the services and administration costs; thus, Lions would be responsible only for providing the actual tools such as glasses, magnifiers, monocular telescopes, and wrap-around sunwear.

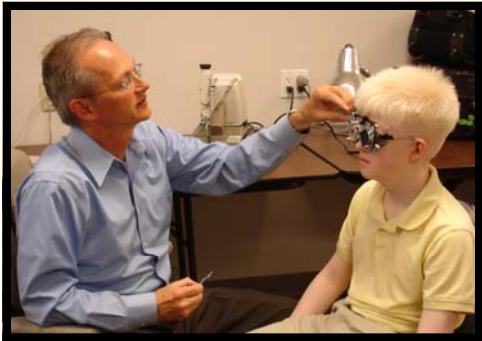
Leah Gerlach, Director of Counseling and Technology for Spectrios Institute, in the early days was counselor for “Seeing Is Believing”, traveling to schools and talking with teachers and kids prior to their exam. Leah, who has been visually impaired since birth, would then pull out tools that she herself uses to let the kids know there is help that they, too, can use with pride.

Although Dr. Williams is still active doing a few clinics annually; has passed the major responsibilities to Dr. Mary Jordan who continues to this day as the low vision specialist doctor in charge of “Seeing Is Believing”, and “Doing an absolutely brilliant job,” says Dr. Williams. Dr. Jordan has superior technological skills combined with her enthusiasm and endless abilities to assist the “Seeing Is Believing” kids under her care.



## SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES!

Sometimes the doctor, and teacher have to think beyond what they are told, to explore further what may be happening with a child. The following stories are great examples!



A seven-year old girl had one eye that her surgeon had planned to remove after determining the eye was totally damaged with no chance of vision, and because the eye was misshapen. He had planned to replace it with a glass eye so that it would look normal. Her astute teacher noticed that the little girl was acting in such a way that suggested she may have some remaining vision, and so enrolled her in a “Seeing Is Believing” clinic that was coming to her school. After a low vision examination, it was determined that with special prescriptive magnifiers, she would capture more visions for functional use. With this valuable input from the Spectrios

doctor, the surgeon decided to delay as long as medically possible the removal of the eye. Following up later, the teacher reported to Leah that the girl was able to read the blackboard and do her lessons using the tools provided by Spectrios.

A 10 year old boy had been diagnosed with multiple cognitive disabilities. His parents had made the painful decision to institutionalize him. After participating in a “Seeing Is Believing” clinic at his school, it was determined that he did have some visual potential. With the help of special prescriptive optical tools he was able to maximize his limited vision. Despite also being deaf, he was able to use his vision to greatly improve his life. With a lot of hard work and the assistance of his doctors and parents, that experience turned out to be a crossroads in his life going on to college.



## DREAMING BIG

Overcoming the shame a parent might feel of having a child with vision loss can be more of a challenge than helping the child learn new things. Leah is a good role model when they watch her function as a confident contributing member of society despite her visual disability. "I've never met a parent who doesn't want their visually impaired child to succeed," says Leah, "they are just scared,



"Dream big" is Leah's mantra. "I tell parents and teachers never to squash a child's dream, but to encourage them", Leah enthuses.

"There are really

only two things a person with vision loss cannot do, one is to fly an airplane and the other is to drive a car. And with rapidly developing technology, driving a car is not too far off in the future." If Billy wants to be a fireman, don't step on that dream. Instead, let him know that alternatives to actually fighting a fire include becoming a dispatcher or a reporter who covers the fires. Dreams can be re-directed, and that's what creative teachers and parents can do.

Kids encounter bullies in all walks of life, but that can be especially difficult for those with disabilities. In Seeing Is



Believing, Leah says the focus is on empowering the child to feel confident, suggesting to teachers to encourage a child to bring in their "tools" as a "show and tell" session for the class. It may not discourage the taunts of bullies, but will most certainly empower the child with vision loss with enormous pride in using the skills he has learned, working with what he has rather than what he does not .

## SEPTEMBER'S - OPEN HOUSE

Our September Open House saw two new tools being shared with everyone, the "Magnilink Student by LVI" ► and the "I-DEX" .▼



The "Magnilink Student" is an excellent solution when light weight and real mobility are required. Weighing only 3.3 lbs, the "Magnilink Student" connects to PC and/or Mac computers and offers desktop and distance viewing.

The "I-Dex" is a powerful video magnifier for users who require portability; it works with laptops and PCs. It is compatible with Windows XP and Windows Vista. Come to the next open house to see the next newest piece of technology.

## TOOT YOUR OWN HORN

By Bonnie Sokol

Who says that all people with vision loss should be denied driving privileges? Certainly not Dr. Tracy Williams, Executive Director of the Spectrios Institute for Low Vision, and a strong advocate of equal opportunity when it comes to driving.

