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CEO Corner

As mentioned in our 2019 Annual Report, available on our website at www.hillcroft.org, the most visible accomplishment of Hillcroft Services this past year was the completion of the 85,000 square foot facility located at 501 West Air Park Drive in Muncie, Indiana. In addition to this, the ABA Clinic completed renovations to add an

additional fourteen therapy rooms to serve children on the autism spectrum. Since the consolidation and renovations - operations, programming, staff and clients have been about making the necessary adjustments to adapt to the new environments. We are faced with exciting opportunities to redefine service provision and how supports are provided with this new space. The facilities provide flexibility and potential that Hillcroft has never before experienced and will aide in our efforts to serve more individual's needs more efficiently.

We look forward to continuing to serve the people with disabilities of this community with living... with jobs... and with their independence. Thank you in advance for your contributions and partnerships that will make this possible.

For the people we serve,

cbbu Genned Debbie Bennett, President & CEO

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Save The Dates!

March 20th Annual Disability Awareness Concert *Muncie Civic Theatre*

April 1st Ice Cream Card *Available at Hillcroft & Online!*

May 7th Afternoon Flight Annual Masters Golf Outing The Players Club

May 8th Morning Flight Annual Masters Golf Outing *The Players Club*

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TRULY A 'GRAND' OPENING Hillcroft Services Invites Community To Visit Brand New Facility

Early last fall, on September 12th, Hillcroft Services hosted its Grand Opening and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony to open its doors and invite the public to step into and experience the Hillcroft dream in person. This highly anticipated milestone served as a celebration of the conclusion to the \$9.2 million *Building Better Futures Capital Campaign* which commenced in 2015 and was publicly announced in May of 2018.

"The Future is Bright" was the theme of the evening, which featured bright colorful decorations created by Hillcroft clients in the Creativity Unlimited (CU) program. Jim Benadum, Hillcroft client, originally came up with the idea for the theme during an initial event committee planning session. Custom sunglasses were handed out to all guests who



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attended to signify that Hillcroft's future is brighter than ever before! There was an overwhelming show of support with a turnout of over 200 guests who attended, many of which were clients, staff, families, and community partners.

The event served as a grand opening celebration as well as an official ribbon cutting ceremony, which was held in conjunction with the Muncie-Delaware County Chamber of Commerce. The event started just outside the main entrance with a brief performance from clients of Hillcroft's Music Therapy groups and went directly into remarks made by Hillcroft Board Chair Julie Bering, Mayor Dennis Tyler, George & Frances Ball Foundation President Tom Kinghorn, and Campaign Co-Chairs Andy Bowne and Chris Cook. Before heading inside, Hillcroft leadership, board members, key contributors, and clients Kory Jones and Jim Benadum had the honor of holding the ribbon for the official ribbon cutting ceremony.

Following the outside activities, guests were welcomed into the cool air to join



one of several guided tours that took the 200+ attendees around the new 85,000 square foot facility to learn more about all the services Hillcroft provides and to see first-hand the brand new facilities. The tours ended with a lively reception in the Creativity Unlimited area where appetizers and refreshments were prepared and served by the Ivy Tech Culinary School and was accompanied by more Music Therapy entertainment and the opportunity to purchase arts and crafts made by Hillcroft clients.



Guests gather around main entrance for Ribbon Cutting Ceremony







Building Better Futures Capital Campaign Donor Board



One of the group tours of HIIIcroft Services led by COO, Jessica Hammett

Four years ago, Hillcroft Services set out with a vision of consolidating multiple buildings in order to create one main campus which would offer more space and better amenities to help provide better and improved services for our clients. Thanks to the generous support and the hard work of so many individuals, companies, and foundations, this dream has now become a reality. Over the past few months, Hillcroft staff and clients have been adjusting to life in their new facility. It has been both an exciting and uncertain transition for many but the facility that they now call home was all worth it. Hillcroft clients and staff are happier than ever before as they are able to utilize this expanded, state of the art facility. As was their hope, by consolidating services into one main campus, Hillcroft is now able to better serve their clients with greater accessibility and efficiency.



Recently completed 45,000 square foot addition to the pre-exsisting two story 40,000 square foot building creating 85,000 total square feet



One of the groups touring Hillcroft Services



Decorations were created by Creativity Unlimited



A GOLF OUTING FUNDRAISER FOR HILLCROFT SERVICES, INC.

Hillcroft Services is gearing up for its 16th Annual Masters Golf Outing held at The Players Club at Woodland Trails in Yorktown, Indiana. This year's two-day golf outing will take place Thursday afternoon May 7th, and Friday morning May 8th.

The Masters Golf Outing is the single largest annual fundraiser for Hillcroft Services. With the help of many businesses and individuals, last year's tournament completely sold out for a total of 250+ golfers!

Registration for the 16th Annual Masters Golf Outing is now open! Visit <u>hillcroft.org/mastersgolf</u> to register online, or contact Haley Brocki at hbrocki@hillcroft.org to secure space for your team today!

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Hillcroft clients: Kory Jones (L) & Jim Benadum (R)

SAVE THE DATE!

Thursday, May 7th Registration & Lunch @ 12pm Shotgun Start @ 1pm

Friday, May 8th Registration & Breakfast @ 7am Shotgun Start @ 8am

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SERVICES SPOTLIGHT Recreational Therapy Program

Established in the Summer of 2017, our Recreational Therapy program helps to improve physical, emotional, social, and cognitive areas of each individual with leisure activities and community integration. It has also been proven to decrease depression, anxiety, and stress which may be brought on by a physical limitation or disability.

From starting with seven clients, the program quickly grew and now serves 79 clients of all ages and abilities. Our recreational therapists create individualized plans for each client, then accompany them every step of the way.

The Center for Disease Control (CDC) states people with disabilities are three times more likely to have cancer, stroke, heart disease, and diabetes than people without disabilities. Hillcroft is helping our clients fight back against these astonishing statistics.

This past year for our Giving Tuesday initiative, Hillcroft was accepting contributions for the purchase of equipment needed in our Recreational Therapy Program.

Hillcroft partnered with our generous friends from Unified Group Services who offered to match every gift up to \$2,500! Together, with the help of our staff and community, we were able to raise a total of \$5,885.31 for the much needed equipment in our Recreational Therapy program.



Annual Client and Staff Appreciation Thanksgiving Luncheon

On November 1st, Hillcroft hosted its Annual Client and Staff Appreciation Thanksgiving Luncheon at the newly renovated Union Chapel Ministries' Oneighty Center. 450 clients, staff, community partners, and volunteers attended this year's luncheon.

President & CEO, Debbie Bennett, kicked off this year's program by recognizing devoted staff members for their years of service to the organization. That was followed by Julie Bering, Board Chair, and Bennett presenting nine client awards, and five community partner awards. Winners from October's talent show performed on stage at this year's Thanksgiving Luncheon and to wrap up the program clients and staff joined together for a lively dance party!

Below were the community partners who received awards:

Thrive Credit Union *Community Partnership Award*

Unified Group Services *Development Partnership Award*

Golden Living Centers *Community Service Award*

Mursix Corporation Industrial Services Award

Texas Roadhouse *Community Employer Award*

Congratulations to all our award recipients, and thank you to everyone who came to show your support!

James Wallace (L) and Emily Craig (R) at the Thanksgiving Luncheon.





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