



# The HILLCROFT WAY



## CEO Corner

“If you work with your hands and only your hands you are a laborer. If you work with your hands and your mind, you are a craftsman. Only when you work with your hands, your mind and your heart are you a professional.”

(Unknown author)

I'm here to testify that Hillcroft employs hundreds of professionals. This organization is treading through trying times yet it doesn't stop us from applying these truths to the hours we all work to further our mission.

We are blessed to be such a great organization where an integral part of our strength comes from each of you and the community we live in. This newsletter issue highlights many ways Hillcroft has benefited from generous giving that has enhanced our ability to provide services to those with disabilities in this community.

Thank you for accepting the changes that life throws at each of us and for continuing to support us as we change the lives of those we serve!

**Debbie Bennett, President & CEO**

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## Target Circle Community Giving Program

We were excited to be invited and featured in the Target Circle Community Giving Program that ran this past July through September. During this time, guests at Target stores cast 25,802 votes for Hillcroft awarding a Target funds grant in the amount of \$1,250.14 to support our mission! Thank you to all those who voted for us!



## Clearwater Car Wash Program



This past August 3 and then again on September 16, Hillcroft partnered with Clearwater Car Wash and their Clearwater Cares non-profit program and together were able to raise \$1,000 over these two days to help people with disabilities! Thank you for all those who came out these two days!



## Hillcroft Receives 2020 Chamber "Spirit of Small Business Award"

We were truly honored to be chosen as the recipient of the 2020 "Spirit of Small Business" award at the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce's 126th Annual Meeting on October 15, 2020! We are proud to be a chamber member and a part of this great community.



# 2020 MUSIC THERAPY VIRTUAL TALENT SHOW



Due to the safety and well-being of our clients and staff, we made the decision to hold our annual Hillcroft Music Therapy Talent Show totally virtual this past October! We invited our staff, clients, family, friends, and the general public to view and vote on-line for their favorite entries. After hundreds of votes were cast, this year's winners were:

- Most Musical Act** – Kory and Jacob
- Most Creative Act** – Sarah and David
- Best Dance Moves** – Carly and April
- Funniest Act** – Brandon and Kolson
- Best Costumes** – Hayden, Brianna and Brad
- Overall Winner** – Daniel, Robbie and James

## TALENT SHOW WINNERS 2020!



*Kory and Jacob*



*Sarah and David*



*Carly and April*



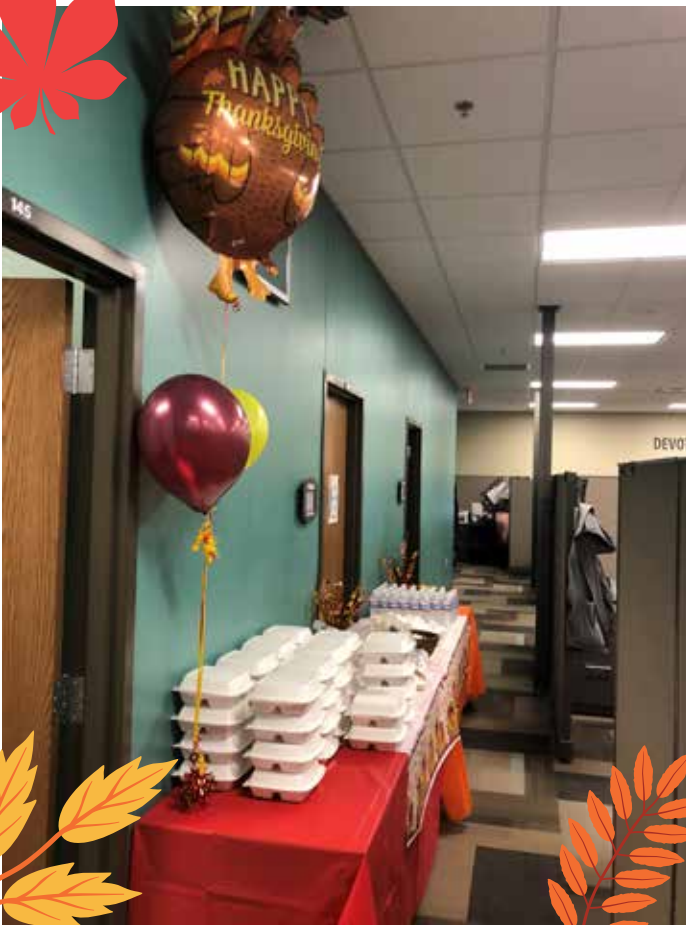
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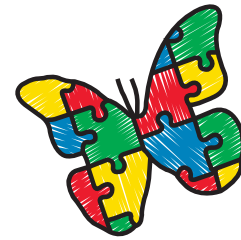
## Annual Client & Staff Thanksgiving Appreciation Luncheon