Transportation figures so prominently in our country's culture that we seem to be tied to the automobile. When vision loss claims the privilege of driving, some people retreat to the life of a shut-in with no hope. They are sometimes wrong – there is hope! It takes the form of the “Sight for the Road” driving program, a partnership of Spectrios Institute and the Marianjoy Rehabilitation Hospital begun in 1994.

In the U.S., approximately 40 states allow bioptic drivers to operate vehicles after meeting the state requirements and undergoing professional training. Currently approximately 400 bioptic drivers in Illinois have received their licenses, the majority of those having gone through the Spectrios Institute/Marianjoy program.

Eye doctors have the authority to sign the “Vision Specialist Form” that will exempt people from having to go through the vision test at the DMV.

“Sight for the Road” driving program has four major steps. First, Spectrios Institute low vision doctors examine a patient who desires to drive and determines if they qualify for referral to Marianjoy Rehabilitation Center. Spectrios determines if bioptic telescopic lenses are required to

drive. The bioptic lenses are not for reading, but for long distance viewing. Just as people must practice using bifocals for reading, the bioptic user must practice looking up to use the bioptic telescope when driving. Although Spectrios doctors co-manages the patient's care with their primary eye doctor, these special bioptic glasses are prescribed only by low vision specialists, not by regular eye doctors.

Second, if eye examination results qualify you as a candidate for “Sight for the Road”, the doctor writes orders to Marianjoy where an evaluation by their qualified staff will assess your driving candidacy for admittance to the program. There is no age restriction other than the minimum of 15 years for the driving permit required by law.



(Definition of Biotic Telescopic Lenses - a fixed telescope mounted in the carrier lenses for spotting distant objects)

## CONT. TOOT YOUR OWN HORN

Third, once enrolled, training at the Marianjoy facility is done by occupational therapists certified as rehabilitation driving instructors. The training includes in-office simulators, driving test track and actual driving out on the road and takes approximately one full day to complete. Spectrios receives a report from Marianjoy after you have successfully completed the training. f Marianjoy assessment determines that you can be a driving candidate, you then return to Spectrios Institute for a final vision assessment.

Sound complicated? Most candidates for “Sight for the Road” do make it. Your own determination and use of your remaining vision plays a huge role to your success. There is no discrimination against telescopic drivers as long as you pass the legal requirements.

Last, after getting the special bioptic glasses, the state of Illinois requires at least 61 days before applying for your driver’s license in order to allow you sufficient time to learn how to use your new lenses. The Spectrios doctor with successful result complete your Vision Specialist Form. You will, however, need to schedule a time with the DMV when the specialized regional driving instructor will be there to administer the state driving test.

The cost for “Sight for the Road”; including the cost of the low vision eye exam, bioptic telescopic lenses and the Marianjoy program fees is approximately \$2,500. Dr. Williams points out that the telescopic glasses provide additional enhancements such as clearer viewing of television, the ability to read overhead menus at restaurants, enjoying movies and museums, seeing facial

expressions and body language of other people,

Once you have received your license – and yes, you will still have to get your picture taken! – It is valid for one year only and for daytime driving only. Your license looks just like any Illinois driver’s license and can be used in all 50 states, as well as with any car rental company. Insurance companies do not charge a premium for bioptic drivers. After one year of safe driving with no citations you may apply for night time driving if you wish by returning to Spectrios for another exam. If approved, Spectrios then writes another order to Marianjoy and you undergo another training program with them for night driving privileges. Then it’s back to the DMV where the specialized regional instructor will administer your test, this time at night.

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## WONDERFUL VOLUNTEERS!

As we enter the holiday season we want to give a VERY special “Thank You” to all of our wonderful 2011 volunteers:

Amy L., Anna D., Bev B., Bev W., Bob A., Bob T., Bob W., Bonnie S., Carol H., Christina K., Christine R., Cindy W., Connie N., Dave J., David J., David L., Dave T., Dorothy T., Georgia C., Herman L., Jackie A., Jean D., John A., John H., Karen L., Lara L., Laura S., Len D., Leslie W., Martha N., Megan L., Molly G., Mona C., Pat G., Sharon L., Tom S., Teresa M., and all of board members.

You have helped make Spectrios’ 25th anniversary year a great success!

## WHAT IF?!

If you don't qualify for "Sight for the Road" is that the end of the road? Absolutely not! The Spectrios team will work with you on alternative transportation possibilities, learning how to get around independently without driving yourself. A shining example of positive attitude is one of the Spectrios staff members, Karen Thomas.

Karen had gone through "Sight for the Road" and for years had been driving herself. Her vision deteriorated to the extent that she no longer qualified for the program. After she contemplated her new situation, Karen faced it head on and brightened Dr. Williams' day when she brought in her "David Letterman Top 10 Reasons To Be Happy About Not Driving". Among the reasons: No longer have to be the designated driver; No more car insurance; Don't have to worry about those knuckleheads with road rage. She had crossed the bridge of acceptance and realized she was okay.

