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FRIENDS OF FIRCREST NEWS

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MESSAGE FROM JAMES R. HARDMAN, President Friends of Fircrest

Dear Friends of Fircrest,

2011 ended on a sad note with the passing of longtime Rainier School Chaplain Father James Boyle. One of his last endeavors was a piece he did about **home**. I heard him speak to this topic several times and each time elegantly. RHCs as homes is a concept too easily ignored by RHC opponents. It has been on my mind most recently since the RHCs Futures Task Force so obviously misapprehended the notion in their first public meeting last October 17. What follows is an edited version of Father Boyle's work . The entire text is about 2 pages and will be made available to all on our website.

Persons with developmental disabilities are above all else human beings. Society often sees their disability first and the person later, if at all. Because they are persons first, we must **respect** their individuality and their **gift** to the community of persons. We can model our concern and care for them in ways and circumstances which allow them to grow and be free enough to bring their gift as human beings into the greater society..

Respecting the individuality and complexity of persons with developmental disabilities allows for multiple approaches to care. Some can flourish and very well in the greater community setting. We welcome and support such settings. Our experience also gives great credence to giving some persons a more supportive, more structured setting in which to live. What follows are ideas from observations about Rainier School as a **home, a community, and a place of mutuality**.

The word **home** has many meanings according to our experience. **Home** is a place of **belonging**. Home is a place to be **treasured** as an individual. Home is a place of **security** which enables us to **grow**.

Belonging is crucial to being human. To be in a place where you have **identity** is to belong. Belonging allows the individual to **nourish and share** his or her gifts, indeed their very beings, with others. Rainier School is a place of belonging. To live at Rainier is to have people **treasure, respect and honor you just as you are**.

Home is a place of **security**. Some persons have **complex** disabilities. Sometimes the **combinations** of disabilities adds to complexity. Physical disability may be combined with deep emotional or mental illness. Such complexity requires great **expertise** of care with a very **secure environment**. Persons living at Rainier are often very complex and need a place of security so they can grow and share their gifts without harming others or causing fearful reactions.

Rainier School is a **home** for many persons. Many have lived there many years. The school is a place of **belonging**. It is a place of security where they have grown and shared their lives.

As humans we all need a home, a place of belonging. We also need a **community** around us. To be in a community means to be in a place where we share our lives with many. A community gives us identity not only with family but with our **culture** and greater society. To be in communion means we are free to live the to and fro of care and love. Community often favors the more capable, embracing the more powerful. Persons who are less capable, more involved in their disabilities, sometimes burdened with certain behaviors can be shut out of or shunned by greater society.

For those carrying very complex disabilities Rainier School provides a very **accepting community**. Rainier is a place of greater security where violence is not allowed. An environment where people learn to respect others and be respected. Expertise and security **enable freedom** for each individual to grow, be respected, nourished, and be part of a vibrant community.

Lastly, a place of **mutuality** is where we can freely exchange the gifts of life which exist in all of us. **Each life is precious** . When we share the richness within ourselves we truly live. This sharing of our lives, with all the complexity and uniqueness fulfills us and brings us joy.

Rainier School is a place where lives are shared. **Staff** bring **care** and **compassion** to people. Great and meaningful relations come forth. When persons with disabilities are respected, cared for, and loved, they are free to enter relationship. They often bring to their relationship great unconditional affection and love. They love from a place of weakness and vulnerability so they can love freely and without reservation. To be loved just the way you are can be so disarming and so beautifully human. To be allowed to bring the gift of your very self into such a relationship brings great bonding and deep friendship.

Such relationships of life **need time and consistency**. Both exist at Rainier School. A place of **mutuality of gifts and love** gives true human life to each who share such a relationship.

Rainier School is a home.. a community.. a place of mutuality in friendship.

As are Fircrest, Yakima Valley, and Lakeland Village.

Father James Boyle via J.R. Hardman J.D. CPG PRES. FoF, *editor for this piece*

November Annual Meeting Highlights

The annual meeting was a very lively and well attended event. We honored our annual Service Award recipient, Saskia Davis. We were graced with the presence of Sen. Maralyn Chase, D 32nd, Rick Jensen, ActionDD lobbyist, Dr. Asha Singh and a host of friends and cohorts of Saskia Davis. As well as new and old FoF members. We welcome our new Vice President, Paul Strand, to the fold. He brings us experience and knowledge. We thank Kristin Ellison-Osolin for her years of serving as our secretary and welcome Cheryl Felak as our new recording secretary. And we thank all executive committee members and board of directors who agreed to serve another term.

