moments of REFLECTION
“JUST MAYBE IT IS THESE SMALL
SILENT MOMENTS WHICH ARE THE TRUE
STORY-MAKING EVENTS OF OUR LIVES.”

–DOUGLAS COUPLAND
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Dear Little City Family, Friends and Supporters

Little City had another banner year in 2018. From the opening of our third home in the Duffey Family Children’s Village to breaking records at the Illinois Special Olympics Summer Games, Little City continued to grow in new ways.

While we often mark milestones and celebrate major events, it is important to remember the little moments that happen every day that make Little City so special. Those snapshots in time are featured in this year’s annual report, fittingly titled Reflections. As we prepare to celebrate the major milestone of Little City’s 60th anniversary in 2019, these reflections are a reminder that the quiet successes that happen on any ordinary day can be a special breakthrough for a person with intellectual or developmental disabilities.

Through all the changes and growth Little City has experienced, the one constant has been our mission. We achieve our mission of creating hope, changing lives and challenging all limits when those we care for take small steps forward. The dedicated and caring staff at Little City work every day just to see that small step happen. In their own words, they give a glimpse of some of those moments and how it has set the foundation for even brighter futures.

These success stories are a testament to what can happen when we all work together. It takes personal ambition, a dedicated staff and supportive donors and families for people with intellectual and other developmental disabilities to achieve their full potential. Little City has been blessed to have that support since our very first day.

We want to thank you for all you do for Little City. Like these snapshots of success, no matter how you choose to support Little City, it all matters and builds to something greater. We hope you enjoy these stories and that they remind you success is happening every day at Little City and your support helps make it happen.

Sincerely,

Shawn E. Jeffers Matthew B. Schubert
Executive Director Board President
He isn’t afraid to fail. He isn’t afraid to mess up. If he takes on a heavy load and misses, it doesn’t affect him.
Jimmy S. is the most decorated athlete in Little City Special Olympics history. For more than 8 years alongside coach Tim Lahart, Jimmy has been the core of a powerlifting team that has evolved into arguably the best in the state. Jimmy added to his impressive resume in 2018 by becoming the first-ever Little City powerlifter to sweep his weight class at the Illinois Summer Games, winning four gold medals in the process. Coach Tim reflected on Jimmy’s 2018 and what he has meant to the Special Olympics program.

“2018 wasn’t a huge leap for Jimmy because that is what he has become over the past eight years. Jimmy has always been willing to try things and he is extremely coachable. That really makes a big difference for him and how he performs. He is the embodiment of the model athlete for what we want to do because of his coachability. He isn’t afraid to fail. He isn’t afraid to mess up. If he takes on a heavy load and misses, it doesn’t affect him.

Ideally, for me, what I would like the program to do long term is develop the transferable skills into daily life and employment skills. Having him take the accountability to transfer those skills from my environment to the other environments is the goal and he is someone who gets that. I want him to take the things he excels at here and apply it to his daily life. We have a really good recreation program and that is the challenge for the program as a whole and for Jimmy. He is a great teammate and I know that happens here, but what I want to see is for that to be a ripple effect to other programs in the agency.

The team goal is to always make each other better and Jimmy is great at that. I’ll tell you a quick story. A guy showed up late for an interview — a day late — and I am getting ready for my strength and conditioning program. So I tell Jimmy and Tony what I wanted done in the weight room while I go and do the interview. When I came back, Jimmy and Tony were basically running the workout. They were helping their teammates pick their weights and select their exercises. It was one of the most awesome things I had ever seen. To see them do it naturally; I was just so excited to see them grasp the concepts that much that they were able to help their teammates get better. That’s a huge milestone to see them transfer those skills they’ve learned to help each other. Everybody’s job is to make each other get better — here, and in life.”

2018 FITNESS & RECREATION DETAILS:

191 participants improved their overall health and wellness through the Fitness & Recreation program.

37 medals were proudly earned by the Little City Special Olympians at the Illinois Summer Games.

At the Illinois Summer Games, a Little City athlete performed the heaviest deadlift in the state at 450 pounds.
She is becoming a student-teacher with us really. If someone is struggling, she will help them figure out how to do it right.
Erin H. has taken classes at the Dorothy Rose Horticulture Center for more than three years. In that time, she has advanced from the most basic class to the most advanced and now even helps teach the basic class. Over that time, she has forged a special relationship with Jackie Kenyon, who teaches horticulture classes. Jackie talked about how Erin has grown as a person in 2018.