Let your friends help you – people love to help out if called upon. Find other things about your life as you move through this uncharted phase. Think of it as territory to explore, an adventure of discovery and doing things in new ways.

Before you succumb to self-diagnosis of "I lost my driver's license to low vision and therefore will never drive again", contact the Spectrios Institute and let us help you make your decisions.

We do not believe in limits – except, perhaps, the legal speed limit!

## Transportation Options

1.) Call your city hall or township office. Find out if your town or township has any local service or dial-a-ride service. Check if they have any cab program where you buy coupons so the ride is discounted.

2.) Call the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) to sign up for ADA para transit. Phone Number: 1-312-663-4357.

You need to call the RTA to get an application, fill it out, then call the RTA to make an appointment at one of the certification centers where you go for an in person interview.

Once you are qualified for para transit, you can get a ride where there is a fixed bus route. You don't need to live within 3/4 mile of a fixed bus route, just riding on the para transit bus within 3/4 mile of a fixed route. This is because of how the Americans with Disabilities Act was written. The hours of operation for para transit are the same as the fixed route in the area you are riding.

## GOLF CLASSIC HIGHLIGHTS

THANK YOU to the individuals and businesses who contributed to making our 25th Anniversary Golf Classic the most successful in our history! Proceeds from the event will benefit children and adults who participate in our visual rehabilitation programs.

A VERY SPECIAL THANK YOU for the generous support of our Presenting Sponsor

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We are also grateful to our Lunch Sponsor and Cocktail/ Dinner Sponsor

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White Sox Broadcasters, Ed Farmer (left) and Hawk Harrelson (right) give their ritual "pep talk" to golfers.

Dr. Bruce Rosenthal (pictured left) GOT A HOLE IN ONE! Spectrios' Executive Director, Dr. Tracy Williams (pictured right), recognized Wayne, who is the first player to ever shoot a hole-in-one at our Golf Classic. He came all the way from New York to accomplish this feat. Unfortunately it wasn't on a prize hole.



Board Chairman, Peter Whinfrey (right) welcomed our guest speaker, former White Sox player, Bill Melton.

Hawk Harrelson (left) talks baseball with Doug Eyles (right).



**AND THE 2011 GOLF CLASSIC WINNERS ARE .....**



**First Place:** Trust Company of Illinois Team Members: Jerry Avner, Ralph Bouma, Bill Hayes and Bill Novak

**Second Place:** Community Bank Wheaton/Glen Ellyn Team Members: Christopher Barton, Dave Clayton, Scott Hamer and Dave Petti

Look for information in the next Bright Side Newsletter with the date and location for our 2012 Golf Classic.

## SOMETHING UNUSUAL

By Dorothy Troyer

Imagine this - A girl and a boy, a mother and a father, two teachers, a family with a 7 year old and a 5 year old, one adult and two senior citizens all going to a Chicago White Sox game! No one person of this motley crew knew all of the others. Each one had been selected to represent Spectrios in celebrating our 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We rode a school bus from Spectrios to Cellular Field on Sunday morning, August 21<sup>st</sup>. We pulled right up to the entrance nearest "The Bertucci Patio" where we had been invited by the Bertucci Brothers to eat lunch. When we presented our tickets, which had been a gift from the Chicago White Sox, we were given wrist bands, which we soon discovered allowed us to eat lunch in an area of the patio reserved especially for Spectrios.

Lunch was incredible. We expected hot dogs, but what we got was a choice of hot dogs, hamburgers, fried chicken, BBQ ribs, potato salad, pasta salad and cole slaw. We could have as much of any or all of it we wanted. Talk about heaven! We could have soft drinks or lemonade and refills came with our tickets.

When our bus arrived, Dr. Tracy Williams, Executive Director of Spectrios and Board Chairman, Peter Whinfrey were there to meet us. During the afternoon our group was recognized on both radio and TV.

About the end of the 4<sup>th</sup> inning we were surprised and delighted when our hosts sent down Dove bars as a special treat. (The group with our hosts the Bertucci Brothers) ►



Our reserved picnic area butted right up against the Outfield. As the afternoon progressed, there were two very exciting plays that happened right before our very noses, which were pressed up against the wire fence. We took pictures of the footprint left by a White Sox player when he caught a fly ball right there. When we wanted a higher up view, our tickets allowed us to sit in reserved seats in the stadium.

What made this group and this activity unusual? The girl and the boy are kids in the Spectrios "Seeing Is Believing" program, which has been in place for 20 years. Both of them are visually impaired. The mother was there with her daughter. The father was there with his son. Both parents helped the kids to understand what was happening on every play. The teachers were Spectrios Staff members who had directed the August Computer Camp. The family belonged to a Spectrios Board Member, who wanted his family to have some understanding of his interest in the Spectrios mission. The Senior Citizens were also Board Members, and the adult was a visitor who travels around the country visiting ball parks.