December 11 Board Working Meeting

Board members met over a pot-luck lunch to identify goals and needs for 2012. Committee members were appointed, our focus and approach for the '12 legislative session was identified. Needs for visuals and literature were outlined based on reports by Terri Anderson, Michael Johnson and others. All committee chairs suggested goals and needs. We have a lot of work to do besides being vigilant with what our legislators are proposing. Committees will call their own meetings to accomplish the many goals we have for the year. See Goals page 5.

January 8 Board Meeting

Board discussed the need for a FoF 'logo' to be used on all our publications so we present unified and consistent and immediately identifiable image.

Paul Strand reported on the redesign of our website and requested input on the work in progress.

Maria is reviewing our banking services and fees and will have a report for the Feb. Board Mtg.

Board Source book (FoF operating guidelines) needs updating. Candy, Terri, Maria will tackle the project.

General Meeting

Dr. Singh's report is recapped on page 5.

Legislative chair requests we all continue to call our legislators. Go to ACTIONDD.org for talking points

Maria called for a budget committee meeting. Fundraising will be a priority this year. Formation of a fundraising committee needs immediate action.

Meeting minutes and Treasurer's reports are available by request: cherlyfelak@msn.com

FOF 2012 REGULAR MEETINGS SCHEDULES

<p><u>Membership Meetings</u> Jan. 8, March 11, May 6, Jul 8 Sept. 9, Nov.11-Annual mtg.</p>	<p><u>Board Working Meetings</u> Feb. 12, Apr. 1, June 10, Aug. 12, Oct.14, Dec. 9 (Annual Planning)</p>	<p><u>Home Unit Representatives</u> Third Tuesday of the month at 1 PM Fircrest, Admin Bldg. <u>Ad Hoc Meetings</u> Called as needed, location TBA</p>
<p>All meetings, Board and Membership, unless otherwise notified, are held in the Staff Training room of the ATP (Adult Training Program) Building, northeast corner Fircrest Campus. All are welcome to any FoF meeting.</p>		

2012 FRIENDS OF FIRCREST BOARD OF DIRECTORS

*New officer

Officers:	<i>Terri Anderson</i>	<i>Emilio Gambacorta</i>	Emeritus: <i>Dot Brenchley,</i>
<i>President: Jim Hardman, J.D., C.P.D.</i>	<i>Jo Bousman</i>	<i>Alice Hardman, MSW,CPG</i>	<i>Ruth Durkan, Jean Huntley, Phil Scheier</i>
<i>*Vice President: Paul Strand</i>	<i>Candace B. Braley</i>	<i>Liz Patterson</i>	Advisory: <i>David Baker, Ph. D.</i>
<i>Secretary: Cheryl Felak, RN, BSN</i>	<i>Betty Cantrell, RN, BSN</i>	<i>Rebecca Sargent</i>	<i>Maureen Durkan, Bonny Oborn,</i>
<i>Treasurer: Maria Walsh</i>	<i>Saskia Davis</i>	<i>Julian Wheeler, J.D.</i>	<i>Michael Johnson J.D.,C.P.G.</i>
Directors:	<i>Kristin Ellison-Osolin, Min. Div. Rev.</i>	<i>Cynthia Willman, O.T.</i>	<i>Janet Way</i>

LEGISLATIVE REPORT

The 2012 Legislative Session began in early January. The Governor has proposed many cuts to the overall Developmental Disabilities budget. Some of these cuts include Changing Eligibility Requirements for DD Services, Blending some of the Home and Community Based Waivers, Eliminating Adult Day Health, Closing Rainier School and general cuts to DD programs.

On the Bill Front: HB 2581 was introduced by Representatives Sherry Appleton, D-23rd, Steve Tharinger, D-24th and Connie Ladenburg, D-29th. This Bill requested the 2 Sections of 2SSB5459 (closing Morgan Center) be reinstated. The Bill was scheduled for a Public Hearing on Friday, January 27, but was withdrawn from the calendar of the Early Learning & Human Services Committee, chaired by Rep. Ruth Kagi.

This was done at the request of Sen. Adam Kline, prime sponsor of last session's closure bill. We will keep you posted regarding progress made on this bill & any others impacting the RHCs.

