Larry’s House
How two families will build a home for children with autism and other disabilities

Larry’s House will be the first of six planned new children’s group homes to be constructed over the next year as part of the Children’s Village Initiative (CVI) on Little City’s therapeutic, 56-acre campus. This home is being built thanks to the farsighted generosity of the Rudis family who named Little City as the remainder beneficiary of the Larry Rudis Special Needs Trust, a significant gift from Vincent and Patricia Foglia of the Foglia Family Foundation and countless additional donors.

Larry Rudis was a long-time resident and at the time of his death in May 2010 at age 76, he was Little City’s oldest resident. Larry came to live at Little City in 1960 and his parents, Eugene and Mildred Rudis, were considered to be one of Little City’s founding families.

During his time at Little City, he spent many years in the Life Enrichment Program, now known as the Adult Learning Center, working on various tasks and spending time with his friends and staff. Larry was an exceptional person and very witty, often making jokes and bringing laughter to many.

Larry had a close relationship with his mother who predeceased him by four years. To ensure that Larry would continue to receive a high quality of care after her death, she set up the Larry Rudis Special Needs Trust, to benefit Larry during his lifetime and named Little City as the remainder beneficiary on the Trust.

Mildred understood that a Special Needs Trust (or Supplemental Needs Trust) would provide benefits, by way of the trust, to her son, without jeopardizing his eligibility for public assistance like Medicaid or Supplemental Security Income. In this case, he qualified for public assistance by reason of his disability because he was unable to hold employment and adequately support himself.

Today, Larry and his parents’ legacies live on by providing funds for the eight children who will benefit by living, learning, and growing up in the first new children’s group home. This is the first home to be built at Little City in over four decades.

Stay tuned for the next issue of the Tapestry which will highlight the Foglia family and their generous commitment to Little City.

To learn more about including the Little City in your estate plan or receive information about Special Needs Trusts, please contact Kate Maver, Director of Planned Giving at 847-221-7809 or kmaver@littlecity.org.

Rendering of the first Children’s Village home, to be named after Larry Rudis. Each home is specifically designed for our children with autism.
Three years ago, proud Little City parent and artist, Anita Miller, created an arts enrichment program to be used as a therapeutic outlet for the adults at Little City.

Every Monday morning, 30 individuals from the LifePath Adult Services program join Anita to explore their talents. Under Anita’s direction, the arts enrichment participants are able to uncover their creative skills through several projects utilizing various mediums.

“This program really enhances the life of the adults who are involved,” said Anita Miller. “Over the three years, these individuals have increased their sensory and social skills.”

Most recently, the “Art Quilt by Extraordinary Individuals” was sold in an auction at the Little City Invitational Golf Tournament.

Individual spin art paintings from Little City artists were joined together by Anita in a quilt-like fashion onto a poster, showcasing the individuality and self-expression of each artist.
### Making a Difference

#### Schneider Electric Updates Little City Group Home

“Giving back to the community, no matter how small makes me feel good,” commented Schneider Electric Compensation Manager Holly. “It’s great to know that Schneider Electric is concerned about its community and cares enough to allow employees to leave for the day to work on volunteer projects—it really means a lot.”

The eight male Roselle residents were excited to return to their home after work and see the changes the volunteers made throughout the day.

“It is always an honor to have volunteers help make a difference in the lives of our clients,” said Little City Director of Residential Operations Regina Brown-White. “The time and commitment during this one-day activity is an effort that is memorable to our clients for a lifetime.”

#### Helping Hands

Little City extends its appreciation to the following groups and countless individuals for their recent volunteer work with us:

- Chicago Cares
- DeFranco Plumbing
- Fifth Third Bank
- Medline
- Pulte Mortgage
- Schneider Electric
- Zurich North America

For detailed descriptions of these recent projects or to learn more about getting involved, visit [www.littlecity.org/volunteer](http://www.littlecity.org/volunteer) or contact (847) 221-7804.

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#### Hot Chocolate Walk for Little City

**Chicago’s Sweetest Walk**

Join us **November 4** at the Hot Chocolate Walk for Little City!

Support Little City while enjoying chocolate fondue and hot chocolate from the Ghirardelli Chocolate Company at the greatest post-race party!

The Hot Chocolate Walk for Little City is a family event, with many fun post-race activities for children of all ages including a large Kid Zone, magicians, face painting and much more. Children under the age of 12 are encouraged to participate and can register as a junior walker. All registrants receive a goodie bag with a hooded sweatshirt.

Don’t forget to “Go the Extra Mile” to fundraise for Little City! Register at [www.littlecity.org/walk](http://www.littlecity.org/walk)


**Making a Difference**

**Make the Holiday Season a Little Brighter**

*Send a beautiful message with these unique holiday cards from Little City artists*

For more than 20 years, Little City’s Center for the Arts has provided individuals with disabilities the opportunity to explore and expand unique and creative talents, promoting a sense of accomplishment and empowerment through the arts.

By sending holiday cards created by artists at Little City, you are introducing a community of artists without boundaries or limits to your business associates, family and friends. Little City believes that creativity has no disability, as demonstrated by these unique, high-quality holiday greeting cards.

These 5" x 7" cards are printed on high-quality cardstock and packaged in sets of 25 cards and envelopes. Each design includes a biography of the artist and details on Little City’s Center for the Arts on the back of the card.

To order your holiday cards today, visit [www.littlecity.org/cards](http://www.littlecity.org/cards) or call (847) 358-9467 to order by phone. Bulk ordering and custom imprinting are also available.

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* Imprinted card orders must be placed by December 7, 2012.

