

Spring 2022 Newsletter

Dear RSS Family, Friends, and Staff:

As a board and organization, we hope to engage more with you and our group home community by providing timely and relevant information affecting our residents and group homes.

Creative Options

Creative Options, our thrift store, is located in the Alpine building on 16th Street West and is now open! A successful media day helped introduce our new store to the community and has been wildly successful in the first couple of months of operation. I hope we can continue this momentum as we head into the summer months—but we need your help to do it. As spring cleaning occurs, we hope families will consider donating items to the thrift store. Here's how you can help.

We are interested in gently used furniture of all kinds, knick-knacks and collectibles, antiques, outdoor and sporting gear, lamps and wall décor, kitchen items, winter coats, and boots. We are a 501 C (3), and all donations are tax-deductible. A win-win for the donor and donee.

What do we do with the items? Some items will be given to residents without such things, and the proceeds are used to fund activities, events, and memberships for residents without other resources. Proceeds from sales are tracked separately from company monies to be used to support client activities or put back into the thrift store operating budget.

The space that Creative Options occupies will also be used to host other events. You may recall Growth Thru Art, a long-time program open to all developmentally disabled persons to show their creativity. We will soon be introducing "Creative Artists," RSS's reincarnation of this program or "CARSS," opened June 1, and will be funded by nominal dues from participants, with scholarships for those who cannot afford to attend.

To find more information or enroll in a session, interested art students can call Lynette Johnson at the office at 406-248-4211 or her cell # 406-855-2542. Pretty soon, people can also follow the RSS website for more details on what classes will be offered and to enroll.

If you haven't been there yet, I recommend devoting an hour or two to checking out the items.

We encourage you to reach out to us if you have any ideas, questions, or concerns.

Sincerely,

The Board of Directors, RSS, Inc.