Please continue to contact your Legislators. They need to know the impact these cuts are having on your loved ones. Here are ways to reach your Legislators:

Legislative Hotline: 1-800-562-6000

E-Mail: FirstName.LastName@leg.wa.gov

Mail: Sen. or Rep. Name & District #

PO Box 404 + District #,

Olympia, WA 98504

The League of Women Voters have made their "They Represent You" pamphlet available. This contains all the contact info for State, Federal, and Major Cities in King County. Be sure to attend the next General Meeting in March and get your free copy.

ActionDD will reschedule their cancelled meeting shortly. When date, time & location are decided, you will be notified.

Terri Anderson, Chair WinchesterWillie@comcast.net 425-788-4529

You are invited to join ActionDD -your statewide advocacy for Fircrest and other RHCs -

ActionDD began in 1991 when concerned families, friends and professionals challenged the closing of our state Residential Habilitation Centers (RHCs.) We pooled our resources, hired a lobbyist and went to Olympia.

We soon learned that not only were residents of RHCs in danger of losing needed services, but that others *not* in RHCs were going without services altogether. To make matters worse, advocates were not working together but were instead fighting over who would get precious resources and who would not. Unity became one of our goals and remains an important part of our advocacy.

We have concluded that a continuum of services must be available -- exclude no one. To that end we advocate for keeping and improving our RHCs, and opening RHC services to people with developmental disabilities who live in our communities.

Today, advocates volunteer their time and money so that our state legislature, the bureaucracy and care providers, can have a better understanding of the needs of people with developmental disabilities and a greater willingness to provide for them. Our lobbyist supports these goals on our behalf, in Olympia.

You are invited to join together with others who have loved ones in Fircrest School. Visit us online for more information at: www.ActionDD.org You can also contact one of our officers:



**Paul Strand, President (360) 556-1213
Maureen Durkan, Management
Vice-President**

**Fircrest contingent of ActionDD in
Senator Maralyn Chase's office**

LEGAL COMMITTEE REPORT**Care Issues Ad Hoc Committee Proposed**

Friends of Fircrest is interested in hearing from parents and guardians about care and safety issues on campus. Have budget cuts affected services provided to your loved one or ward? Is the individual care plan being followed? Have you requested that something be put into the care plan but it was not included? Are there any safety concerns or any experiences you have had recently which are cause for concern?

The Committee will gather and review information from members and effectively communicate concerns to Administration about care and safety issues. Are you interested in serving on the Committee? We need 4-5 members who are willing to do so we can effectively communicate with Administration.

Contact Friends of Fircrest, Jim Hardman at 206 367 6116 or Maria Walsh at 206 718 1761 with your concern and your interest in serving on the Committee.

LEGAL COMMITTEE

The Friends of Fircrest Legal Committee has met since the Annual Meeting and has an agenda for further action. Michael Johnson is Chair. Look for information in the next Newsletter regarding the guardianship training requirement and other guardianship issues.

**New Requirements for Non-Professional/
Family Guardians**

Effective July 22, 2011 House Bill 1053* has amended RCW 11.88 and 11.92 and will require additional steps to petition for guardianship or to have your annual reports approved.

For Existing Guardians

1. When submitting an annual report (Periodic Personal Care Plan or Guardian's Report & Accounting) a guardian must submit proof of the AOC online training. (www.courts.wa.gov/layguardiantraining)
2. If you do not have a computer connected to the internet, ask a relative or friend or go to your local library and use their computer.
3. This message is for FOF members who need to utilize the library for the lay guardian training. Prior to going to the library, please contact Kim Rood, Admin. Office of the Courts at 360-705 5314. She has offered her assistance to gain access to the training information.
4. After registration and completing the lay guardian training, please print your information for your file. Especially print the 'Declaration of Completion of Training' form with an **identifying number**. This will be needed when you file your guardianship renewal or file for the first time.

Questions and Inquiries, please call Maria Walsh at 206 718 1761

PROTECTIVE SAFEGUARDS "HELD UP"**Legislature Pulls "Tommy's Bill"**

Last year we lost the Frances Haddon Morgan Center when Senate Bill 5459 was passed. Friends of Fircrest worked long and hard alongside families from other RHCs and our friends in the union, to defeat that bill, but it closed the Morgan Center on December 9th. Eighteen of the residents moved to Fircrest, two went to Lakeland village and one went to Rainier School. The remaining thirty or so residents went to SOLAs and other community placements.

