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Gifts of Cash - This is the most common and simplest method of making a charitable contribution. A gift of cash is fully deductible up to 50 percent of your adjusted gross income, with a five-year carryover allowed for any excess deduction.

Gifts of Securities - Gifts of securities include publicly traded stock, mutual funds, closely held stock and S corporation stock. The best stocks to donate to us are those that have appreciated in value. To obtain the greatest tax advantages, transfer the securities to us rather than the proceeds from a sale.

Gifts of Life Insurance - You can make a gift using life insurance by naming us as the owner or beneficiary of the policy. If you make us owner of the policy, you can claim an income tax deduction for the amount equal to the lower of the fair market value or cost basis. In addition, if you continue to pay premiums on a policy we own, you can deduct the ongoing premium payments.

Gifts of Real Estate - If you own property that is not subject to a mortgage and has appreciated in value, a charitable gift may be an attractive option. You can claim an income tax deduction based on the fair market value of the property, avoid all capital gains taxes and remove that asset from your taxable estate. Or you can transfer your home or farm to us now and continue to use the property for life. You will be entitled to an income tax deduction based on your age and the value of your property.

Gifts That Provide You Income - Life income gifts allow you to receive an income as a result of making a charitable gift. Depending on the type of plan you choose, the income can be fixed or variable, and it can be for you or other beneficiaries you choose. For example, you might contribute money, stock or other property to create a charitable remainder trust to pay you income for life. The assets in the trust can then be sold (avoiding up-front capital gains tax) and the proceeds reinvested to produce a higher yield.

Do You Want to Help Continue Our Work, But Can't Right Now? Consider including a bequest to us in your will or living trust. It's a safe way to ensure our future while looking out for yours. And it's simple—we can give you the correct wording to use. Including a bequest of a percentage of your residual estate ensures that your gift will remain proportionate to other percentage bequests in your estate.

Yes, I would like to support Sertoma Center!

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____

E-mail Address _____

Please find my gift enclosed in the amount of \$ _____

Please make checks payable to Sertoma Center

Please charge my: Visa MasterCard American Express

Card Number _____ Expiration Date _____

Signature _____

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STATE BUDGET WOES

This past year has been a tough year for everyone. With the state of the economy, escalating prices of gas and groceries, a sluggish housing market, and the deficits in states throughout our country, we are all doing our best to make ends meet.

It was one year ago that the state of Tennessee decided to withhold payments to Sertoma Center and other like agencies across the state to the tune of \$15 million. This was money that was already included in the agencies' budgets to provide much needed services for individuals with cognitive disabilities.

The state did not pay Sertoma Center over \$90,000 from January to June that they were contracted to pay us. We worked hard to put some cost-saving measures in place to help partially offset this shortfall. Now, we have been informed that the state is going to cut again. This time we are looking at a loss of over \$80,000.

We are certainly trying to cut costs as best we can. Staffing hours have been cut; overtime is being monitored; equipment and vehicles are not being replaced but repaired; all our programs are being monitored for efficiency and results; and we're just doing without some things we previously enjoyed. We realize that we must do our part to live within a budget that is reflective of these times and try to maintain services as best we can.

These budget cuts come at a time when providers need to be expanding to provide support to the more than 6,000 people on the Tennessee waiting list. These people are individuals with developmental disabilities that are waiting for services, many in urgent circumstances and oftentimes living with

aging family members. The list continues to grow while agencies across the state are being forced to cut back their services and support.

This past year our fundraisers have done well and we want to thank all of our volunteers, sponsors, and donors who have made this possible. As the state continues to reduce our funding, we will need to rely more heavily on our community of support to meet the basic needs for the individuals who depend upon us. Your gifts and support are truly amplified in the lives of others.

Sertoma Center is your community agency providing support through day, residential and vocational programs for adults in our community with cognitive disabilities. We truly thank all of you for your continued support that is making a difference in the lives of others.



2009 EAST TENNESSEE CRUISE AND TRAVEL SHOW

Mark your calendars now for the 2009 East Tennessee Cruise and Travel Show on Sunday, January 11, 2009 from noon – 4:00 pm at the Knoxville Convention Center. AAA Travel and Sertoma Center present this expo of 40 cruise lines and travel destinations along with sponsors Food City, First Tennessee Foundation, B97.5 and WBIR. Tickets at the door are \$6.00 (\$5.00 with AAA Membership) and children under 12 are free.

Representatives from all the major cruise lines and other vacation destinations will be on hand to talk to you about your travel and provide brochures and booklets for you to take home to read. AAA Travel agents will be available to help you plan and book your next vacation with many day of show specials to take advantage of. Live Stage shows, including the ever popular "On Stage Alaska" presented by Holland America, will entertain you in The Going Places theatre. What a great way to spend a cold winter afternoon—dreaming of tropical paradises and exciting destinations!



The Unified Special Olympics Basketball team

STAFF RECEIVES STATEWIDE AWARD

Anita Stewart received the East Tennessee Outstanding Direct Support Professional Award at the annual conference of the Tennessee Network of Community Operators held in Nashville this fall. We are so very proud of Anita. She has worked at Sertoma Center for over eight years. She is one of our Community Living Managers and has worked with the same two gentlemen since she began. Anita takes an active role with the individuals and is very consistent and caring. She makes sure the house where she works is a home. The service recipients are treated with respect, and Anita is never too busy to stop and listen to them. She is a true leader for the staff that work with her, and they all work as a team. Anita also includes the individuals with her family during the holidays and is an outstanding staff member. Congratulations, Anita!



Anita & Albert



2008 SAILING WITH SERTOMA AUCTION GALA

Our annual auction gala, "Sailing with Sertoma," was held at the Foundry in September. With a cruising theme, many of the 350 guests sailed away with great items taken with winning bids in both the silent and live auction led by Auctioneer Bear Stephenson. This year's auction was the most successful ever with profits of \$87,000 which is being used to meet the unfunded needs of our very special people!

We have lots of sponsors and people to thank for making it such a great success. Our Presenting Sponsor was Pilot along with Event Sponsors Mercy Health Partners, Blue Cross Blue Shield of TN, Phillips and Jordan, and TJ Development. We also want to thank the 12 Table Sponsors for bringing their friends and their support. A wonderful committee, chaired by Deb Rossi and Betty Lane, worked tirelessly with help from the other committee members: Pam Owen, Karen Spires, Linda Campbell, Pam Gaut, Jay McBride, Ellie Whitesell, and Larry Appell.

Mark your calendar for next year's auction to be held on Friday, August 28th – this is one event you don't want to miss!