

ILNC 2nd Annual Cornhole for a Cause Fundraiser

Transcript

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Welcome to Independence Perspective, a public affairs presentation of Western New York. Independent Living (WNYIL).

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Our guest today is Doug Bisher, peer support specialist with the Addict 2 Addict program, at Independent Living of Niagara County (ILNC). I'm your host Ernie Churchwell. Welcome to the program Doug.

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Thank you for having me, Ernie, glad to be here.

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It's our pleasure. And you're here because you've got all the details of the annual Cornhole for a Cause fundraiser for ILNC. And since it is a fundraiser,

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it's only fair that people know what the cause is, that they're

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funds are being raised for. What are some of the services offered at ILNC?

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Yeah. So, we have a ton of a range of services at ILNC that helps people with any and all disabilities. And the Addict 2 Addict program is one that I work for. We have a plethora of services that serve all throughout the county from medications, the MAAP program, our core services and so on and so forth.

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But this is really an annual event. That's the second one that we've done to help fund our local Independent Living Center. And it's just a really fun day for people to come out and

learn more about their local Independent Living Center and what services they may be eligible for that they may not even know exist.

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You just mentioned the MAAP program. What is that?

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They can help people filling out applications and stuff like that for Social Security, social services, stuff like that.

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OK, Medicaid, I would presume would be included in that.

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Correct.

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Terrific. And there's a wealth of different activities at the cornhole for our cause. What are some of them?

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There's going to be a 50/50. There'll be

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a basket raffles for sure.

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And there's a minimum. It's a \$20 registration fee to play in the Cornhole Tournament itself, but you're going to get a minimum of six games, and it's definitely a good bang for your buck. You don't need a partner to come and sign up to register or anything.

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So, no bags necessary, just show up and a will to have fun and want to support your local Independent Living Center. And you're going to get 4 rounds of round robin. It's going to the algorithm will shuffle you, so you get different partners. Which really brings more people together in our community at the event anyways. And then for the double elimination part after some drawings we'll have,

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you'll be paired with a partner based on the standings itself.

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And you don't have to pre-register for the event. It's encouraged, highly encouraged. There's an app called Scoreholio that you could preregister. Also, they could register at the day of the event at the door at the registration starts at 11:00 a.m. That's on September 27th. That's the last Saturday of September.

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Registration opens at 11:00 a.m. and bags will be scheduled to start flying at noon, and that's located at 140 Genesee St. in Lockport, NY. That's at Christ Community Church. It's at intersection of Pine St. and Genesee St.

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And we can happily help people get on the app itself. That will set them the push notifications the day of the event. They'll just tell them where they're playing, at what court and stuff like that.

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I get that you'll welcome all skill levels, correct?

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Absolutely anyone can play. Anyone can win.

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Wonderful. I noticed that the publicity lists an airmail shootout. What is that?

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Yeah. So, in the intermission, we're going to pull some raffle tickets

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and based on whose tickets get pulled, they get paired up as teammates to shoot against other teams at the event as well. For a prize pool, it'll benefit the other portion of that benefit will benefit ILNC as part of the fundraiser, and it's really a fun shootout, it sometimes lasts a bit longer

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than some people anticipate and you're shooting at a small box. It's not the size of an actual cornhole board. However, the hole is the same size.

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So, it's quite the event.

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It's interesting.

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If OK, if people have questions, who should they call?

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Yeah, they could feel free to reach out to our local Independent Living Center. If they need any accommodations for any disabilities they may need for transportation and things like that. They can reach out to us at 716-284-4131 or they can also reach out to us at Addict 2 Addict Niagara and we can help them direct them to where to go and.

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How to get there the day of the event at 716-398-4333.

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Thanks so much for being with us, Doug.

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Thanks for having me, Ernie.

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And I've been your host Ernie Churchwell.