



ABOUT CLEARBROOK

As a leader in the field of developmental disabilities, Northern Illinois-based Clearbrook is a non-profit organization that has been creating innovative opportunities for individuals with disabilities since 1955.

Originally established by a small group of parents responding to the unique educational needs of their children, Clearbrook has since grown to support more than 2,300 children and adults, as well as their families in 80 communities throughout Chicago and the surrounding suburbs.

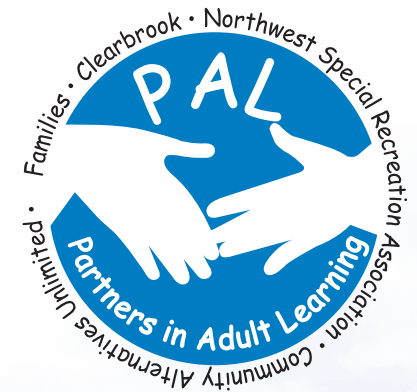
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Creating opportunities for children and adults with developmental disabilities

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The mission of PAL is to offer an array of opportunities supported by technology, therapies and community experiences that promote lifelong learning and societal membership.

A History of Hope

Clients participating in the PAL (Partners in Adult Learning) Program are physically and emotionally locked in their own bodies, lacking the ability to express their true selves. This not only makes them unique, but challenging to serve in a group setting. This is where PAL excels. In the fall of 1996, Clearbrook was approached by four local families expressing a desire to develop day services for their young adult children post-graduation in 1998. Whereas their respective sons and daughters were presented with quality public education, there was a noticeable absence of special education programs for continuing the learning process afterwards.

Clearbrook's PAL Program was thereby born, today providing:

- Year-round, full-day services five days per week
- Individual planning meetings to identify and develop services that continually respond to interests and desires of clients
- Content that is age appropriate and interest driven
- Staffing ratios that complement attributes of each client
- Assistive technology across environments
- An array of health, clinical and therapeutic services
- Community-based opportunities for volunteer experiences and recreational activities
- Transportation accommodations to program, as well as community outing destinations

“There are two lasting bequests we can give our children.

One is roots.

The other is wings.”

– Hodding Carter, Jr.

Planting Deep Roots

- Centerpiece of PAL is active parental involvement, which keeps program running at optimal levels.
- Family members coordinate fundraising events each year, including dinner-auction in March and summer golf outing.
- In addition to families and friends, PAL greatly relies on strength of partnerships with business and community leaders, including Harper College, Rolling Meadows Library, Schaumburg Police Department and Willow Creek Community Church.

Spreading their Wings

- Client-driven educational curriculum addresses interests of each client.
- Continuing Education Consultant on staff customizes learning activities, such as math and reading, in way that is adaptive to individual client's needs.
- “Read to Learn” program allows clients to conduct research, enjoy novels and read non-fiction materials at adult-level fostering information retention, vocabulary and comprehension within community environment.
- Assistive technology widens communication possibilities for non-verbal clients.
- Volunteer jobs help enhance clients' self-esteem, plus enable them to give back to communities that so generously support them.



Be a PAL

The PAL Program can never have too many friends. There are lots of ways you can help

– whether through a financial donation,

in-kind contribution, fieldtrip destination

or volunteer commitment. Join our circle

of support by contacting us today at

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– Jean Pahlke, PAL Parent