“Erin has been part of the horticulture program since I have been here and she has made incredible progress. She started with just afternoon classes and then progressed to the vocational classes and now helps us with the edible garden and comes in and helps with the other classes, which is amazing. She’ll set things up and get things ready for the other participants. She’s got a great sense of wonder too. Even though she doesn’t like bugs, she’ll brave them. She’ll be fascinated with the things she finds in the garden and will ask really in-depth questions. It’s not just ‘what is this plant’ or ‘is this fertilizer’ but she wants to know what fertilizer does and how things work with the different plants.

She is becoming a student-teacher with us really. If someone is struggling, she will help them figure out how to do it right. Socially is where she really has made great strides and that is what I think is so cool about horticulture and how it incorporates social skills. You really have to care for a plant. You don’t just throw water at it and hopes it grows. You have to not only water it, but nurture it, watch it and help it grow and I see Erin doing that with our participants. She nurtures them and helps them grow in their skills.

I could definitely see her one day being able to work in a greenhouse or at a florist. I think she would do really great. Her social skills are amazing and she just has the biggest heart. She always wants to put a smile on someone’s face. I’ve even seen it personally. When she found out a close friend of mine had a child diagnosed with leukemia, she went and made a Build-a-Bear and gave it to me to give my friend’s child. No one asked her to do that. She just has that big of a heart.”

2018 HORTICULTURE PROGRAM DETAILS:

- Between 50-75 different plants are grown in the greenhouses, ranging from edible vegetables and fruits, to ornamental house plants.
- Each week the horticulture program runs 10 classes throughout three locations.
- The horticulture program served between 80-100 participants throughout the year.
He wants to stay busy and be challenged and that makes him enormously enjoyable to work with.
Kamdin F. is a high school student at Little City’s ChildBridge Center for Education. When Kamdin first came to Little City, he struggled mightily with his Obsessive Compulsive Disorder and would get frustrated easily. But he made great strides in 2018, excelling at communicating through iPad software and discovering a positive outlet in art therapy. Speech therapist Jason Cohen talked about Kamdin’s growth and the potential he has as a student.

“I think the biggest thing with Kamdin that I’ve seen over the past year is his willingness to be challenged. I start out using an iPad for communication with a student and in Kamdin’s case it is to expand his communication. He is a verbal young man but with his autism it is difficult to individually take words and combine them into a structurally meaningful expression. I can give him an entire comment to make like ‘He is eating’ or ‘He is sleeping’ and Kamdin can repeat that by choosing the words on the iPad. He is letting me scale back on that and he can do things he would have been frustrated with a year ago.

Kamdin works. He likes to work. He finds meaning in doing the work that is put in front him. You see a lot of other students have issues with work avoidance. Kamdin is the exact opposite of that. He wants to stay busy and be challenged and that makes him enormously enjoyable to work with. With how hard he is willing to work, I want him to become a student that is able to use the iPad in multiple settings and in order to get to that place he just needs to keep working on his flexibility. An example of something we worked through with Kamdin is he used to start every day by messing with the covers on the fire alarms and he’s not doing it anymore. We sort of had to take a step back from it and let him work through it himself and he did. He doesn’t do it anymore. He engages in appropriate functional behaviors when he enters the school now, which is great to see.

One behavior he still has is not wanting doors opened for him. I have to tell you I kind of like that behavior on a metaphorical level. He wants to do things himself, which is a good trait for a student to have. I’d like for him to be OK with us opening doors for him someday, but it’s nice to see that he is seeking that independence. Overall, I want to see him become a total communication user. I think words that are initially on the iPad can become words that he can access verbally.”

2018 CENTER FOR EDUCATION DETAILS:

37 The Center for Education continued to grow with 37 students enrolled in the 2018-2019 school year.

7 A 7th classroom was opened at the therapeutic day school.

5 5 students were successfully transitioned to less restrictive educational placements.
He is eager to learn and wants to be taught new things so he can do more at his job.

BILLY A.
Billy A. is a perfect example of what motivation and support can lead to at Little City. In 2018, Billy built on his previous success by moving from a Community Integrated Living Arrangement (CILA) into a more independent Community Living Facility (CLF.) He also transferred to a Jewel-Osco, where he now has added responsibilities and is closer to his new home. Home Manager Crystal Valley talked about Billy’s strides in 2018 and his huge potential moving forward.

