

Community Outreach

Brining the Community to Reuters STL

The DisAbility Project by Charles Schwartz



Reuters St. Louis Campus recently hosted The DisAbility Project, a presentation by the St. Louis-based theatrical ensemble known as That Uppity Theatre Company. Reuters volunteers erected a portable stage,

complete with a wheelchair accessible ramp in the cafeteria, and Reuters employees gave the presentation their rapt attention.

The ensemble is composed of people with and without disabilities between the ages of 18 and 70. It is the only company of this kind in the United States and has been internationally recognized for its groundbreaking work. The purpose of this performance was to create awareness within Reuters to



issues in the disability community, including the sincere interest by persons with disabilities to work in gainful employment. The presentation

was a combination of art and advocacy. One of the acts was a 'sit-down' comedy monologue and it had the audience in stitches.

After the performance, there was an opportunity for the audience to ask questions. Jeffrey Wells, S.V.P. of BDN Product Development in St. Louis, commented: "When we think of diversity, we sometimes overlook people with disabilities. But if we open our minds, we would see there is a great potential for us, as a firm, to employ some really talented individuals."

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The DisAbility Project has, to date, performed for approximately 30,000 people, presenting at schools, conferences, festivals, religious and civic groups, and corporations. They are the recipients of numerous awards.

The performance was sponsored by the Reuters Foundation, the St. Louis Campus, and the Americas National and local Diversity Advisory Councils. Thanks go to Michelle Marcus for organizing and facilitating this performance and to Mike Czopek for the photography.



Get Involved!

The newest group on campus is the Community Involvement Committee (CIC). The St. Louis Reuters employees share a rich history of giving to the community. The CIC wants to rally that commitment in a new way. The mission of the CIC is:

To make a difference in the metro St Louis and surrounding areas by sponsoring focused philanthropic efforts to create broad community benefit. The CIC will enable Reuters to have a positive, high-impact presence through coordination of employee service initiatives.

Each quarter the CIC will sponsor a campus-wide initiative to benefit the community. By gathering support from all St. Louis teams, the CIC will not only make a significant impact, but will also increase the community's awareness of Reuters and the great things the CIC is doing in St. Louis!

Currently, the CIC is hosting a Food Drive to benefit the St. Louis Foodbank. Between now and December 14th, the CIC asks that St. Louis employees contribute non-perishable food items in the red barrels that are located in each building. Teams assigned to groups as part of the Food Drive are competing for the most food collected.

The winning team will be announced at the conclusion of the Food Drive. This is a great opportunity for us to reach out and help those most in need of life's most basic needs during this festive time of year.

If you would like to join the CIC or have questions about CIC activities or the Food Drive itself, please contact either the executive sponsor, **Amy Kuzdowicz** (x83494) or **Colleen Flynn** (x88345). It's time to Get Involved!

Dinner Anyone?



The DAC cordially invites you to join them at the Working Together and Dining Together Dinner

**Tuesday
December 6**

Arrival between 6:15 and 6:30 p.m.

Sameem's Afghan Restaurant—**Middle Eastern Cuisine**
3191 South Grand Blvd, St. Louis, Missouri 63118
(314) 664-3940

Directions:

Sameem's Afghan Restaurant is located at 3191 South Grand (accessible via I-64/40 and I-44). Exit at Grand, head south approximately 2 miles. Immediately after Connecticut Street intersection, you will find Sameem's (across from a BP gas station).

RSVP to:
DineOut-
RSVP@reuters.com

Employees are encouraged to bring a guest!

Questions?
Contact Erin Grein (8 9254) or Jasmine Collins (8 9477)

Misc: Wheelchair accessible, casual attire