

# CATCHING UP

## *Gourmet Dinner thank you!*

A special thank you to Dan & Linda Tortorelli and John & Melinda Dabrowski for hosting a lovely gourmet dinner for twenty-one guests at the Tortorelli home! A shout out also goes to Ryan Denniston who was willing to share his success story with the group.

We are so grateful for our members getting involved in fundraising! It was a lovely meal, great night, and we raised over \$4,000 for Community Choices! Thank you!!



## *Employment First Family Meeting*

The next Employment First Family meeting will be Tuesday, March 22 at 7:00 at the Hays Center in Champaign. The speaker will be Janice Williams from Illinois Assistive Technology Program. She will be discussing how employment affects benefits and how to prepare.

## SOCIAL EVENTS

- ✦ Dinner at Cracker Barrel  
Thursday, March 3  
6:00pm-8:00pm
- ✦ Speak Out and Family Meeting  
Thursday, March 10  
7:00pm-8:30pm
- ✦ Illini Men's Gymnastics  
Saturday, March 12  
4:00pm-6:00pm
- ✦ Lunch Club at El Toro II  
Wednesday, March 16  
11:30am-1:00pm
- ✦ Uncorked  
Wednesday, March 31  
5:00pm-7:00pm

For more information on social opportunities, contact Annie Bruno at 217-722-4535 or [annie.communitychoices@gmail.com](mailto:annie.communitychoices@gmail.com)

## SAVE THE DATE

Community Choices is having a fundraiser at El Toro II Mexican Restaurant on

### WEDNESDAY, MARCH 16

Bring our flyer with you and 20% of all proceeds will be donated to Community Choices! Offer lasts all day on both dine-in and carry-out orders. Must mention flyer on carry-out orders or bring it with you for dine-in.

El Toro II is located at 723 S. Neil St. in Champaign.

Invite your friends; share with your office staff; *spread the word!*



## Family Meeting & Speak Out

Thursday, March 10

7:00pm-8:30pm

St. Matthew's Lutheran Church  
2200 Philo Road in Urbana

## Annual Member Meeting

Come here about our program updates as well as our future plans for Community Choices!

- Pizza and drinks will be provided at this meeting
- \$5 suggested donation towards food costs
- A great opportunity to catch up on all things Community Choices!



## Congratulations!

### Four New LEAP Certifications



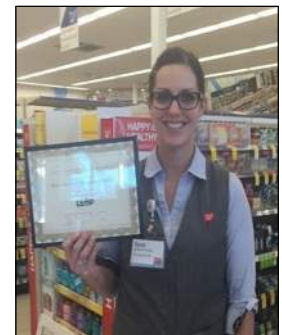
Ian Stevens  
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Dr. Ellen Kuchenbrod  
Loving Paws



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Sales & Marketing Director  
MIGA Restaurant



Sarah Dentler  
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Walgreens - Mahomet

These individuals and their staff exemplify the mission of Partners for Employment. Thank you all for supporting community employment for people with disabilities!

\*\*If you work somewhere that would like to foster a supportive, inclusive work environment, please contact Partners for Employment at [LEAP.by.PFE@gmail.com](mailto:LEAP.by.PFE@gmail.com)

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