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CEL'S SUMMER CAMP PROVIDES FUN FOR YOUTH WITH DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES

Riverwoods, Illinois, April 30, 2014 – Summer brings memories of fun with friends, swimming pools, barbeques and a season to just enjoy the freedom of being young. Those experiences are no different for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities thanks in part to The Center for Enriched Living's (CEL) Summer Camp serving 50 communities in Chicago's north and northwest suburbs.

CEL's Summer Camp located in Riverwoods serves campers ages 13-22 who have autism, fragile X, Down syndrome and other developmental disabilities. Camp provides an opportunity for campers to make new friends, develop new interests and have incredible summer fun. "So often individuals with developmental disabilities miss out on what many children love to do in the summer – have the time of their lives in summer camp," says Melissa Juarez-Ehlers, Director of Program Services. "At CEL, our campers go horseback riding, swimming, play sports, create art, perform in plays, go to the beach, cook summer recipes, enjoy the outdoors and meet some great new friends – they get this and much more in our wonderful summer camp program."

Summer Camp runs from June 9 – August 1 with several options from which to choose - eight-week or four-week sessions and a full-day or half-day camp. "Every summer our building is filled with the laughter of campers, the sound of camp songs and that indomitable camp spirit. There's an incredible sense of adventure and excitement that sweeps through here. It's hard to say who has more fun – our campers or camp counselors," adds Harriet Levy, Executive Director. "CEL summer camp builds warm and wonderful memories for years to come."

In addition to regular camp there are specialty camps that meet many interests. CEL provides transportation from central points throughout the surrounding communities and scholarship funds are available to families in need. This popular camp fills up quickly - to reserve a spot for your camper call 847-948-7001. Deadline for CEL Camp registration is May 16!

About the Center for Enriched Living

The Center for Enriched Living exists to enhance and enrich the lives of people with intellectual and developmental disabilities – from youth through adulthood. CEL programs provide opportunities for our members to make new friends, learn social and practical skills, and become vital participants within their communities. More information available at www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org

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