MARVA

2024 FALL FEST

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"I like working here because of all the friends I have; It feels like family. I like to straighten shoes and clothing in the store."
-Velva

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2024 FALL NEWSLETTER

From Our Executive Director

Carissa O'Bryant
Executive Director

Dear Friends,

"Alone, we can do so little; together, we can do so much."
This famous Helen Keller quote rings true for me as I reflect on the past few years, and particularly 2024.

Our accomplishments have been made possible only because we are planted in a generous community with loyal donors and customers, amazing client workers, hard-working staff, and passionate Board members. This year we saw the fruits of many years of planning and two years of boots-on-the-ground fundraising.

To add 4,000 square feet while remaining debt-free is a blessing and a testament to the community we live in. We are grateful for the newly added space our expansion provides and hope our donors find dropping off items easy and comfortable.

We continue fundraising to support our mission and to make other needed property improvements, starting with our parking lot.

The support of our community comes in many forms. Whether you sponsor or attend a fundraiser, drop off your gently used items for resale, shop in our store, bring us cardboard for recycling, order professionally printed items, or bring your confidential documents to be shredded, we need and appreciate you!

The services we offer our community provide employment opportunities for individuals with disabilities - the heart of MARVA and our reason for existence.

All My Best,

Carissa

Our Mission:
To excel at providing services to adults with developmental disabilities.

"I love working at MARVA, because there are lots of friendly people that work here."

-Danica

End of Year Giving

As 2024 draws to an end, we know there are many worthy causes in the River Valley and beyond. We hope you'll consider a tax-deductible financial gift to MARVA as you plan your end-of-year giving.

Contributing is easy and can be done securely by scanning the QR code below or by mailing a check to:

MARVA Workshop
1205 S Arkansas Ave
Russellville, AR 72801

Ask about planned giving. MARVA Workshop is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

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Contact us at 479-968-4420 about sponsorship opportunities and how your logo could be displayed on our new digital sign.

2024 Highlights

TILLER RAFFLE

As construction continued on our new donations processing center, we kicked off the year with a tiller raffle, bringing in just over $2,000 to go toward our expansion.

HEART OF MARVA CELEBRATION

In February, we celebrated our clients with our 2nd annual "Heart of MARVA" party. We rolled back to the 50's, complete with ice cream sundaes, old fashioned milkshakes, and music by Noah Carter, an award-winning local musician.

GRAND OPENING

The Grand Opening celebration for the *Evelyn Denton Donations Processing Center* was held on May 21st. The Russellville Area Chamber of Commerce, along with other community members attended the celebration. State Representative Matt Duffield spoke on the importance of purpose and how MARVA provides a sense of purpose for individuals with disabilities. Other speakers included Gary Denton, Cynthia Ellsworth, and David Meador. The building was dedicated to the late Evelyn Denton, a long-time Board member, parent of two MARVA clients, and fierce advocate for choice in employment for individuals with disabilities.

MARVAQUE

Our 2nd annual MARVAQue dinner and silent auction took place on July 27th. Catered by Ridgewood Brothers BBQ with entertainment by local band Rawhide and a beautiful variety of silent auction items, the event was a success! Over $4000 was raised to support MARVA.

New SMS Offers!

Sign up to receive text messages about special sales and events and receive a coupon for 20% off your next purchase! Scan the code below or text JOIN to 479-255-0101.

Coupon is vaild for seven days and can be used once on any purchase.

G-Ray's TRUCKING 3rd Annual Benefit Golf Tournament SUGAR CREEK foods international

Thank you to our sponsors and participants!

$17,000 raised!

"The new donation building is helping a lot. It's bigger and easier to take donations because we don't have to worry about the weather."

-Treece

Bowling 2024

The Courier's *Best of the Best 2024*
"Best Consignment/Resale Shop!"

MARVA Transition Options for High School Students

MARVA Transition Options provides high school juniors and seniors with assistance and planning for transitioning from high school into higher education or the world of work.

This semester, the Transition students have engaged in a variety of enriching activities that have fostered their personal and professional development. The students have explored job opportunities in the local community and are currently working at various job experiences at locations such as PetSmart, Love's Flower and Gift Shop, Brown's Catfish, and MARVA Workshop. They embarked on site tours in local businesses to gain insights into potential career paths and learned about post-secondary education opportunities, including a visit to Arkansas Tech University. In addition to exploring academic avenues, the students participated in hands-on job experiences where they practiced essential workplace behaviors. A highlight of their semester was organizing a hygiene drive to support homeless youth in their community, showcasing their commitment to service and social responsibility. With the guidance of their career coach, the Transition Students have truly been busy bees, making meaningful strides in their growth and contributions.

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