

Discover the Delta Difference

The Delta Center is a consumer– controlled, not-for-profit organization that provides services for seniors and persons with all types of disabilities for those residing in the Missouri counties of St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren. Delta Center was formed in 1997 by a group of local citizens with disabilities and other persons concerned about disability issues. Delta Center is the #1 choice for **Consumer-Directed Personal Attendant Services** in St. Charles, Lincoln, and Warren counties and among the top providers in St. Louis City and County.

Snapshot of Core Services

Our services are designed to connect people to resources and empower them to live independently in the community. Some of our services include Information and Referral, Peer Support, Independent Living Skills Training, Advocacy, Transition Services, and Consumer Directed Services. The Delta Center also continues to serve as the community convening agency for the St. Charles County Housing Team, a voluntary council of cross-sector partners.

“... They saved my life. I was struggling to be independent and failed miserably. I finally got an attendant and now I can rest easy. Thank you.”

- Melissa M.
via Facebook



We are Delta Center!

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Profits from an in-house fundraiser funded this purchase that cleared out Equipment Exchange waitlist.

The Equipment Exchange

Delta Center for Independent Living strives to meet the needs of low income disabled adults, helping them remain independent and living in their own homes. One way we do this is by recycling used Durable Medical Equipment (DME). Individuals donate equipment they no longer need, and we give it to income eligible adults who need it but can't afford it.

What do we need?

The biggest cost associated with the Equipment Exchange is the cost of renting a storage unit to house the items that are not currently being rented.

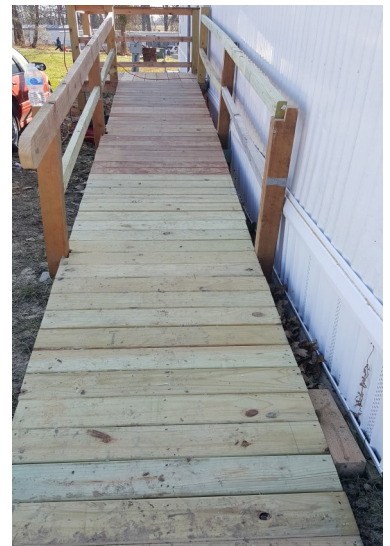
There are some things that are needed more than others, but we have compiled a list of items most requested and/or needed. This is not a comprehensive list.

This program is solely donation based. Without donations, we cannot continue to provide this equipment to our consumers. We are always accepting donations of new or gently DME as well as financial donations to enhance our programming. Any kind of donation is greatly appreciated.

Bathroom safety rails and grab bars
 Shower chairs, benches, and transfer benches
 Toilet risers
 Bedside commodes
 Bed safety rails
 Walkers and canes
 Wheelchairs and electronic scooters
 Wheelchair cushions and ROHO cushions
 Adult diapers/ incontinence briefs

Real Impact

This program was born out of coincidence. One of our case managers had a client that possessed a medical supply which they were no longer using and another client that was in need of that such item. The dilemma became, how do we connect these people? For the first few months, this program was small, but after publicizing the need for donated items, it took off! In just under two years, the Delta center has been donated close to 500 durable medical equipment supplies which have helped just over 300 consumers.



Gateway Housing built this ramp for one of our consumers, free of charge!

Donations of physical DME equipment can be arranged for pick-up or drop off. Please call 636-926-8761 and ask for Jennifer.

To make a financial donation, please visit our website at www.dcil.org and utilize the "DONATE" button.

Our Mission

Delta Center partners with people with disabilities and their communities to remove barriers and promote positive changes leading to greater independence for all.

Our Vision

We envision a world of acceptance, access, independence and self-determination for all.

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Left: Executive Director, Jim Ruedin.



Right: Delta Center Board President, Missouri Governor Mike Parson and Executive Director Jim Ruedin , January 31, 2019.

From the Executive Director

It's exciting to release our first newsletter to everyone. Delta Center has been making a difference since 1997 and it's time we share great stories of what we do! Delta Center exists to strengthen our community by keeping people healthy and safe and to break down barriers to independence for people with disabilities. Whether it's helping someone with their specific problem or advocating for systems change, Delta Center is there on the front lines helping people to remain as independent as possible.

For those familiar with Delta Center we're proud to announce the recent addition of two new services. We now offer our Endeavor Program specifically for people with spinal cord injuries. This program provides peer support to both individuals and groups and is designed to provide ongoing support as those with spinal cord injuries transition into their new life. Also, with the increasing interest of the aging population to remain at home to "age in place", we offer a comprehensive **Aging In Place Safely** assessment designed to identify possible barriers to being safe at home and provide suggestions for resources to address safety concerns.

I look forward to sharing many positive examples of the work we do in the future and encourage you to learn more about us so you can share us as a resource for those who need it and possibly find ways to support our mission yourself.

~ Jim Ruedin

Interested in Getting Involved?

Delta Center is currently looking to fill open positions on our Board of Directors. We are looking for people who 1.) want to work on behalf of people with disabilities, 2.) have a disability and successfully function in everyday life, and/or 3.) live in Lincoln, Warren, or St. Charles County. In particular, we currently have a need for a professional with marketing, branding, and public relations skills and knowledge.

What we ask of our board members:

- Attend 6 board meetings per year typically held on the 2nd Wednesday of the month from 5:30-7:30 PM at the Delta Center
- Serve on at least one committee
- Act as an ambassador for Delta Center in your community
- Advocate on behalf of individuals with disabilities
- Share your strategic thinking skills at meetings

Are there any financial obligations? Yes. Board members are asked to "get or give" an annual donation to Delta Center. The amount of the donation is left up to each board member.

Board members are expected to pay their own expenses and provide their own transportation to board and committee meetings.

What next? Prospective board members are invited to visit 3 board meetings to see if Delta Center is a good fit for you and your skills. Please contact Delta Center at 636-926-8761 to verify the meeting dates and arrange to attend a meeting.

Keep in Touch

If you would like to know more about our organization, make a tax-deductible donation, or know someone who would benefit from our services please visit us at:

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