



Two Organizations Join Forces for a Great Cause *ACDS Pays It Forward to Winthrop-University Hospital's Cancer Center for Kids*

PLAINVIEW, NY — ACDS, a not for profit organization that provides lifetime resources for individuals with Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities, is helping children with cancer and the environment each week by collecting glass bottles and plastic cans for Winthrop-University Hospital's Cans for Cancer Program. The program, hosted by Winthrop's Cancer Center for Kids, invites volunteers to collect and recycle cans to help children affected by cancer.

Since 2010, ACDS' Day Habilitation (Day Hab) has been involved in the Cans for Cancer program. Day Hab participants include young adults, ages 21 to 27, who have transitioned from ACDS' educational services into its Adult Day Program. Each week, Day Hab participants collect returnable bottles and cans at designated locations that have been assigned to them by Winthrop.

"Every week we have different groups going to our assigned sites to collect cans," said Linda Sperber, Director of Community Support at ACDS. "We have been given about eight sites and these young individuals collect all of the recyclables. Once they are sorted on location our groups submit forms to Winthrop-University Hospital with the final tally. All proceeds go to Winthrop's Kids for Cancer Center."

The Day Habilitation facility is located at 665 North Newbridge Road in Levittown. The Day Hab program was initiated in September 2010 with 6 participants and has grown rapidly. The program is expected to reach 41 participants in September 2013.

ACDS' contribution has proven to be positive," said Day Hab Supervisor Elizabeth Razukiewicz. "As our program grows Winthrop continues to expand our pick up locations and recently assigned ACDS two more sites. Additionally, our participants, who have always been on the receiving end now have the great opportunity to be on the giving end and know that they, too, can actively help others."

For more information about the Cans For Cancer Program or ACDS' Day Hab Program, call Linda Sperber at 516-605-2391.

About ACDS

ACDS, located in Plainview, NY is dedicated to providing lifetime resources of exceptional quality, innovation and inclusion for individuals with Down syndrome, autism and other developmental disabilities and their families. ACDS has been providing programs and services in and around Long Island since 1966. ACDS currently serves

more over 1000 children and adults, providing services that include Early Intervention and preschool special education programs, respite and recreation programs for children, teens and adults, adult Medicaid service coordination and eight supervised group homes in Nassau County. For more information, please visit acds.org or call 516-933-4700.

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