

NEWS RELEASE

Contact:
Karen Knavel
Community Relations Director
New Avenues to Independence
216-481-1909 ext. 224
kknavel@newavenues.net

New Avenues to Independence receives grant for Children's Programs from The Reinberger Foundation

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

CLEVELAND, OH, December, 2011 – The Reinberger Foundation has given a \$10,000 grant to New Avenues to Independence to help sustain their Children's Programs. The programs include Swim, Gym & More and Summer Camp, which are held in Mentor, Ohio.

Swim, Gym & More is held for four hours each Saturday from October through May. The program offers young participants socialization and participation in therapeutic and recreational activities. When the school year ends, children may be enrolled in Summer Camp that is offered for five-weeks. Summer Camp works on maintaining and building their social and behavioral skills and provides structured activities that reinforce educational curriculum learned throughout the school year.

The Children's Programs have been providing unique opportunities for children with special needs in Northeast Ohio for over 13 years. There are no other programs in the area that provide weekend recreational and therapeutic programs. Although there are other summer programs available, New Avenues is the most inclusive in that they accept all disabilities and levels, and every child is given the opportunity to participate though the use of specialized, adaptive equipment. In addition, attending these programs gives children with special needs the opportunity to participate in recreational activities, such as playing outside, riding bicycles, meeting new friends, creating art projects and attending special events.

The generous grant from The Reinberger Foundation will allow New Avenues to continue its outstanding services to the ever-increasing number of special needs children in Northeast Ohio. For more information about the Children's Programs, please contact Gretchen Halliday at 216-481-1909 x282.

About New Avenues to Independence

New Avenues to Independence, Inc., is an organization that proudly provides support services, programs and opportunities for people with disabilities to become more independent and productive members of the community. For more information, contact Karen Knavel, 216-481-1909 ext. 224, kknavel@newavenues.net, www.newavenues.net.