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**SPOTLIGHT**

A NEW WAY FOR  
SEARCH TO  
COMMUNICATE WITH  
THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE  
WE SERVE AND  
THE IMPORTANT PEOPLE  
IN THEIR LIVES



Look for an update on the harvest from our gardens at Kensington, in the upcoming Fall Issue of Search Spotlight!

## Introducing...

Search is excited to announce a new quarterly newsletter focused on informing our stakeholders of the great things happening in our Adult Learning programs.

Here at Search, we are proud of the variety and quality of the educational experiences that we provide in our Adult Learning programs. These include services that

have made the Adult Learning programs at Search consistently strong for some time, as well as some exciting offerings that are recent additions to the agency. We want to introduce everyone to these new programs and highlight some of the exceptional things that the individuals who receive services from Search are contributing every day.

We hope you like what you see!



Volunteering at Feed My Starving Children in Schaumburg

## Community Connections

The Kensington Adult Learning site has recently initiated several connections for individuals from that program to give back to their community.

Every week, groups travel to a variety of volunteer opportunities where they are able to use their skills to help others. These experiences have also empowered the individuals who

volunteer their time.

From cleaning, weeding and feeding animals at an historic farm, to sending environmental observations to an online database or bringing activities to a local nursing home, there has been something for everyone to get involved in and make a difference.

## Spring Has Sprung

The individuals at Kensington have been hard at work prepping, planting and tending to the gardens in and around the Adult Learning site. This year, the gardens are bigger, better and more

numerous than ever.

Involving everyone in maintaining the gardens - whether it is one of the fruit, vegetable, flower or sensory gardens - has provided consistent hands-on learning

experiences for the entire building.

Everyone recognizes the importance of nurturing the plants, and they are able see their hard work blossom before their eyes.



The breathtaking view from aboard the "Camp David"

## Day on the Lake

This June, individuals from our Lincoln Square Adult Learning site were invited to participate in the Chicago Yacht Club Power Fleet Special Needs Cruise. The group joined more than 150 people, for lunch at the Yacht Club and a cruise on Lake Michigan in one of the 20+ boats that helped host the event.

The group from Search sailed on the "Camp David". For some, it was their first time on a boat, but there were no mixed reviews. "Amazing," and "I've never seen anything like this," were uttered when everyone's breath wasn't taken away by the beautiful surroundings.

## A Final Hurrah (Before the Move)

Many of the individuals who attend our site in Waukegan will be making the exciting transition to the new, state-of-the-art facility in Des Plaines. With the move-in date drawing near, they decided to celebrate both the new opportunity and the many memories that they have shared in Waukegan. They planned a prom!

Everyone pitched-in to create a dance floor, decorate an area to mingle and prepare a room for karaoke. The site was ready for a party, and excitement grew and grew leading up to the day.

On prom day, everyone arrived dressed to impress. Decked out in three piece suits and

dresses, people modeled their outfits and strutted their stuff.

The party was as good as everyone hoped. There was singing, dancing, food and drinks, a Prom King and Queen, and most importantly, a new memory to take with them in their move to the new program site.



One of the many flashy dance moves seen at the prom

## SUMMER IGNITE

As we near the end of a phenomenal Spring Ignite schedule that included Drawing Techniques, Goal Attainment and the Book & Plays Club, it is time to look ahead to our Summer Schedule! To enroll, contact Maggie Davidson at [mdavidson@search-inc.org](mailto:mdavidson@search-inc.org)

### **Tuesdays in LINCOLN SQUARE**

July 14<sup>th</sup> - Sept 29<sup>th</sup>

#### **"Cooking & the Kitchen"**

(4:00-5:30PM)

### **Wednesdays in MOUNT PROSPECT**

July 15<sup>th</sup> - Sept 30<sup>th</sup>

#### **"Active Living: Yoga"**

(3:45-5:00PM)

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#### **"Life Strategies: Goal Attainment"**

(4:00-5:30PM)

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