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Where people with disabilities
live, work and grow.

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Article Headline

Consumer Spotlight



Jeff has been with CWTC for 11 years and works with the janitorial crew at the Federal Courthouse. Jeff has his own apartment and is an avid artist, taking part in the Inspiring Art Abilities program. "I like drawing pictures and coloring. I like drawing cartoon characters, it make me feel relaxed and good." Jeff's current project is providing artwork for the latest Heart of Illinois United Way campaign.

Dear friends of CWTC,

This year I will be celebrating my 30th anniversary at CWTC. (For those doing the math I was only 3 when I started - just kidding!). While many things have changed, so many have stayed the same.



On the plus side, we are able to communicate better with technology, our consumers are more integrated into the community, the individuals we serve are better advocates for themselves, CWTC has maintained a relationship with Caterpillar since 1960 (providing work opportunities for our adults with disabilities), and there are more opportunities for our individuals to maximize their independence. We also have a dedicated staff with many years of service that help provide quality services for our consumers.

Some of the things that continue to be an issue, the lack of funding for services to adults with disabilities (Illinois ranks towards the bottom of the 50 states in supporting people with disabilities), the lack of community awareness about who we are and what we do, additional regulations and mandates (and again no additional funding), and the challenges of running a not for profit with those regulations and mandates.

We will continue to work towards changing what we can and will always advocate for the best programs possible for our consumers. We are always looking for new and unique opportunities

As I reflect back on my time at CWTC, I am so proud of each and every one of our consumers and what they accomplish on a daily basis. Honestly, it is the 400 plus individuals with disabilities that we serve that make my job so rewarding!

Best regards,

Patti Gratton

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CWTC Annual BOWL-A-THON

Employment!

CWTC is seeking

March 25th!

employees that are looking for a rewarding job. Available positions are listed [HERE](#) and you can download an application [HERE!](#)

WISH LIST!

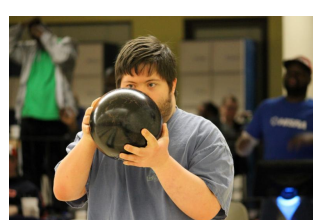
We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to check out our "Wish List" every month. If you haven't seen our Wish List yet, please take a moment and [check it out today!](#) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. Every bit helps!

DONATE!

CWTC depends on the generosity of individuals in the community to help people in need and much less fortunate than most. Click [HERE](#) to donate today!

Thank you!

CWTC is proud to announce our annual "CWTC Bowl-A-Thon" fundraiser at Landmark Recreation Center in Peoria. It is scheduled for Saturday, March 25th from 9:00AM to 12:00PM.



Individual and groups are welcome to play. Individual registration is \$20 and includes three games and shoes. There will be raffles and fun activities. All money raised goes directly to programs and services for CWTC consumers.

Registration forms will be available soon on our website! See pictures from last year [HERE!](#)

Save the Date!

Friday, March 31

CWTC presents a stirring exhibition of art, Friday, March 31st at the "Inspiring Art Abilities Art Show." The show is at 6:30PM.



The evening will showcase the many talents of our CWTC consumers through their paintings. Pieces will be on display and for sale during our silent auction with proceeds benefiting the artist and the Inspiring Art Abilities Program.

See pictures from last year's event [HERE!](#)

Take a Tour

If you would like to take a tour of CWTC and see what our staff and consumers do on a daily basis, we would love to show you. It takes about 30 minutes and we think you'll find it very rewarding. Contact [Rick Stephenson](#) for more information.



Mission Statement

Our Central Illinois organization provides programs and services to adults with disabilities; enriching their quality of life, promoting social change, and optimizing their potential for independence.



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