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Welcome to the inaugural issue of St. Louis Life's e-newsletter! We are proud to bring you this publication bimonthly with the hope of keeping you informed of our efforts to "enable individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve the highest level of independent living and live a full and enriched life" as our mission states. It is our goal at St. Louis Life to create a community where residents can work, play, learn, and most importantly, thrive, in an environment that is respectful, caring, and encouraging. We appreciate the many people and organizations that have supported our work over the past months and look forward to bringing our dream to reality. On behalf of the board and founder Rob Trulaske Jr., we invite you to join us as we work together to effectively support young adults with special needs.

Andy Conover
Executive Director

How Do I Apply?

Beginning July 1, 2006, St. Louis Life will be accepting applications for its residential program. The facility is tentatively scheduled to open in Spring 2007. The decision to enroll in a life-long program is a significant one. St. Louis Life's application process reflects this. Admissions decisions are made based on the "goodness of fit" between the applicant and the program. Families are encouraged to review our admission criteria carefully.

St. Louis Life's Application and Instructions which are available as a Microsoft Word document in the Admission sub page of the St. Louis Life website, <http://www.stlouislife.org>.

Reception at Riverview School Graduation

St. Louis Life is hosting an informal reception on Friday, June 16th from 2-3:30pm at Riverview School in East Sandwich, MA as part of Graduation Weekend. The reception will provide a chance for families to find out information about where we are in the construction process, site and building drawings, and application procedures and deadlines. This will also be an opportunity for families to talk informally with staff and board leaders and determine if St. Louis LIFE is a good fit for your son or daughter. Contact Andy Conover at aconover@stlouislife.org or 636-240-2400 x1565 for more detail

Breaking Ground

St. Louis Life will be hosting a groundbreaking ceremony to celebrate the official start of the facility's construction in July. Look for an upcoming announcement detailing the time and date in the next few weeks.

The Scoop on Construction

After extensive work with the City of O'Fallon and a careful bidding process, St. Louis Life will be selecting a general contractor for its facility in the next two weeks. The Lawrence Group is serving as St. Louis Life's architect and is facilitating the construction process. Final drawings of the site, commons building, and the individual apartments are available visiting <http://www.stlouislif.org/>.

Capital Campaign

In conjunction with our construction process, St. Louis Life is embarking on a capital fundraising campaign. The purpose of this campaign is to address the costs incurred by St. Louis Life to build its new facility. Missouri tax credits have been applied for to offer incentives to donors. Look for more details in the upcoming months about how you can participate in this important campaign.

Website Makeover

St. Louis Life's website underwent a significant makeover earlier this spring, striving to improve its look, navigation, and design. Take a few minutes to check out the new and improved website by visiting <http://www.stlouislif.org/>. We welcome any feedback you have on ways to improve our website. Send an email to info@stlouislif.org with any suggestions.

Getting the Word Out

St. Louis Life staff have been actively engaged in marketing the organization over the past 18 months. This has included exhibits at the international Learning Disabilities Conference, Independent Educational Consultant Association conference, and various fairs and presentations to parent groups. If you know of any upcoming opportunities for St. Louis to host a booth or make a presentation, please contact our office.

Thank You!

Thanks for reading our first e-newsletter! Contact info@stlouislif.org if you have any questions or suggestions on how to improve future issues.



Thank You!

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