



*The
Belle
Center*

"All Children Can Learn and Play Together"

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Greetings {FIRST_NAME},

2008 has gotten off to a great start at [Belle Center](#)! With our three programs running at full capacity, we expect to serve more than 250 children with disabilities and their families this year.

In this issue, check out our new video, and learn about our upcoming classes for families. Also, don't forget to save the date for our golf tournament!

Regards,
Belle Center Staff



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1. "A Family Affair with Steven Jackson" is a HUGE success



Thank you to our friends and volunteers who attended "A Family Affair with Steven Jackson" on Dec. 11 at J.Buck's in Clayton. With your support, we raised over \$11,000 in scholarships for children with disabilities!

Belle thanks Steven Jackson, Joe Buck, Malcolm Briggs and other Rams players for hosting the live radio show. We're grateful for the support of the Lamme Family, Julie Buck, J.Buck's, Clear Channel Radio - St. Louis, the St. Louis Rams, Rick Niblett Photography and Genovese Jewelers.

[Donate today](#) to the Dennis W. Lamme Jr. Scholarship Fund, and check out event photos at [Rick Niblett Photography](#) by clicking "Belle Center."

2. Save the date for golf tournament

Is there a better way to enjoy a beautiful spring day than playing golf and supporting a local charity? We didn't think so!

Belle's [16th Annual Margot Schenk Memorial Golf Tournament](#) will be on Monday, May 12th at Lake Forest Country Club in Lake St. Louis. Become a [hole or corporate](#)

[sponsor](#), or bring your friends for a day filled with golf, silent auction items and gourmet meals.

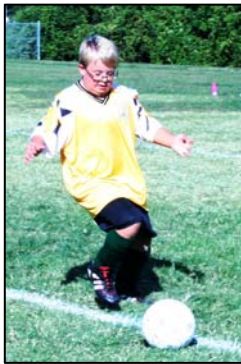
To register, please contact [Jodi Woessner](#), Executive Director, or [Angie Wuelling](#), Development Director, at 314.821.5230.

3. Watch our new video online

We're thrilled to unveil Belle's video! See our children at play and our teachers and therapists in action. [Check it out today](#), and see what makes Belle so unique.

Belle thanks [Forever Studios](#) and board member Mike Butler for donating the video's production time and cost.

4. Alumni success story



We're so proud of Belle alumnus Geoff Butz, age 12, who scored his first soccer goal this year! Geoff's mom, Kim, emailed us this fall about her son:

"When he scored his first goal, EVERYONE on the sidelines stood and cheered. It was one of the most wonderful moments in his/my life..."

Geoff is a 5th grader at Truman Elementary in the Lindbergh School District. From infancy through age seven, Geoff received therapies through Belle. Kim Butz credits Belle with her son's achievements.

Stories like this exemplify our work at Belle. Share an alumni success story with us by emailing info@bellecenter.com!

5. Sign up for Sibshops

Belle hosts monthly Sibshops for siblings, ages five to thirteen years old, of children with disabilities. These fun gatherings allow children to meet peers who also know the joys and challenges of having siblings with disabilities.

Register your child for the following Sibshops:

April 10
May 10
June 19



To register or for more information, contact [Theresa Strothkamp](#), Program Director, at 314.821.5230

6. Belle meets all 20 charity standards for BBB

The St. Louis Better Business Bureau (BBB) recently announced that Belle meets all of its 20 standards for charities. This designation reflects our commitment to fiscal responsibility. [Read Belle's BBB report!](#)

We are truly indebted to Belle. There are no words to describe what Belle did for us.

- Kim Butz, Alumni Parent

About Belle Center

[Belle Center of St. Louis](#) 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 250 children with disabilities and their families.



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