

## Our Mission

Developmental Center of the Ozarks makes a positive difference in the community by providing services which enable individuals to reach and maintain their optimal level of development.



Payton enjoys spending time outside and can now enjoy more of it.

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## Purposeful Play

Payton is a two-and-a-half year old little girl who has Down's Syndrome. She started therapy a little over a year ago and has made huge strides in all areas of her development. She is now very healthy and is described as "a very playful little girl who is interested in learning". She loves music and really loves to dance. Her DCO Therapist, Heather, says, "she greets us at the door with a big 'hi' when we are there for our visits. She certainly has a lot of energy!"



### Progress Notes:

#### Large Motor

Payton wasn't crawling when she began therapy. She is now running and is becoming very skilled at going up and down the stairs at home. She's even learning to catch and kick a ball!

#### Speech

She has learned several signs and is beginning to talk. Her vocabulary is now at about 15-20 words. Her family is very excited at her eagerness to learn and progress made to date.

#### Feeding/Fine Motor

Payton was having a hard time with eating, but she now enjoys a variety of foods and is even using her spoon during meals!

Way to go Payton and family! We're so glad to get to celebrate each and every milestone with you!

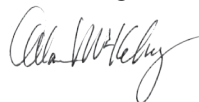
## Inside News

As I am sure you are aware, here in the midwest, as in other parts of the country we are experiencing a rather deep and drawn out recession. And as such I am often asked, how is DCO doing during these difficult times?

Well, I am happy to report to you we are doing fine (with your support). While it has been challenging at times, the fact that we live and operate in a very caring community makes all the difference. So, thank you for your generous support of our most important mission.

In addition to our own fundraising activities, DCO is a proud United Way of the Ozarks agency. So thank you in advance if you are planning to participate in their upcoming 2012 campaign. What a great list of organizations to be on, and what a great way to help support your neighbors during difficult times.

Best Regards,



Allan McKelvy  
Executive Director



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### Mother's Day Deals

What do you get for the mom who does it all and has it all? Take your pick - or choose both of these great deals AND help DCO at the same time! Candy House, Just Desserts, and Ted E Bear Factory will offer a special promotion just in time for Mother's Day. Be our "friend" on Facebook or sign up for our e-news and get in the know!

### Annual Report Goes High Tech

It's not exactly new, but we'll be posting our Annual Report online this year. The difference this year is that, in an effort to be more mindful of your donated dollars, we're not printing a mass quantity of these booklets. If you prefer to have a hard copy, please call the Development Office at 417.829.0896. Otherwise, check it out at DCOonline.com. (posted by May 1, 2011)

### Thank You!

An extra huge thank you to the Elks Lodge #409 for its many years of support and this wonderful donation for 2011!



The Nixa Community Foundation has once again stepped forward to show their trust in DCO. We appreciate your gifts and encouragement!



## April Showers Bring May Flowers

The children and teachers at the Early Child Care and Education (ECCE) Center are so excited that spring is here! We're playing outside daily (unless it rains) and doing several spring projects. The children are planting seeds and watching the plants grow. We've taken walks outside to see the buds on the trees, flowers, and the green grass. Looking for bugs outside is so much more fun than using plastic bugs inside!

The warm spring weather means that we start taking field trips too. Two classes attended the circus in March. Earth Day is celebrated in April with many recycling projects and picking up trash outside to keep our environment beautiful. We love springtime!



## Taney County Growth Opportunity

The Taney County Adult Day Center (ADC) has additional openings due to a change in funding that led to seven individuals transferring to other DCO services. The ADC is staffed with a full-time nurse and an activities staff. The program serves people 18 and over with disabilities and seniors 55 and over.

The ADC participates in various activities such as crafts, music, exercise, fun with food, games, outings to music shows, and other local events.

If you are looking for a safe, structured, and fun environment for your loved one, please call us at 417-334-1797 for more information.

## Looking Ahead

white party

May 13



July 22



September 22



November 24



December 1 - 24

Event details at  
[DCOonline.com](http://DCOonline.com)

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