A few who relocated to Fircrest required additional care because of behavior problems related to the move. We don't know how well the community placements went, but one man, Tommy Murray, died from what seemed to be negligence when he drank laundry detergent from a milk carton.

To protect others who move from RHCs, Friends of Fircrest and ActionDD proposed a bill that would add safeguards for people leaving an RHC. The safeguards included; a right to return, counseling from mentoring groups, visits to prospective homes and quality assurance among others. We called our bill, "Tommy's Bill" HB 2581.

On the day that Tommy's Bill would have heard public testimony it was removed from the public hearing calendar. Senator Adam Kline wants the issues in the bill referred to the RHC Task Force created last year by SB 5459. These safeguards may not be considered until the RHC Task force winds up at the end of this year. In the meantime, residents leaving an RHC remain at risk.

Paul Strand, Vice President FoF

Spreading the word

On January 25th our legislative chair gave a presentation to the Metropolitan Democratic Club of Seattle. She explained what RHCs are and why they are needed and presented the group with a Resolution, calling on the Legislature to continue funding the remaining RHCs at current or expanded levels. The group (about 40 were in attendance) voted in favor of supporting the need for RHCs. They will send the Resolution on to every member of the Legislature and the Governor.

Thanks Terri!

Changes in Olympia

Last October, DSHS Secretary Susan Dreyfus took a new post as CEO of Milwaukee based Families International, Inc. Governor Gregoire appointed Robin Arnold Williams as interim Secretary of DSHS. Remember her?

Donate to VOR.... be a member

The only national organization that supports rights to RHC care. Empower their efforts:

www.vor.net/donate-now

CAMPUS NEWS**Highlights of Dr. Asha Singh's Report to FoF Members, January 8,**

- New Fircrest Assistant Superintendent, Brad Benoit has been hired. Dr. Singh will be out of country in February. He can be reached at 206 361 3014 . FoF welcomes Brad and hopes to see him at our meetings.
- The 18 residents from FHMC are settling in here at Fircrest. Most are doing really well. A few have had adjustment issues.
- We will be hiring permanent staff for AC managers, AC2 & AC3's rather than using temporary employees. This will be better for all and help stabilize staffing.
- Fircrest continues to have some short term stays and crisis respite clients. Cottages 313 & 314 have been reopened but there is not yet staff for the units. Some units have seen increased staffing ratio due to resident support needs.
- Consolidation of maintenance services has gone much smoother than anticipated. The tracking of and paper work has increased but so far no impact on getting things done. The consolidation of business operations is still facing challenges and issues. Replacement staff is not yet in place.
- We are still looking for additional Medical Care Provider– MD or ARNP.
- All admissions to Fircrest go through DSHS Assistant Secretary, Maryanne Lindeblad. Admissions of youth under 21 would be an exception to the policy not allowing under 21 admissions after July 1, 2012. That youth (under 21) who are currently residents, we assume, will not have to move. This will have to be confirmed with the Assistant Secretary. Current census is about 200 clients.
- Currently Fircrest has a positive balance. FHMC clients moves to Fircrest have not hurt us dollar wise.

GOALS & PROJECTS

Besides continued support with contacting legislators to keep all RHCs and restoring programs that have been cut (i.e. re-open the infirmary, & pool/activities building), your board has identified *many* projects for this year. Maybe overly ambitious, but important goals never the less. Each goal needs to sustain momentum to reach completion. We ask all members to make a commitment to one or more of the below:

Develop a Parent handbook to guide new and existing families of residents (short and long term) thru the processes of working with and through the various systems and programs and protocols at an RHCs, which can be at times, confusing daunting & frustrating. Input from new families would be wonderfully helpful. Email ccbaley@Q.com

Develop the established Family Council required by CMS (Center for Medicaid Services) for ICFMR & SNF facilities for resolving and getting results for complaints, concerns and grievances as identified by client advocates.

Assist guardians with the newly required training for requirements of responsibilities and rights of guardianship.

Establish a Post High School Personal Development program (perhaps a long term goal) to prevent learned skills from being lost and fill void between school and employment.

Campus Usage and Development: Engage with local professional entities who would partner with us to establish and expand services and facilities for RHC residents and for those in the DD community who are under or un-served.

Continue to enhance and maintain our Therapy and Healing Gardens and fund music & recreation programs for residents.

Update our FoF literature. Get our members to sign up for e-mail delivery of our Newsletter. See pg. 6 .