Though quite a bit different than our normal event, we safely hosted our Annual Client & Staff Thanksgiving Appreciation Luncheons on Friday November 13th and 20th at our ABA and Air Park Facilities respectively. We are so thankful for all of our clients and our dedicated, supportive and positive staff that work with them.

### 2020 Winners Included:

Volunteer of the Year	Lynne Hatfield
Development Partnership Award	Deltac Solutions
Community Employer Award	McAlister's Deli
Awesome Artist Award	Jhon Gimenez
Majestic Musician	Correy Abram
Recreation Rock Star	Abby Bahlmann
Hillcroft Industries Standout Performer of the Year	William Sopke
Community Employment – Employee of the Year	Stephen Drake
Outstanding Life Skills Achievement Award	Michael Collins
Positive Growth Award	David Dunbar
Jr. Butterfly Award	Meredith McEvoy
Sr. Butterfly Award	Talan Shafer

# HILLCROFT ABA CLINIC ADDS NEW PRESCHOOL TO THEIR PROGRAMMING



**ABA  
Clinic**

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The Hillcroft ABA Clinic started another new program this past year in the form of a preschool. The preschool is directed by Kyle Bell, Academic Program Coordinator, and Chelsi Christman is the teacher for the preschool students. The first day of preschool was on September 8, 2020 with ongoing enrollment and the maximum number of students set at ten. The preschool is designed to provide an early childhood education to children within the Muncie community and provide an opportunity for inclusion to kids who receive ABA services at Hillcroft. The first semester recently concluded and it was full of learning opportunities and growth with the students in the preschool class. The students attend preschool everyday from 8:30am to 3:30pm where they are engaged in reading, writing, math, social skills, art, physical education, music, and science. All of these activities are aligned with Indiana Early Childhood Education standards. This first semester the preschool has partnered with the Ball State University School of Kinesiology (which includes the Physical Education program) and the Hillcroft Music Therapy Department. Students from the PE department

at BSU came and assessed students in the preschool on different gross motor skills and then provided instruction on those motor skills for the semester. The Hillcroft Music Therapy department has been meeting with the preschool twice a month to integrate music into our preschool. Through this partnership, the preschool students learned the Thanksgiving Dinner song and then performed it at the annual ABA Clinic Thanksgiving Luncheon. Thank you to Rebecca Rowe and her intern Lydia Olson for the time they dedicated in putting this performance together.

The preschool students are currently working on identifying their letters, the letter sounds, identifying their numbers, and counting. Miss Chelsi, as the students call her, has been working extremely hard in teaching the students to write their names and developing their social skills on a daily basis. We spent the first few weeks developing and teaching classroom expectations to the students. As the second semester has now begun, we will be preparing to really focus on our literacy and math skills. We are currently taking enrollment for preschool. Please contact Kyle Bell at [kbell@hillcroft.org](mailto:kbell@hillcroft.org) for more information.