“The thing that stands out most about Billy is that he is highly motivated in his independence. When he has a goal in mind he will work tirelessly, and I mean tirelessly, to achieve it. He was very happy to be in a CILA environment when he first came to Little City and knew he wanted a job. He was able to get a job very quickly and then he wanted to be more independent. He worked very hard on setting up that independent track for different things like being able to be at home for up to four hours a day with no staff supervision. It didn’t take long before he met the criteria for the CLF environment and once that was presented to him, he became 100 percent singularly focused on it. He worked on his own transit so he can take Pace, he learned to take his blood pressure independently, he is 100 percent independent on laundry, he’s asked staff to help teach him to cook and just was very proactive about becoming as independent as possible.

He immediately took to his job after transferring to a new Jewel. There is always concern of course because you are not going to put someone in a new environment and not be a little concerned about the transition. Little City staff went with him on his first day of work and in 15 minutes he was ready for them to leave. He is eager to learn and wants to be taught new things so he can do more at his job.

He’s just an example for everybody and a great role model. He is part of the Ice Breakers self-advocacy group and participates in Stand Up, Speak Out every year and is very active on campus. He’s just an amazing, amazing resident. And he has a really big heart. If someone is having a bad day he will make sure to go out of his way to help them have a better day. He is the success story of all success stories.”

2018 CENTER FOR EMPLOYMENT DETAILS:

35
Little City’s Employment First program placed 35 individuals into community integrated employment.

97%
Hires achieved an overall retention rate of 97%.

$10.45
Individuals who obtained work with the assistance of Employment First made an average of $10.45 / hour.
Everyone here is here at their own desire. He could say no, and there are people who regularly do say no, but he has been saying yes.
Little City’s Center for the Arts is renowned for its internationally acclaimed artwork. But the work that happens in the Center for the Arts goes far beyond what is seen on the canvas. John “JJ” B. is a success story of a different kind. While he has only gone to the Center for four months, director Frank Tumino said JJ made incredible strides in 2018 as he overcame anxiety and found comfort in the work. Frank reflected on JJ’s unique journey and the potential he has in the future.

“For JJ, I think it was a sign of real positive growth when he was even willing to come to the art studio. He was really withdrawn and not doing many activities. Just getting him out of his room and engaged was a victory right away. He had a lot of issues with anxiety and he was very fearful of things. When he first came to the studio, he was doing what I thought he would be doing and that is being very skittish and very, very afraid of pretty much everything. After a little while he started to warm up to the place. I think the level of activity was a barrier of sorts at first. People are laughing and talking and music is playing so it can be a lot. He seemed to get over it and started smiling and laughing at some point and you can see he is a lot more comfortable. He does work on art now and maybe he doesn’t have an overwhelming passion but he does work on it. I am very encouraged by that part as well.

Everybody is unique and certainly JJ is. His challenges are unlike any I have seen in anyone else. I have seen people warm up to the task before though and I think he has too. That is truly the stage we are at right now — just him getting used to the place. I think he is pretty comfortable though because this is not mandatory. Everyone here is here at their own desire. He could say no, and there are people who regularly do say no, but he has been saying yes. I want that to continue. I think the next step is increasing his productivity and seeing what really interests him.

For me, I will always enjoy the artwork and take joy in how the artists are producing amazing and beautiful things, but that is not how I am judging the success of the program or any individual. I want to see how they can reach new heights on a personal basis and where they are compared to where they would be if they weren’t here in the program. And when I see JJ, I think his progress has been through the roof. I am so happy with what he is doing even if it is not comparable to the art others create.”

2018 CENTER FOR THE ARTS DETAILS:

94 Little City artists are benefiting from the Center for the Arts programming.

$13,000 The Center for the Arts sold $13,000 worth of artwork in 2018.

22 artists are currently selling art on the Little City website.
The Little City Foster Care & Adoption program changes lives in the most impactful of ways — by finding loving and caring homes for children with developmental disabilities. One of the biggest success stories in 2018 was the adoption of 13 year-old Michael, who had lived with the Miltons for years after narrowly avoiding a state institution or group home placement. Little City Therapist Amy Board talked about Michael’s journey to adoption in 2018 and the importance of the loving family he found.

“I started working with Michael in 2013. He had been with the Milton’s for about six months and had limited skills. He was working on toilet training and had no attention span. It was really challenging. I was working on parent-child therapy with his biological mom, but there were challenges in her understanding of his needs. We worked for a consistent time but there wasn’t much progress so the court changed the ruling to terminate parental rights and the Miltons decided right away they would try to be a permanent placement for him. Leneva [Milton] worked really diligently with him on everything from hygiene to eating well. He would eat a very limited amount of things. She would just go week by week introducing new foods and to this day he is still expanding his palate.

