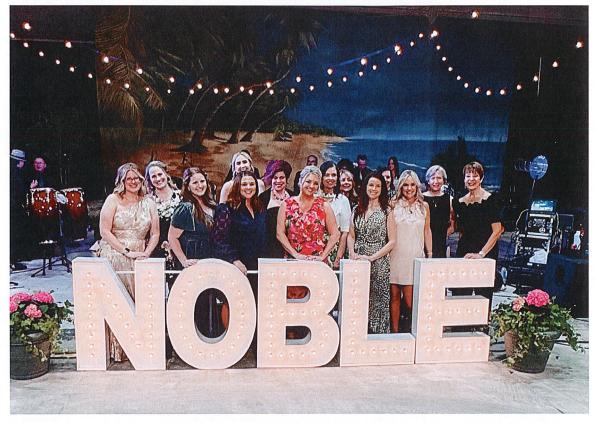


March 2025

Evening in the Garden Raises \$149,000



Our 29th annual **Evening in the Garden** was an amazing night of food, friends and fun, raising a record-breaking \$149,000 for Noble and the people we serve!

From the live music to the high-end food and beverage establishments to the gorgeous landscaped gardens, there was something for everyone at this preview gala to the Indiana Flower and Patio Show.

On behalf of everyone here at Noble, thank you for supporting our mission of empowering people with disabilities to **Dream it. Live it.** every day!

Opportunities, Skill Building Offered at Noble's Career Center



At age 21, Michael has a great life ahead of him filled with career plans that change quite often as he discovers more about his interests & skills. Right now, he wants to be a chef & he's getting a taste for that when the **Career Exploration Group** (CEG) spends Wednesday mornings volunteering at Second Helpings.

There they help prepare meals for people in need. While Michael hopes to get into their culinary training program, he's also been trying out his culinary dreams through the virtual reality career modules offered in our KATIE'S Lab at the Noble Career Center.

When they're not in the realm of virtual reality, Michael & his fellow CEG members are building their skillsets through other volunteer rotations.

The schedule has them spending Monday mornings at Teacher's Treasures & the afternoons at Southeast Community Food Pantry; Tuesday mornings at Mission 27; and Friday mornings at Horizon House. On Thursday mornings, they volunteer at the FACE Clinic, which provides low cost spay and neuter procedures. In this photo, Michael is assembling the flexible cones worn by animals post-surgery to prevent them from disrupting their sutures.

When the CEG group isn't volunteering, they receive instruction on soft skills needed to succeed. Michael's latest accomplishment? Learning to use the city bus routes to navigate the city.

2 Gen Service Supports Entire Family



The mother of six children, Sarah participates in Noble's <u>Family Support Network</u>, a 2 Gen service designed to guide families forward along a path of greater self-sufficiency, independence & economic opportunity. This is her story:

Our 1- and 5-year-old daughters & our 4- and 11-year-old sons all have a diagnosed disability requiring ongoing medical appointments, therapies & close attention to any services recommended by their teachers, doctors & therapists.

I've been a stay-at-home mom for the last four years, which allows me to focus on addressing their developmental needs & advocate for their wellbeing. I am a strong and assertive woman, which allows me to stand up for my children when I see a need not being met. It's important for them to have an advocate on all fronts, including medical issues, correct diagnoses, issues with the education system or concerns with therapy needs.

I've done a lot of research to educate myself on my children's disabilities as they are all different and unique to them. This has helped empower me for the benefit of my family. I love my children and want the very best for each of them, whatever that may look like. Every parent faces unique challenges and joys as their kids grow and develop, but in the end, we are all parents who want the best for our children.

Canine Therapy Is for the Dogs



Andre trots down the hall with Sylvia, his head held high like he knows David, Ashley, Christine and others are eager for the chance to pet him.

Yes, Andre is a two-year-old golden retriever; Sylvia is his handler. The two provide therapeutic visits to organizations across the city through **Canine Companions**. The two stop by Noble once a month to visit friends like David (pictured with Andre here).

Although Sylvia calls Andre a "work in progress," David seems to enjoy the furry handshake he's being given.

Build a Lifetime of Memories at Camp



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We're celebrating our 20th years of Summer fax Conp and hope your school-age child can join us. We'll be "Building a Lifetime of Memories" at this year's camps for youth with & without disabilities. Sessions begin in June, run 9 am - 3:30 pm and offer a host of activities in a 1:4 counselor to camper ratio.

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