RAISE FUNDS. We need an active fundraising program. *Our donation are down.* Increasing our membership fees this year will help cover the costs of fulfilling our mission. See page 7 for annual dues.

Mark Your Calendar for these dates

Tuesday March 6—ActionDD meeting 10am-1pm, Phoenix Inn Olympia . Go to ActionDD.org for details

Sunday, March 11—FoF General Meeting at 2pm, Fircrest Atp Bldg. Staff Training rm. Board meets at 1pm

Friday, March 29—Concert featuring Cowboy Buck & Elizabeth, 7pm, Fircrest Cafeteria (aka coffee shop). This event will be advertised to Park Departments Special Programs of Shoreline& Seattle. Donations at door are welcomed.

Friday, March 16—Articles for the FoF April/May Newsletter are due. *Members, please chime in with your news ideas.*

Watch your email and ACTIONDD website for rescheduling of the, snowed out, Jan. Action mtg.

2012 FRIENDS of FIRCREST CONTACTS*Keep this page handy!***COMMITTEES, CHAIRS AND COORDINATORS***

- ◆ **Legal:** Michael Johnson
- ◆ **Legislative:** Terri Anderson
- ◆ **Treasury:** Maria Walsh, Chair.
- ◆ **Budget Planning and Goals:** Maria Walsh, Jim Hardman Cynthia Willman Candace B. Braley
- ◆ **Outreach/ Community Volunteers:** Maria Walsh & Liz Patterson Chairs; Terri Anderson
- ◆ **Campus Usage & Development:** Cynthia Willman, Liz Patterson, Jim Hardman, Candy Braley, M. Walsh, Cheryl Felak. **Chair open**
- ◆ **Home Unit Reps:** Betty Cantrell,
- ◆ **Communications/ website:** Paul Strand, Chair
- ◆ **Publications/printed material:** Candace Braley, Chair; Cheryl Felak, Terri Anderson
- ◆ **Fundraising: committee & chairs open**
- ◆ **Nominations:** Board Development & Annual Service Award: **Chairs open**
- ◆ **Board source Book updates and review:** Candace Braley, Terri Anderson, Maria Walsh
- ◆ **Hospitality:** Terri Anderson Chair, Maria & Jim Walsh co-chairs
- ◆ **Ad Hoc:** committees will be created as needs are identified.

FIRCREST RHC TELEPHONE #S**Main Reception: 206 361 2990****Admin. office: 206 361 3033****FAX: 206 361 3035****Duty Office: 206 361 3021 (24/7)****Client Accounts: 206 361 3011****PAT A Director: 206 361 3094****PAT N Director: 206 361 3515****Clinic: 206 361 3600****Dental Clinic: 206 361 3560****Infirmery /Respite Unit: 206 361 3614****ATP Supervisor: 206 361 3904****Chaplain: 206 361 3594****Recreation Specialist: 206 361 3658***Friends,*

To obtain phone numbers for listed committee & board members call: Maria 206 178 1761 or Candy 206 527 1125. For HUR reps call Betty 206 632 7754 .

Board Roster is available at our general meetings.

Invite your local officials to tour Fircrest campus. Call Terri at: 425 788 4529

Keep up to date on RHC issues

Friends of Fircrest: <http://www.fircrestfriends.org>

The website has been revised and updated offering information, photos and other features including a calendar of upcoming events, as well as copies of our newsletter. It's your website, feel free to submit your ideas and notices. Check it out:

ACTION DD: www.actiondd.org

Loaded with news and pertinent links - it is RHCs' political action organization. Individuals are invited to join. See page 3 in this newsletter.

SIGN UP TO GET FoF NEWSLETTER BY E-MAIL

We need to cut our costs. Please use form on back page or send your e address to: cherylfelak@msn.com.

Those who want the actual "paper" will still get a mailed copy. Thanks for your cooperation!

HELP WANTED: Volunteer/Committee needs

Mailing list management person (s): Requires experience with multiple lists /data control mail merge -label and e-mail group mailing setup and maintenance. Once data is set up, job needs a few hours each month to update and to generate labels or to send group email of newsletters/ announcements. Contact Candy cbbraley@Q.com

Chairs for un-chaired committees especially fundraising. We have some plans but need a "cheer leader and go getter" .You will have the help of many. Contact Maria 206 718 1761, Mwalsh1240@1240earthlink.net

Contact anyone on Campus usage committee to recommend organizations and referrals for urban planners.

