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Message from CLC Board Chairman and Acting President & CEO, Frank Farricker

I am pleased to share some exciting news! The Connecticut Lottery Corporation (CLC) is one of six North American lotteries that have recently been selected to go through the National Council on Problem Gambling’s (NCPG) and the National Association of State and Provincial Lotteries’ (NASPL) new responsible gambling (RG) standards verification of best practices.

What does this mean? It means that over the next month, the CLC will be compiling a report that reflects our collective RG efforts. In all aspects, it will continue to project Connecticut as a leader in RG.

Our report is due October 11th. An independent assessment panel comprised of representatives from NCPG and NASPL will evaluate whether the CLC has met the implementation verification standards, and a decision will be made on whether we have met these criteria, or we have a little more work to do, by the end of December.

I welcome and look forward to this process and to showcasing the CLC’s long-standing efforts on RG, which are deeply woven into the mission and culture of our organization. As you know, RG is a firm bedrock of not just the CLC, but our entire industry.

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CHATTER THAT MATTERS™ WELCOMES ITS NEWEST MEMBER

Jessica Hayton

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WE'D LOVE TO HEAR FROM YOU

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ANNMARIE DAIGLE, JENNIFER HUNTER OR SUZANNE COLLEY



Janice Beckner participated in the ribbon cutting ceremony to open the 2016 Greater New England Minority Supplier Development Council (GNEMSDC) Annual Conference and Expo which took place on September 7th and 8th at Mohegan Sun Convention Center. The theme of this year's event, which Janice served as Corporate Co-Chair, was "Corporations and MBEs Connecting for Growth: a Win-Win".

Always a well attended event, the CLC also had representation from Sales, Finance, Purchasing, Legal and Administration. The CLC was a proud exhibitor during the expo sessions and had the opportunity to meet with various diverse suppliers during the Business Matchmaker Session. These sessions are designed for diverse suppliers to showcase their trade and commodities by meeting one-on-one with company buyers to create procurement opportunities.

Upcoming Events

Date	Event	Location
September 29	CWE Women's Business Conference	Sheraton Framingham, MA
October 11	Middlesex Business Expo	Cromwell, CT
October 20	Retailer Rally	Southington, CT
October 25	CCPG Annual Conference	Sheraton Rocky Hill, CT
Mid-September - Early December	Charitable Giving Campaign	CLC Headquarters
November 18 - December 16	CLC Holiday Toy Drive	CLC Headquarters

Vendor Focus: AdMart

New ADA Compliant Play Station Kiosks Roll Out!



By: Annmarie Daigle



Next time you visit your favorite retailer, keep an eye out for these sleek, new, ADA compliant play station kiosks.

With a lower shelf fully stocked with play slips and pencils, they are not only wheelchair accessible, but also a great advertising tool with CT Lottery branding on both sides of the play station.

After seeing a similar version online and at a neighboring lottery, CLC's Instant Games team contacted AdMart Custom Signage, our long time signs vendor, to make a prototype, and after a few tweaks, voila! our new play stations were born! The units are fully assembled with a sturdy metal frame and base, a metal pencil cup holder, and eight metal play slip holders.

So far about 350 play station kiosks were purchased and 223 were immediately drop shipped directly to retailer locations across the state in mid-August. The remainder of the kiosks are in storage at the CLC awaiting future installations.



Save the Date!

CLC Holiday Toy Drive Kick Off is Friday, November 18th

Watch for Details!

CCMC Patient Gavin Haines

By: Jennifer Hunter

“When I saw other kids fundraising, I thought we should do that too.”

Gavin suffers from two disorders:

Dravet Syndrome is a rare genetic epileptic encephalopathy (a dysfunction of the brain).

Cortical Dysplasia (a malformation of cortical development, and a common cause of epilepsy).

To learn more visit the Dravet Foundation’s Website:

dravetfoundation.org

Look what others in the community are doing to promote good causes similar to our annual toy drive “Do a ‘Lotto’ Good, Give a Toy”, which is one of our responsible gambling holiday initiatives. Courtesy of the Record-Journal, below is an article about a 10-year-old patient, Gavin Haines, who took it upon himself to start fundraising activities for the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center. Through Gavin’s efforts, he was able to successfully raise funds to purchase iPads to support programs for other patients.

Article written by: Jesse Buchanan, Record-Journal staff.



When the speaker stopped working on an iPad used by the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center to help teach pronunciation, 10-year-old Gavin Haines wanted to get a replacement. Since then his fundraising – which has included bake sales, donations from businesses, and gift wrapping – has bought two iPads for the center’s speech class.



