

THE AFTER GATEWAY ADVOCATE

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Happy Holidays!



Where did this year go? Here we are in the middle of another holiday season. We wish everyone a joyous holiday and a prosperous new year as we reflect on the successful activities and events in 2016 at After Gateway.

Program Activities

AGI classrooms are busy, busy, busy!

Community Outings included visits to the Greensboro Science Center and Sciqarium, UCG plays, mall shopping trips, movies at Regal Cinemas, bowling at Spare Time, billiards at Jake's Billiards, museums, farmer's market, Gateway Gardens, Bicentennial Gardens, city and county parks, Barnes & Noble, ArtQuest, J Razz & Tazz Farm, Dream Power Horse Barn – just to mention a few.



Dream Power Horse Barn

Classroom Activities included sensory and range of motion sessions, Wii games, exercise, chair yoga, iPad apps, classroom competitions, making sweet treats, science experiments, crafts, skill building activities, parachute, kite flying, monthly pet visits, art lessons, and music therapy.



Art Lessons



Music Therapy

Special Events included Valentine Exchange, Canned Food Drive, Easter Egg Hunt, Spring Fling, Parent Luncheon, Fall Festival, Halloween Fun, Holiday Program, and monthly birthday celebrations.



Parent Luncheon

AGI Superlative Effort

Jake's Billiards Fundraiser

The AGI staff created a fabulous fundraiser that paired After Gateway with Jake's Billiards to celebrate Jake's 23rd Anniversary. A raffle of over 100 really special items along with Jake's food/beverage menu and entertaining activities made the day very special for both organizations. AGI received almost \$6,000 to use for their participants' enrichment activities. Thank you Jake's Billiards, the businesses that donated raffle prizes, and the exceptional AGI staff!



After Gateway Music Benefit

Michaela Kelly, a senior at UNCG, studying Choral Music Education and Psychology (and a volunteer at After Gateway) did her senior project for disciplinary honors. Michaela and several music students celebrated the uniting force of music in a benefit performance for After Gateway. The benefit raised over \$750 for After Gateway. Thank



you to Michaela and everyone who performed at the Music Benefit. We are so fortunate that you chose our program for your benefit concert.

Where Your Donation Goes!

Transportation vans - gas, oil, tires, insurance, tags, maintenance. It's a BIGGIE!

Art/Crafts Supplies – paper, paint, brushes, beads, markers, yarn, glitter, etc. Another big expense!

Music Therapy – essential for quality of life.

Art Lessons – tactile/visual sensory experience.

Medical Equipment/Supplies - changing tables, lift system and slings, first aid items, and a new wheelchair ramp scales.

Special Events for our participants' enjoyment.

New Signage on Vans Upgrade!

Thanks to board members and Signs By Tomorrow, After Gateway has both transportation vans sporting the new logo with identifying signage. Watch for us as you travel around Greensboro.



Supporters

AGI has many financial supporters without which the enrichment program could not survive.

THANK YOU!

- Jake's Billiards
- Lamb Foundation/ Knights of Columbus
- Twisted Paper Products
- Individual Supporters of After Gateway
- St. Pius X Catholic Church
- Human Race Donations
- Don & Martha Shafer Family
- NewBridge Bank
- David & Iris Sheets
- Families of Participants

Consider a Year-End Tax-Deductible Donation

The activities, outings and special events previously listed are ONLY possible by the generous donations provided by our supporters. The AGI program does much more than just "sit" with their participants. They engage, stimulate, communicate, and enjoy the participants! These folks are engaged socially, mentally and physically every day they attend AGI. Visit our website www.aftergateway.org and Facebook to see the AGI activities.

Please consider a year-end gift to After Gateway so the participants can continue to benefit from the meaningful activities they enjoy at AGI.

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