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**Community Partners**

- Charles & M.R. Shapiro Foundation
- Cook County – Community Development Block Grant
- Elk Grove Township
- Illinois Arts Council
- Illinois Department of Transportation
- Motorola Solutions Foundation
- A. Montgomery Ward Foundation
- Washington Square Health Foundation
- Zurich North America

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**In Memoriam**

**Mike Lyon (1954-2012)**

As a Little City resident for over 22 years, Mike Lyon was a joy to be around. He was involved in many programs and often introduced himself as the “Mayor of Little City.”

“This is truly a loss for our organization as Mike’s humor, creativity, wit and compassion has touched us all,” commented Executive Director Shawn E. Jeffers.

Mike was one of our great artists who worked in the Center for the Arts. He was an active member in Little City’s Advocacy Group and recently earned a medal in powerlifting at the Special Olympics.
City Planning

Little City Refreshes Website Design

Little City employees have been working hard to implement a new, more interactive and user-friendly website that will allow supporters to stay up to date with their giving history and the latest happenings around Little City.

This new website design makes it easier for visitors to navigate through our programs, events, latest news, history and much more. Now individuals visiting us for the first time can readily find the information for which they are searching.

With this platform, all Little City supporters can create their own account and get individualized giving history information. Users will also be able to modify their personal settings such as a change in address, email or email preference. Making gifts online and registering for events will also be made easier on the new website.

Individuals can also create their own peer-to-peer fundraising page, which will allow supporters to actively fundraise and connect with their networks while teaching others about the mission of Little City and the children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities we serve.

“We wanted to develop a more robust and user-friendly website that would allow us to effectively integrate online and offline campaigns, while giving our supporters the opportunity to fundraise and engage their networks,” commented Little City Director of Communications & Marketing Lisa Hoffmann.

Be sure to check out the new website at www.littlecity.org and create an account today!

The new Little City website is more interactive and user-friendly.

To stay on top of Little City news, events and advocacy efforts, join us on our social networks.

To Document & Data Destruction

Every business needs an information management plan to help protect against identity theft, meet the demands of state and federal legislation and free up space by getting rid of old, outdated files. Little City’s Document & Data Destruction can help meet your growing business needs by providing secure document destruction at one of the highest levels of security shredding.

For your free quote or to set up a meeting to evaluate your needs, contact (847) 221-7420 or visit www.littlecity.org/docdestruction.
Despite the rain, 150 golfers joined Little City at Twin Orchard Country Club for the 49th Annual Little City Invitational (LCI) Golf Tournament on Aug. 13 raising over $270,000 for children and adults with autism and other intellectual and developmental disabilities.

“The Little City Invitational Golf Tournament has continued its tradition of being the largest fundraiser for the children and adults of Little City,” commented Executive Director Shawn E. Jeffers.

“It was another successful year and we are already looking forward to next year, our 50th.”

After golfing 18-holes, guests enjoyed a cocktail reception, dinner, musical entertainment provided by Little City resident Jerry Rose, silent and live auctions and an awards ceremony.

This year, the LCI tournament honored Little City friend and partner Kenneth L. Ender, Ph.D., President of Harper College with the Morrie Kellman Humanitarian Award. Each year this award is presented to an outstanding friend and supporter of Little City in memory of the founding member and creator of the LCI tournament Morrie Kellman.

“Over the years, Little City and Harper College have built a strong partnership and Dr. Ender’s efforts to support the children and adults at Little City are truly commendable,” said Jeffers.

Additionally, golfers raised $17,500 for a sensory therapy room that will be in the first home of the Children’s Village Initiative. These new group homes were specifically designed for individuals with autism. Sensory rooms are an important aspect of each of these homes as they allow children to regulate their emotions.

Little City's Advocacy Group recently celebrated its five-year anniversary. This group, made up of 33 Little City participants, aims to inform the general public and state legislators about the importance of helping people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.

Classes are in Session at Little City

Classes at the ChildBridge Center for Education began August 21. This year, Little City's therapeutic day school opened its second classroom for teens ages 14-17 with severe and profound needs on the autism spectrum.

Advocacy Group Celebrates Five Years

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Become a Little City Brand Champion

Enjoy a robust selection of Little City branded gift items from Lands’ End just in time for the holidays! Design your own Little City gear to wear proudly or share with friends. Shop online at ces.landsend.com/Little_City. Little City does not receive proceeds from these purchases. Our benefit is in the visibility of our brand as you wear it!

Little City Art on Display in Rockford

More than 70 pieces of artwork will be on display in the “Full Circle: Art from the Little City Foundation” exhibit at the Rockford Art Museum from October 5, 2012 – January 6, 2013. The below image titled “Cloud” by Tarik Echols is one of the many works of art that will be exhibited.
Hot Chocolate
Walk for Little City
Sunday, November 4, 2012
Chicago
To register, visit www.littlecity.org/walk

Little City Foundation
1760 West Algonquin Road
Palatine, IL 60067
www.littlecity.org

Friday, November 16, 2012
Fairmont Chicago | Millennium Park

Annual Dinner Gala

Join Little City for an elegant evening of dinner and dancing. Honoring MOTOROLA SOLUTIONS FOUNDATION for its community support and advocacy of employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities.

For more information, please visit www.littlecity.org/annualgala

City Guide:
Upcoming Events

Saturday, March 9, 2013
The Hard Rock Hotel Chicago
Poker Tournament & Casino Night

Hot Chocolate Walk for Little City
Sunday, November 4, 2012
Chicago

www.littlecity.org/annualgala