Leneva is so connected to Michael and he is so attached to her. Even though he remains non-verbal he definitely connects with people. He’ll smile if someone makes a joke. He is much more engaged and his attention span has increased so dramatically that he can sit and read a book. When we finished our time together he could sit with me for up to 20 minutes and do a single activity. He has improved in communicating the things he wants and needs. Now, he can use a communication board and is even starting private speech therapy. Michael has progressed dramatically because of all the hard work the Miltons put in. He can do little tasks at school like help in the lunch room. It’s really cool to see his progress and how he just keeps improving.

I would say it is definitely unusual to find a family like the Miltons. They were his first non-family placement. He had been with his aunt who was overwhelmed with his level of need and he was regressing. Michael needed a same-day placement and the first family said no right away. He was jumping, running and making noise and they knew they wouldn’t be able to have him. We thought we were going to have to take him to a shelter. When we came to the Miltons, they just had a child they were fostering that returned home and they were thinking of a break because they had been fostering so long. But we brought Michael and it was love at first sight. He immediately cuddled up to Mrs. Milton and he has been there ever since. A court would likely have said Michael needed an institution or group home because most families aren’t equipped to handle that level of need let alone have the patience and love to help that child grow and then elect to adopt him. They are a special family. It’s something we don’t come across very often.”

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2018 Foster Care & Adoption Details:

- **25** The Foster Care & Adoption Program celebrated 25 years of service.
- **100%** Clinical team achieved 100% compliance on all indicators in program’s Medicaid Audit.
- **22** A total of 22 new youth were accepted into the program resulting in a 41% acceptance rate—the highest rate of intakes within the past 6 years.
He has proved that the benefits of these new homes have a tremendous impact on their lives.
In February 2018, The Coleman Foundation Home welcomed eight residents as the newest expansion to the Duffey Family Children’s Village. Over the course of the first year, the residents have grown together and improved skills. Now, 20-year-old Kenny C. is the first resident of the home getting closer to potential community living as he has shown the progress and independence to make that crucial step. Home manager John Albright reflected on Kenny’s impressive growth over the last year and being the mentor for others at The Coleman Foundation Home.

“Kenny didn’t transition well and typically didn’t like change, but when he moved to this home he really seemed to take to the home. For him, having space is a big thing. He likes to kind of be to himself and that is one of the first things we noticed. His own room and the extra space and the sensory room here really made a difference. He used to have intense self-injury behavior, to the point where he could give himself black eyes. But moving here has really improved his well-being and overall happiness. When you look at his chart, that behavior is way down. We really never see it.

One big issue he overcame pretty quickly is no longer needing pull-ups. The first day he decided he didn’t want them anymore, he grabbed his own undergarments and dressed himself, which that alone was a big improvement and wonderful to see. It was great to see that progress and now he can do that routine completely independently. With him becoming independent with the dressing and hygiene, he is getting ready to transition to a CILA. He’s already had one overnight stay and it went well, which is great because before we would have to worry if he would even get out of the van or have self-injury behavior again and now that’s not a concern. We’re really happy for him that he is working on taking that next step. He still needs to do more overnight stays but he is progressing.

We can keep people here until their 22nd birthday, so when we start looking for placements for 20-year-olds it’s because we usually think it is going to be harder to find a home for them. The fact that the first place he went to liked him, I would say that is exactly what we like to see. We care about all the kids and we enjoy having them here but ultimately the goal is to prepare them for the next stage in their life and build those skills. He has proved that the benefits of these new homes have a tremendous impact on their lives. If you were to ask me what his trajectory was when he first came here, I would have said he’d come up right to the wire of his 22nd birthday to find a placement, so it’s been great to see him moving in that direction even if it does take him a few tries.”

2018 CHILDREN’S GROUP HOMES DETAILS:


7 The Children’s Group Homes successfully transitioned seven youth to Community Integrated Living Arrangements (CILAs.)

57 There are 57 children living at Little City.
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We are immensely grateful for their generosity, vision, and life legacy to support our mission. To learn more about planned giving, please contact Shawn Jeffers at 847-221-7860 or sjeffers@littlecity.org.

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Beyond the state-required minimal standard of care, Little City’s quality-of-life standards encompass programs and services that foster a life of health, recreation, education and culture that protect one’s rights, beliefs, choices and aspirations.

The charts provide a breakdown of Little City’s operating expenses and revenues for Fiscal Year 2018 dating July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.
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