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A MONTHLY LOOK INSIDE CAREY SERVICES

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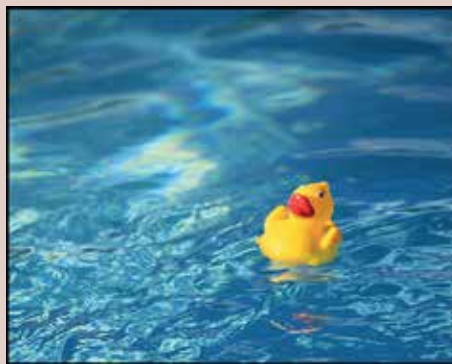


Some of the more than 2,200 rubber ducks released into the lazy river at Marion's Splash House float around a corner as they head toward the finish line in the 11th annual Carey Services Duck Race.

How do you spell success? D-U-C-K-S

Can a rubber duck change the world? Yes, it certainly can, and in the case of Carey Services, rubber ducks have been changing the world for individuals we serve for the past 11 years.

The agency conducted the 11th annual Carey Services Duck Race on June 24 at the Marion Splash House. More than 2,200 rubber ducks floated around the facility's lazy river to raise money to help



Photos by Glen Devitt

A lone duck (above) floats in the Splash House lazy river after losing touch with the main flock during Carey Services' annual duck race. The front runners (right) approach the finish line ahead of the more than 2,200 ducks in the water. Quackers (left), the agency mascot, also was on hand to entertain race attendees.



individuals we serve and raise awareness for disability early childhood education issues.

The race raised nearly \$33,000 to help support unmet needs of those we serve.

"We're very appreciative that the community continues to support the race and our work helping individuals we

serve," said Greg Maynard, director of fund and strategic advancement. "the race is a fun way to be able to help our clients, but as the race has grown and become a local summer tradition, it's helped us let the community know more about our vision of seeing all people as empowered and equally valued member of the community."

Duck Race success generates more than money

More than 11 years ago, a group of committed employees and community members sat around a table to discuss how Carey Services could conduct an event — in the community — that included the community as a whole with the goal of raising money to fill unmet needs of those we serve.

As I reflect on last weekend's 11th Annual Carey Services Duck Race, I am amazed at how the event has grown and evolved. As I reminisce about the race's history, I am thankful that race supporters have helped many individuals served at Carey Services in those 11 years.

The race has evolved from an event during regular Splash House hours to an evening event, solely for the cause of Carey Services and solely to support individuals the agency serves.

As we look to the future, we intend to continue growing the race and for it to be a valuable opportunity for the communities we serve. We continue to look to businesses and individuals who have a passion for people with disabilities, low income families, and children who need a quality early childhood experience in our Early Head Start program.

We want to connect our organization with that passion. If you have an interest in connecting at a deeper level with Carey

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Services on our Duck Race, or with other events and efforts we conduct throughout the year, please contact me at 765-668-8961 (102) or via email at jallbaugh@careyservices.com.

At this year's Duck Race, we had a family member share of how Carey Services has changed her life in a positive way. The following is an excerpt from her testimony:

"In 1995 while living in a small town in Illinois my husband was offered a job in Marion. As the parents of a special needs

young adult we needed to find the possibilities here for him.

"Jeff has been with Carey Services through the biggest part of his adult life; he has worked out in the community as well as in house. While the road has not always been easy, and there have been bumps along the way, Carey Services has allowed him to use the abilities he has to become the (mostly) independent person he is today."

Thank you to everyone who supports Carey Services so we can turn abilities and barriers into opportunities and work to assure that all people, regardless of their abilities or barriers, are empowered and equally valued members of the community.

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