



The Belle Center

A nonprofit serving children with disabilities
and their families



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Hi Belle Supporter,

Looking for a fun way to support [The Belle Center](#)? Bring your children and friends to A Family Affair with Steven Jackson at J.Buck's in Clayton on November 13! All proceeds support our [Dennis W. Lamme Jr. Scholarship Fund](#), enabling children to attend our preschool and receive therapies. Please see the event details below.

In this issue, read about our new partnership with Deaconess Foundation. This four-year partnership is huge because it will strengthen our internal operations, as well as ensure a sustainable future. Finally, please note that our Trivia Night & Silent Auction has moved to January. We look forward to seeing you there!

Regards,
The Belle Center Staff

1. It's back! Register for A Family Affair with Steven Jackson

Have you or your kids wanted to meet the Rams' Steven Jackson? Or have you ever wanted to listen to SMASH Band live? Now is your chance! At "A Family Affair with Steven Jackson", you'll listen to SMASH Band, bid on silent auction items and watch the star host his LIVE radio show. Receive his autograph, and take a photo with him, too!

A Family Affair with Steven Jackson

[\(Check out our invite!\)](#)

Thursday, November 13

5 p.m. to 10 p.m.

J.Buck's in Clayton

Donation: \$20/adult, children free (12 and younger). Cash bar.

100% of the proceeds will benefit the [Dennis W. Lamme Jr. Scholarship Fund](#) at Belle. This fund will help families afford Belle's services. RSVP now by calling J.Buck's at 314.725.4700. The entire community is invited, so [forward this to a friend!](#)



2. The Belle Center is chosen as a Deaconess Impact Partner!

We are thrilled to announce that out of more than 200 invited applicants, [Deaconess Foundation](#) selected Belle as one of its eight partner organizations! As an Impact Partner, we will receive four years of substantial funding for board and staff training, financial systems, information technology and resource development. This will help Belle attain long-term sustainability, ensuring that we will serve many future generations of children with disabilities. Belle is incredibly grateful for this opportunity, and looks forward to this transformative four-year partnership.

3. The Belle Center wins Stellar Performance Award

Our Center-Based Preschool Program has exciting news! For the second year in a row, Belle received a Stellar Performance Award in the daycare category from [Variety the Children's Charity of St. Louis](#). The award reflects our commitment to promoting full inclusion for children with disabilities. According to Variety, Belle is only one of two organizations EVER to win this award twice!

To understand how Belle transforms the lives of children with disabilities, [read our families' touching testimonials](#).

4. Purchase "posh" holiday gifts & support Belle

Need to start your holiday shopping? Check out Posh Papers!

From whimsical stationery to custom children's placemats to elegant address labels, Posh Papers has a holiday gift for everyone on your list. **One hundred percent of the profit** will be donated to Belle!

Simply order by December 5, and type "Belle" into the comments section at checkout. Please check ordering info for holiday delivery dates. Visit <http://www.poshpapers.net/> or email Christine Mattson, owner and Belle parent.



5. Save the date for Trivia Night & Silent Auction!

That's right, we've moved our [Trivia Night & Silent Auction](#) from summer to winter! You will receive an invitation in the mail, but we want to get the word out early. Also, please note the event is on a Friday night.

Friday, January 16, 2009
Kirkwood Community Center
111 South Geyer Rd.

Doors open at 6:45....Questions begin at 7:30 pm
\$20 per person or \$150.00 per table (up to 10 people)
Partial groups will be teamed together
Soda and light snack will be provided.
Alcohol may be brought into the facility, but please avoid bringing glass bottles.

Contact Angie at 314.821.5230 or via email at info@bellecenter.com to register and/or donate auction items!

About The Belle Center

The Belle Center is a nonprofit organization that provides early intervention services for children with disabilities and their families. Founded in 1984, Belle's preschool program is the Midwest's first full inclusion preschool where children with and without disabilities learn and play together. Our mission is to ensure that all children with disabilities are fully included in school and community life. Belle's three programs annually serve more than 330 children with disabilities and their families. We also support an additional 150 families through advocacy services and referrals.



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