Gavin Haines, 10, of Southington, helped raise \$5,500 for the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center

Gavin suffers from two disorders and during his first few years was at the children’s hospital several days a week, according to his mother, Stacey Haines. Since last fall, he’s raised \$5,500 for the center and he hopes to reach \$10,000. “When I saw other kids fundraising, I thought we should do that too,” Gavin said. He has both Dravet syndrome and cortical dysplasia and has been told by doctors that he’s one of only five known cases where both are present.

Dravet, a form of epilepsy, results in seizures that usually last between 20 and 40 minutes.

Haines said her son has had seizures as long as 6 hours, and their home must be outfitted with medicines and oxygen in case the attacks become life-threatening. Gavin and his mother describe them as an electrical storm in the brain. It can lead to temporary memory loss, among other things. “One day I may know how to add 100 and 100, but the next day I might not,” Gavin said. Haines homeschools Gavin, saying it’s more conducive to her son’s unpredictable health condition.

Dravet syndrome affects all different areas of the brain. A seizure can lead to muscle problems on the right side one day and cause headaches the next, according to Haines. “It can start anywhere, it can travel anywhere,” she said. “It can really mess with him.”

Cortical dysplasia is a congenital brain abnormality and commonly a cause of epilepsy. Many medicines that treat that disorder worsen Dravet syndrome while medications designed to combat Dravet are bad for patients with cortical dysplasia.

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Gavin sees a host of doctors at the Connecticut Children’s Medical Center while also receiving treatment and testing there. Haines praised the doctors and staff, saying they were knowledgeable as well as caring for her son. Through friends, Gavin and his family have been able to set up fundraisers through businesses such as Outback Steakhouse, Boscov’s and Dave & Busters. Money raised at all three went to the medical center.

Brian Neviolo, owner of Giovanni’s Pizzeria on West Street, said Gavin asked if the shop could post a flier in the window for a bake sale fundraiser. Neviolo said his son received treatment at the children’s hospital and was glad to post the fliers as well as make a donation. *“We really liked the doctors over there,”* Neviolo said. He was impressed with Gavin’s maturity.

On Tuesday, Gavin and his mother met with a manager at 7-Eleven on Queen Street in Southington to talk about a cold brew ice tea and lemonade stand for the location. The company agreed, Gavin said, but a date for the stand hasn’t been set yet. His older brother, Kyle, also designed bead bracelets that Gavin has sold as part of his efforts. Haines said her son was inspired after seeing University of Connecticut students raising money for the medical center at Huskython. Gavin has put in “hours upon hours” helping make bake baked goods, wrapping gifts during the Boscov’s fundraiser and selling tickets at other events.

“When he saw them raising money, he said, *“I can do that too,”* Haines said.



Learn about the National Council on Problem Gambling

History of NCPG: “The organization was founded in 1972 by Msgr. Joseph A. Dunne and Dr. Robert Custer, among others. From the outset the Council established two principles that remain in effect today: that the organization would be the advocate for problem gamblers and their families, and that it would take no position for or against legalized gambling.”



Its mission: ...“to lead state and national stakeholders in the development of comprehensive policy and programs for all those affected by problem gambling. Our purpose is to serve as the national advocate for programs and services to assist problem gamblers and their families. And our vision is to improve health and wellness by reducing the personal, social and economic costs of problem gambling...”

The CLC has fully participated in this advocacy for a number of years, and at the Council’s National Conference in June 2016, Chelsea Turner was elected to the board of the National Council on Problem Gambling. Congrats, Chelsea!

To learn more about NCPG, please visit: ncpgambling.org

Recycle, Reuse, Repurpose

By: Suzanne Colley



“The CLC recognizes that our Earth’s resources are not limitless and there are countless ways, big and small, where we can help make a difference.” To be responsive, the Corporation opts to utilize the State Surplus system for items ready for reuse, recycle, or repurpose. Through this system, CLC introduces to other agencies, municipalities, and public bidders items that no longer have operational value to us. And, from time to time, CTM will highlight these auctions.

The other side of surplus . . .

Recently, I met Michael, a successful bidder of one of CLC’s Savin copiers. After retiring from one of Connecticut’s major Fire Departments, Michael took on a new vocation as a minister. In addition to his obvious duties, Michael was responsible for copying all of the Sunday bulletins, which he did from his home printer. Then, as soon as he noticed CLC’s copier on state surplus, he jumped at the chance to bid. Michael could not overstate how pleased he was to win the auction and just how helpful this item will be.