TREASURERS' 2011 REVIEW

Maria Walsh, FOF Treasurer 206 718 1761

The year 2011 was not a friendly one to services provided by DSHS funding. The cuts for programs and staff reduced many activities including outings, adult training program hours, closure of the popular cafeteria and coffee shop. Friends of Fircrest supported and actively participated in campus and community activities with financial assistance made possible by the generosity of our members, donors and supporters for the following:

- ◆ Funds to the residents' homes to use as they needed for recreation and socialization activities including live music performances on campus.
- ◆ Gas Barbecue Grill for use at outdoor events on campus.
- ◆ Support for campus wide annual Funfest Parade and Picnic with live music, food booth and games.
- ◆ Support for Fircrest's Senior Program with donations such as HDTV, exercise equipment, music instruments and other amenities as requested.
- ◆ Support for seasonal events: using the "Healing accessible garden for Funfest live music and food booth.
- ◆ Amenities for the Therapy Garden; picnic tables, benches and support walking bars
- ◆ Chapel needs for music and flowers.
- ◆ Funding for printing of volunteer produced informational brochures for interactive participation in many Shoreline events including annual participation with the Shoreline Community Parade and Festival.
- ◆ Shoreline Chamber of Commerce membership to keep Chamber members updated on issues affecting Fircrest.

Friends of Fircrest has kept expenses for the above within the 2011 budget. Reserve Accounts are not able to be used for operating budget needs. This includes contingent funds set aside for Legal, Public Relations. We have one 'Restricted Account' with funds to be used solely for the Jacqueline MacRae Therapy Garden.

Our budget committee is currently preparing the 2012 budget proposal to board and members. Like other non -profits we have seen a reduction in the amount of donations and our operating account is not able to cover our goals at the same level as we have in years past without a major infusion of funds. This will be the year that our fundraising efforts need to be activated. We need everyone to participate for the sake of our loved ones at Fircrest

Earn funds for Fircrest programs whenever you buy groceries. Sign up with eScrip.com

Don't forget to renew your annual membership. Submit form below. Thanks!

Friends of Fircrest Annual Membership & Donation Form

NAME: _____ LEGISLATIVE DIST: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

TEL. _____ E-MAIL: _____ CELL _____

ANNUAL DUES: \$25.00 FAMILY ___ \$15.00 INDIVIDUAL ___ PLEASE MAKE CHECKS TO FRIENDS OF FIRCREST.

***ADDITIONAL DONATION \$ _____ **TRIBUTE DONATION \$ _____ (see form below)**

****TRIBUTE / MEMORIAL DONATIONS: Please provide the following information.**

In Memory of ___ Honor of ___ Anniversary ___ Birthday ___ Congratulatory ___ Get Well ___ Other _____

Name of honoree: _____

Send Acknowledgements to: Name: _____ (attach list with name and address)

Your Name: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

May Friends of Fircrest announce, in our newsletter, your memorial /tribute donation in name only? Yes ___ No ___

Thank you for mailing this form with your /membership donation to Friends of Fircrest

Attn. Maria Walsh, Treasurer, c/o Fircrest School RHC, 15230 15th Avenue NE, Shoreline, WA 98155

Your dues and donations are tax deductible. Be sure to keep a record. Direct questions to Maria at 206 718 1761

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Bills Effecting people with ID 2012:

House Bill 2581 - **Endorsed by ActionDD** (Tommy's Bill) - (This bill has been removed.) A bill adding protections for people moving from RHCs. - January 2012

House Bill 2463 - **Endorsed by ActionDD** - Clarifies and eases reporting and training requirements for guardians. - January 2012

House Bill 2720 - **Endorsed by ActionDD** - Provide funding for schools educating RHC children. - January 2012

House Bill 1835 - **Endorsed by ActionDD** - Changes mental retardation to **intellectual disability** - January 2012

For more information on these bills visit ACTIONDD.org Contact your legislators ...now!

We need everyone to help raise funds.....

Sign up with eScrip and we can earn funds to support programs and new projects to provide activities and improved life quality for our Fircrest residents.

eScrip works with merchant partners to contribute to groups like ours each time you shop -

at no cost to you! A percentage of your purchase price is deposited to Friends of Fircrest with every transaction from participating businesses.

Sign up online. It's quick and easy! Get family and friends to register.

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- 2. Click on "sign-up"**
- 3. Follow the instructions to register your grocery cards and your existing credit/debit cards.**

It's Easy! It's Free! It's Powerful! It's Safe!