It was an amazing afternoon. Some camaraderie was developed among Spectrios Staff, Board Members, SIB kids and their Parents. AND the Chicago White Sox won 7 to 0! Happy Anniversary Spectrios!

## NEWS ON SPECTRIOS INSTITUTE STAFF HAPPENINGS!

Many things are happening with the staff at Spectrios Institute that are exciting for everyone.



### Lions International— Advisor

"We are honored to have the expertise of Dr. Tracy Williams as a new Technical Advisor to Lions Clubs International Foundation's SightFirst Program. His expertise in low vision and uncorrected refractive error will help guide Lions to continue their decades-long commitment to preventing blindness through projects for underserved communities throughout the U.S. and Canada," Sid L. Scruggs III, Chairperson of Lions Clubs International Foundation.

### New Residents

Another year brings a new class of residents to the Deicke House. Dr. Coalter welcomed this fall and winter our first resident of the 2011-2012 year, Dr. Raman Bhakhri.

Dr. Bhakhri will be with us until January and is working with Drs. Coalter and Williams, helping people that come to our clinic at the Deicke House. One of the projects Dr. Bhakhri is working on is in the area of research, and we will have an article in our next Bright Side newsletter. He is also working with Dr. Jordan at some of our "Seeing Is Believing" children's clinics.



### New Staff Member



Gregg Pusateri has joined the staff as the Executive Assistant to Dr. Williams. Gregg's major duties will be assisting various other staff members with tasks in the areas of: marketing, development, rehabilitation teaching, phone follow-up, technology and counseling. Gregg will also be helping with the Institute's future move to electronic medical records.

Gregg brings a diverse background, having been an optometrist and a minister. Gregg left his optometric practice when he developed Cone-Rod dystrophy, which greatly impacted his vision.

## THE LAST WORD ...

As a kid I wanted to be a professional ball player. There is only one thing that kept me from doing that. Talent. Peter, Paul and Mary sing a song that tells my story. It's called, "Right Field." It begins...

"In the summer when I was a kid, we'd run to the schoolyard and here's what we did. We'd pick out the captains and we'd choose up the teams. The last ones they picked were the worst. I never needed to ask. I just took up my place in right field."

"Playing right field can be lonely and dull." Much as I dreamed of making a fantastic catch, the truth was I prayed that the ball would not come to me. But one day the ball **did** come my way and I **didn't** make a fantastic catch and my team lost. I was ashamed and depressed. It was all my fault cuz I was there in right field just watching the dandelions grow.

All week I felt terrible that when I had the chance to help my team I messed up big time. I determined that I would never let that happen again. Weeks went by and once again I was playing right field. This time I was paying attention. It was the 9<sup>th</sup> inning. The bases were loaded and I was ready. I dug in my shoes. I positioned myself to make a great catch. The other team had 2 outs. It was just

possible that what I did would determine whether my team won or lost. The batter was up. He hit the ball hard and high and oh my gosh it headed straight to me there in right field. If I caught it my team would win. If I didn't we wouldn't have a chance. The whole team was yelling and looking at me. "They point to the sky and I look up above and what do you know, the baseball fell into my glove!"

I learned a lesson that day in right field. "It's important you know. You gotta know how to catch and you gotta know how to throw" and above all you gotta be prepared.

When people come to Spectrios they often feel depressed like the kid who is stuck out in right field, because they tend to be awkward and they tend to be slow. That's why I tell the people who come to Spectrios that their vision doesn't determine how happy or successful they will be. **They** determine that. At Spectrios we help them be prepared to do whatever is important to them, even when they find themselves in right field watching the dandelions grow.

R. Tracy Williams, O.D.  
Executive Director



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## COMING ARTICLES ...

- An article on our residents research project.
- The 2012 Gala - April 28, 2011, invitation.



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**2011-2012 COMING EVENTS**

**Support & Learning Groups:**

Check our website for each day’s topic.

- December 4, 2011 at Plymouth Place, LaGrange Park, IL from 1:30—3:00 p.m.
- January 8, 2012 at Belmont Village, Carol Stream, IL from 1:45—3:30 p.m.
- January 22, 2012, at Plymouth Place, LaGrange Park, IL from 1:30—3:00 p.m.
- February 12, 2012 at Belmont Village, Carol Stream, IL from 1:45—3:30 p.m.

**Technology Open Houses:**

Check our website for special demonstrations and times.

- December 3, 2011 at Deicke House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- March 3, 2012 at Deicke House from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Hold The Date:**

- April 28, 2012 Annual Gala

Watch for future dates on our website!

**[www.spectrios.org](http://www.spectrios.org)**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

