

Equal Partners - Happy 10th Anniversary

February/Frar 2009

Kif Bdiet L-Equal Partners

Grupp ta' tnax-il familja flimkien ma' tliet professjonisti bdew jiltaqgħu madwar il-mejda tal-ikel fid-djar tagħhom u jithaddtu bejniethom, jaqsmu l-esperjenzi tagħhom, l-għarfien tagħhom dwar id-diżabilita', u x-xewqat tagħhom għall-futur.

Bdew jaraw li l-kollaborazzjoni tagħhom kienet ta' benefiċċju għat-tfal tagħhom u għalhekk hassew il-bżonn li jwaqqfu din il-Fundazzjoni. Din issejthet Equal Partners għax hassew li l-ġenituri, il-professjonisti u l-persuni b'diżabilita' kollha kellhom jkunu nvoluti fl-ippjanar u t-tmexxija ta' din il-Fundazzjoni u l-għanijiet tagħha.

The beginnings of Equal Partners

A group of twelve families started meeting in each others homes around the kitchen table sharing their experiences, their knowledge of disability and their hopes for the future. They were joined by three professionals and it became evident that their collaboration was beneficial to their children with disabilities. They felt the need to establish the Foundation and named it Equal Partners because they believed that parents, professionals and the persons with disability should work together to promote and facilitate informed personal choices and meaningful lives.

Vocal Aid for Equal Partners Foundation

On Thursday, 12th February 2009, Mr. Edward Mercieca, director of Stagecoach presented a donation of €3913.00 raised from Vocal Aid to Louisa Grech of Equal Partners Foundation. Vocal Aid was a concert held last year with the express purpose of helping out a good cause. The beneficiary for this year was Equal Partners Foundation. A big thank you for the effort of all the participants and the organisers.



Happy Birthday

Hello,

In this short month of the year, quite a few things have happened. We have employed some new home educators. We are looking for more and would like to have another person on a full-time basis. We are also looking for a part-time accounts clerk. Anyone interested, please contact us.

Let's Shine - the stepping out programme for youngsters aged 17+ - will be starting off with a meeting for parents on Monday 2nd March at 6.30pm at Sarria House, Floriana.

We are preparing for our next big fundraising event and we will be needing volunteers before and during the event. Please help us out.

Two new parent members have been co-opted into the committee - Madaline Cutajar & Louise Pisani - welcome on board & congrats.

Louisa and Loraine

**Maya Balzan Demajo,
Sylvana Cassar, Ivan
Mangion, Matthew Briffa,
Wayne Falzon, Kurt
Micallef, Daniel Joseph
Dimech, Jean Luc
Korsten, Aidan Zammit,
Liam Bonavia, Michela
Cutajar, Emman Mizzi**

**Welcome to Javier
a new member**

*Upcoming Event
Dawra Durella
madwar l-Imdina
30th April 2009*