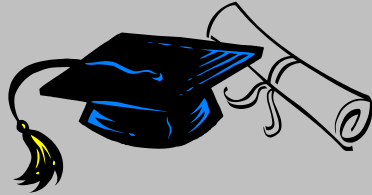


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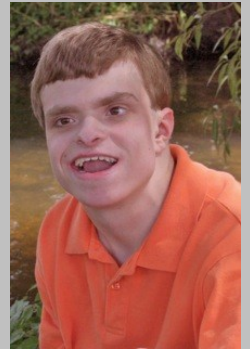
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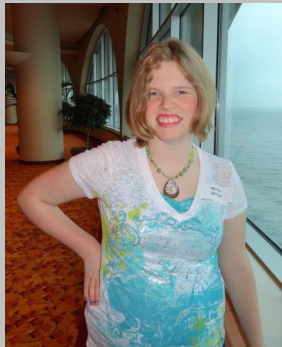
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Rob Cooney



Elliot Bennett (see story on page 3)

This June there are 11 young adults leaving both high school and FSRC services. We wish each and every one of them much good luck in the future. Graduates and their respective high school include:

1. Allison Baker, LaFollette
2. Elliot Bennett, West
3. Nicole Brown, Oregon
4. Rob Cooney, Verona
5. Bryan Draves, Memorial
6. Whitney Henricksen, East
7. Elizabeth Heyn, LaFollette
8. Celia Ravel, Middleton
9. Alex Schwartz, Waunakee
10. David Shabtaie, West
11. Carl Thompson, Middleton

FSRC's ANNUAL PICNIC

Join Family Support & Resource Center's
Friends, Staff and Board for **Food, Fun & Raffle Drawing*!!**



Saturday, August 27th, 2011
4 -7pm
McKee Farms Park in Fitchburg

Everyone is welcome!

* Look for more information on our raffle with drawing at the picnic!



Wisconsin Quality Home Care Commission (WQHCC) Closing Doors

The WQHCC will be closing business as of June 30, 2011. As of June 13, 2011, families and respite providers can obtain new applications from Fiscal Assistance (FA) of Dane County at Phone: 608/846-7058, Ext 22, Website: www.fiscalassistance.org or Email: jillb@fiscalassistance.org.

What's staying the same?

1. The opportunity for self-direction and consumer employed workers will remain in Dane County.
2. Fiscal Assistance of Dane County will continue to generate payroll.
3. Families will remain the employer of record in these employment situations.
4. Staff will be available at Fiscal Assistance to answer questions about the application process.
5. Employee timesheets will continue to be mailed to the child's case manager.
6. Families will continue to train workers on their child's care.

What's changing?

1. FA will not provide matching, recruitment or training of workers.
2. The office at 701 E. Washington Ave will stop receiving paperwork as of June 10, 2011. After that date, workers and family applications will be sent to Fiscal Assistance, 124 W. Holum St., DeForest, WI 53532.
3. A list of worker opportunities will no longer be sent out with paychecks.
4. The www.wqhcc searchable registry and website will no longer be available.
5. Criminal background checks will be done by Fiscal Assistance, and background check information will be given to the family and their case manager.

NEW MEMBERS JOIN FSRC BOARD

At the April meeting five new members were voted onto the FSRC Board of Directors, including Isabel Agasie, Roz Craney, Joe Herr, Teri Smith and Dan Woodson. There were also elections for the FSRC Executive Committee and the following individuals were voted into two-year positions: Susan Gille, President, Deb Notstad, Vice President, and Lisa Hoeme, Secretary. Thank you all for volunteering on behalf of FSRC and the many families and children that we support.

Good Bye!

We would like to thank Sara Frost, now a graduate of UW-Madison's Social Work program, for interning with us this past year. We wish her the best in her future endeavors!

Donor Thank You!

In the last newsletter we thought we listed all of our 2010 donors, but accidentally omitted **Mariapia Lambert**. Thank you for making a contribution to FSRC. We appreciate your support!



Brats and Trash Detail for a Cause!

by Michelle Porter: "Bratfest Sparkler"



This year our agency had the privilege and pleasure, once again, to be involved in The World's Largest Brat Fest – an outreach event benefiting close to 100 local charities. Although Brat Fest did not break its 2010 record of selling 209,376 brats, it was nevertheless a success in raising money and awareness for non-profit organizations in Wisconsin. Up to date, Brat Fest has raised over one million dollars for charity. Many FSRC staff volunteered this year, and we were happy to raise over \$1,000, directly benefiting families of FSRC!

I have never volunteered at Brat Fest. I heretofore have only had the pleasure of 'Taking a Brat to Work.' When Heidi Rossiter, Director of FSRC, asked staff to consider joining ranks on behalf of our agency, I must admit I was motivated by not only the thought of volunteering for a noble cause, but being in close proximity to thousands of grilled sausages.

As if raising money for FSRC, and scoring a free brat and cup of ice cream were not enough, I became even more delighted when I learned I was going to be a "Condiment Marshal." This is otherwise known as "Boss of Condiments." I was even going to be given a walkie-talkie!

Upon reporting to duty Saturday morning, I was told the disheartening news that there were too many people assigned to condiments. I was immediately demoted to "Sparkle Duty." This is another name for trash pick-up. My dreams of yelling, "Stock the sauerkraut – STAT!" had been squelched.

In any event, I spent the morning picking up trash. My colleagues at FSRC cheered me on, and made my demotion seem somehow fun. Although "Sparkler" will not be first on my wish-list of volunteer duties next year, I plan on being there again, on behalf of FSRC and the families we proudly serve. Who knows? If I work hard and plan ahead, I may be awarded duty as a Marshal. Better yet...Golf-Cart Escort! I am going to do what we encourage all families of FSRC to do: DREAM BIG!