Now, this story is fine if it were to end here; however, that is not the case. When I returned to my desk after filing the auction paperwork, I received a call from Michael and we talked about the exchange. He continued on to say that immediately after leaving our facility his van broke down. *“I’m glad I have the copier and whatever is wrong with my van will get fixed. I just have to stay positive.”* He said, perhaps in past days he might have responded in a frustrated manner but, nowadays he reacts calmly. He then reminded me that the upcoming weekend marked the 15th anniversary of 9/11. He said that he was in NYC that day and witnessed the events first-hand. He stated, *“It changed me, it made me take a moment to think before speaking, to stay positive in all situations.”* Advice he said, he continues to share with the youth of his church.

Michael certainly acted in great form, living by his motto of ‘staying positive’ and further reinforcing to me that we can all learn from each other.



I am fascinated as to where our items end up and more importantly, meeting those who purchase these objects and learning how our ‘stuff’ is reused, recycled, or repurposed. If you would like to share some of your own recycling, upcycling, or repurposing ideas, please contact me.

2016 Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving at the CLC

By: The Finance Charitable Giving Team



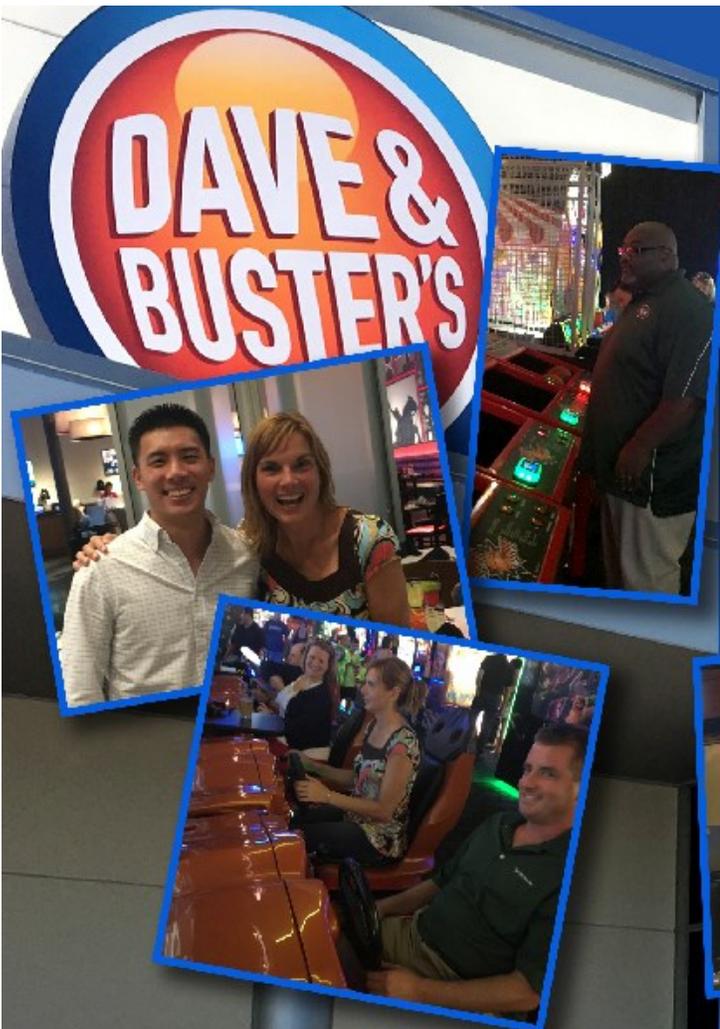
The Connecticut State Employees' Campaign for Charitable Giving (CSEC) provides an annual opportunity for Connecticut State Employees to voluntarily contribute to participating non-profit charities of their choice through their workplace.



Stepping up to the plate to coordinate this year's campaign for the CLC, is Barbara Petano and Luda Gooper from the Finance Department. Last year the CLC raised \$6,594, and had a total of 36 pledges. This year, our goal is \$7,500 and 46 pledges. Barbara and Luda are very enthusiastic on achieving this goal with your help. So, get

ready for some fun and exciting activities starting in September and winding down early December. Remember, your participation in the campaign is voluntary.

As an added incentive for participation....all those that participate via payroll deduction pledge form turned in to Luda or Barbara during the campaign will be allowed an extra day of dress down each Thursday until the end of December of this year. Remember, payroll deductions will be from January thru December of next year. Please see Luda or Barbara for any clarification, and thank you!



This year's Summer Outing had a large turnout with a total of 54 employees attending! The original price of \$31.99, was reduced to just \$18.00 per person thanks to everyone who participated in the recent fundraisers! The food was hot, fresh and enjoyed by all who attended. Activities ranged from trivia games to air hockey tables; to shooting hoops, and riding simulation motorcycles. There was a lot of laughter and a good time was had by all! Thank you, to everyone who participated and helped make this year's summer outing a success! We hope this year's summer outing was a memorable one!



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