Dear Center for,

Welcome to spring! It seems that the warmer weather sprang upon us rather quickly this year. At the Rogge house, we were spring cleaning long before the official start of the season. As glad as we’ve been to have early flowers, I personally wonder what this summer's weather will be like.

A source of delight at the CRSB home office is the "awakening" of the sensory garden. This garden has become an oasis for visitors and staff alike. A couple of benches will soon make it a place to linger and enjoy.

As you read this edition of the CRSB ENews, be sure to check out the article about the Give to Lincoln Day event. Christian Record has an opportunity to earn grant funding to keep the sensory gardens beautiful and thriving.

Happy spring!

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Jeri Lyn Rogge

NCBC campers are excited about the upcoming summer camping season. Your gifts help us send every camper on our waiting list!

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Personnel News

Treasury:
Josh Bascom, from Assistant Treasurer to Vice President for Finance.

Shelly Kittleson, from Treasury Clerk to Assistant Treasurer.

Gift Records:
Anita Ahrens, new Gift Records Lead.

Give to Lincoln Day, May 17

Here's how Give to Lincoln Day Works

On May 17th, the Lincoln community will come together for 24 hours of giving from 12:00am to 11:59pm. Gifts to Christian Record Services for the Blind can will be made online at this site. Gifts will also be accepted in person during regular business hours at the Lincoln Community Foundation, 215 Centennial Mall South, Lincoln, Nebraska 68508.

$200,000 Challenge Match

All donations will be matched with a proportional share of a $200,000 challenge match pool of funds. The challenge fund is provided by the Lincoln Community Foundation and the generous partner sponsors listed below. In addition, the top three organizations that have the greatest number of donors making gifts on May 17th will receive bonus grants of $2,500, $1,500 and $1,000 respectively.

Christian Record has three projects involving exterior signage, sensory garden improvements, and lighting replacements. Anyone in the Continental US may donate through Christian Record’s project page. Be sure to follow Christian Record Services for the Blind on Facebook to track our progress and share about this project with your friends. We would love to be in the top three organizations for this grant award.

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Christian Record Services for the Blind (CRSB) is dedicated to brightening the lives of those who are blind or visually impaired. CRSB provides a variety of reading materials in audio, large-print and Braille, and visitation services through the Missionaries of the Blind (the M.O.B.). Additionally, National Camps for Blind Children (NCBC), a program of CRSB, offers winter and summer camp experiences for young and young-at-heart blind or visually
impaired people.

Thank you for partnering with us.

Jeri Lyn Rogge
Social Media Editor
Christian Record Services for the Blind
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Known worldwide as the Ambassadors of Goodwill™, the Globetrotters team takes part in multiple community outreach programs and charitable efforts each year. Their publicist heard about Philson’s campaign of compassion. With the Globetrotters coming to Lincoln, she arranged for the local teen to be acknowledged as an honorary Ambassador of Goodwill. He received an autographed jersey and basketball from the Globetrotters during half-time of their April 4 game at Pershing Center. The team also donated autographed memorabilia for a fundraiser raffle, with all proceeds awarded to National Camps for the Blind. (When the total amount raised is announced, it will be posted on OutlookMag.org.)

Philson says he is amazed by the help he has received toward making his birthday dream come true. One of his biggest supporters is his grandfather, Joe Martinez, who works at Christian Record Services for the Blind. The Lincoln-based charity provides spiritual materials and other services, such as National Camps for the Blind, for visually handicapped adults and children.

“We at the Christian Record home office applaud the efforts of Christian Philson,” said Rajmund Dabrowski, assistant to the president for marketing. “His philanthropic spirit, at such an early age, is a testament to the creativity of our church’s youth. Christian is an inspiration to us, and we would love to see this idea catch on with other young people.”

For more information about National Camps for the Blind, visit ChristianRecord.org.

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