*We had a lot of firsts this semester in preschool but our first field trip was outstanding. The preschool attended White Tail Tree Farm and Pumpkin Patch. Brandon Miller owner of White Tail Tree Farm provided the preschool students a first class experience.*



*The preschool was able to support the community and the Muncie Mission with a canned food drive. For being so young the students rocked in the subject of giving by bringing in over a hundred canned goods which went to the Muncie Mission Thanksgiving meal.*



*We were rocking in our preschool shoes with "Pete the Cat Rocking in My School Shoes" by Eric Litwin.*



*First four students of the Hillcroft ABA Clinic Preschool on their first day. They were so excited to see what was in store.*

**SUMMER CAMP WAS  
FOR KIDS AGES 5-12**

# SUMMER CAMP

**THIS PAST JUNE THE HILLCROFT  
ABA CLINIC EMBARKED ON A  
NEW ADVENTURE WITH ITS  
INAUGURAL SUMMER CAMP**

This past June, the Hillcroft ABA Clinic embarked on a new adventure holding its inaugural Summer Camp. The summer camp was created and organized by Kyle Bell, Academic Program Coordinator. Chelsi Christman, the Summer Camp Counselor, led daily activities with the camp attendees. The summer camp was nine weeks long and each week offered a different theme and activities that went along with the given topic. Through this summer camp, the Hillcroft ABA Clinic partnered with several local businesses and community members to facilitate hands on and interactive learning opportunities. Those businesses included Greeks Pizzeria on McGalliard, Reynolds Farm Equipment, Koorsen Fire Protection, and All State Insurance agent Justin Sorensen. Community partners included the Muncie Police Department, Muncie Fire Department, and Bill Kimes. Kimes graciously donated his time and talents to teach the campers about cooking and provided them opportunities to cook meals for themselves. Mark Stoughton, owner and operator of Greeks Pizzeria on McGalliard taught the campers about the pizza making process and even allowed the campers to create and cook their own personal pizzas. Justin Sorensen graciously

donated snacks for a week to the campers which was extremely important for the campers to have access to and the camp even took a field trip to the new Boulder Falls Mini Golf & BatZone one day for some fun in the sun. The Hillcroft ABA Clinic Summer Camp was for kids ages 5-12 and kids could sign up on a week by week basis or take part in the entire nine weeks. The summer camp served a lot of purposes in our community, but there were a few that stuck out. Summer camp allowed Hillcroft to build new relationships within the community of Muncie, gave an opportunity for kids with autism to be integrated with neuro-typical kids, and also helped expand the ABA Clinic's reach to the Muncie Community. The summer camp definitely met and exceeded expectations considering all these things were done during a global pandemic. Our summer camp could have not been done without the support of the above mentioned partners, Chelsi Christman, and the Chief ABA Officer at Hillcroft, Gina Davenport!



**THE ABA SUMMER  
CAMP EXPLORED  
MANY AREAS OF OUR  
COMMUNITY**



# MISSION ACCOMPLISHED!



# Thank you!

## #GIVINGTUESDAY



## #GivingTuesday2020 a HUGE Success!

On Tuesday, December 1, 2020 we raised money for a much needed generator for our group home located on E. Berkley Ave. Thanks to many generous donors, we were able to not only meet our goal of \$8,000, but surpass it! We were able to raise \$12,202.15! We would like to send out an extra special thank you to two amazing organizations! We sincerely thank The Kakatu Foundation and Unified Group Services for their generous support of our campaign this year!

# THANK YOU!



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service above self



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## Hillcroft Awarded Grant from Muncie Rotary Club

Our Hillcroft ABA Clinic was awarded a \$1,000 grant from the Muncie Rotary Club to help with the purchase of a brand new bounce house for our ABA kiddos! We are very grateful for all that the Rotary Club of Muncie does supporting our community while always putting service above self!



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Visit [www.Hillcroft.org/golf](http://www.Hillcroft.org/golf) to register online, or contact Dan Wolfert at [dewolfert@hillcroft.org](mailto:dwolfert@hillcroft.org) to secure space for your team today!

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