R.A.C.E Spells Success for Elliot

by Amy Polka

FSRC would like to congratulate 2011 West High School graduate Elliot Bennett. Amongst other post-high school pursuits, Elliot will continue to engage in his favorite pastime, running. Elliot is an accomplished marathon participant in large part due to the training and encouragement from his parents. After witnessing the success with her own son, Gaylene Bennett decided to create a running program for other individuals with disabilities. "Running with Autism in the Community and Everywhere" or RACE, is a program affiliated with Achieving Collaborative Treatment (ACT) and is intended to help individuals cultivate an endurance for running and love for its health benefits. Gaylene works with the individuality of the client by keeping running positive, reinforcing, and enjoyable. ACT/RACE will be offering a summer running camp July 11-August 15.

To gain more information about RACE, or if you have a treadmill with a visual timer to donate, please contact Gaylene Bennett at (608) 575-3395, Gaylene.gondolfi@gmail.com.



The Peterson's Let their Voice be Heard on Disability Advocacy Day by Amy Lyle



Max Peterson



Max & Senator Jon Erpenbach

On April 6, 2011, Debi Peterson and her son, Max, participated in **Disability Advocacy Day** at the State Capitol, which was organized by The Survival Coalition and the Wisconsin Board for People with Developmental Disabilities. Debi and Max had the chance to meet with State **Senator Jon Erpenbach** to

express their concerns about proposed changes to Medi-

caid funding. Debi felt it was important to meet with Senator Erpenbach in person in order to put a "face" on this issue. The cuts to Medicaid funding would have a huge impact on many people in our community, from the very young to older adults. Debi found Senator Erpenbach accessible, friendly, and determined to do whatever he can do to help. He listened to Debi's story of what it takes to care for Max and how critical funding is to their family. Max loves to give everyone hugs and the Senator was happy to oblige. According to Debi, being at the Capitol was an emotional and empowering experience.

Max's sign reads: "Please speak for ME. Be MY voice. There are Thousands of Children who CANNOT speak for Themselves. I WON'T lose my RIGHTS, I WON'T give up the FIGHT! Medicaid MATTERS to ME!"

Autism Conference: Understanding the Movement Differences Experienced by Individuals on the Autism Spectrum Sponsored by Catholic Charities, Inc.

Presenter **Sally Young, Ph.D.**, uses excerpts written by individuals on the spectrum and her own experience supporting adults with autism and their families to help family members, residential and vocational staff, school staff, case managers, and others become familiar with the myriad of ways that movement differences play out in everyday life.

Date: Friday, July 15, 2011

Location: St. Thomas Aquinas Church
Parish Hall, 602 Everglade Drive,
Madison, WI 53717

Time: 8:00 - 8:30am Registration
8:30am - 12:00pm Conference

Fee: \$10.00

Hosted By: Katy Barnum, Catholic Charities
Autism Specialist for Dane County

Phone: (608) 821-3119

Email: kbarnum@ccmadison.org

Website: www.ccmadison.org

HC Dance Club @ Hancock Center for Dance/ Movement Therapy

Creative Dance for young people with developmental issues, ages 13-21

A therapeutic class filled with fun, dance and music. The class will encourage self-esteem, positive body image, and successful peer relationships. To promote a sense of inclusion, the class is supported by teen and college student volunteers.

Ann Wingate, MA, BC-DMT, DTRL

June 22-August 10, 2011
Wednesdays, 4:15-5:15pm
\$20/class or \$120/8 weeks
Call to register: 251-0908



NEW MEDICAL TRANSPORTATION FOR WISCONSIN MEDICAID RECIPIENTS

Effective July 1, 2011, the Wisconsin Department of Health Services (DHS) will implement a new transportation management system that will coordinate non-emergency medical services statewide. The DHS has contracted with LogistiCare Solutions to provide non-emergency medical transportation services if there is no other way to get a ride to a covered service. If neighbors, friends, relatives or voluntary organizations have routinely provided transportation at no cost, the child is not eligible for transportation through LogistiCare.

Three types of transportation services are covered: common carrier transportation, specialized medical transportation and non-emergency ambulance transportation. Common carrier vehicles or providers are not required to be certified with Medicaid, but must be under contract with LogistiCare. Specialized Medical Transportation are vehicles equipped with permanently installed ramps or lifts and are required to be certified by Medicaid. Non-emergency ambulance transportation provides transportation for eligible individuals who suffer from an illness or injury that prevents traveling safely by any other means.

Transportation can be arranged going to and from covered services provided by a Medicaid certified provider, including standing order trips, urgent trips and routine trips. This change in transportation does not affect emergency ambulance services. **Families can call 1/866-907-1493 between 7 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday through Friday to schedule a ride.** You will need to call at least two days before a routine appointment. If you have an urgent appointment and cannot wait two days to go to an appointment, a ride may be scheduled within three hours.

On the day of your appointment you should be ready at the time that LogistiCare told you

the ride would arrive. If you have been waiting for your ride for more than 15 minutes, you should call LogistiCare's **"Where's my Ride" number at 1/866-907-1494.** After your appointment, your ride should arrive within 15 minutes. If you are not sure when your appointment will be over, you can call LogistiCare after the appointment and a ride will come to pick you up within one hour. Complaints can be made to LogistiCare at any time at 1/866-907-1493 or write to LogistiCare Solutions, 2335 City View Drive, Suite 200, Madison, WI 53718.

Home Ownership Basics Workshop

Movin' Out, a non-profit housing agency with a mission to assist people with disabilities, their families, and their caregivers to achieve lasting and affordable housing, is presenting a Home Ownership Basics Workshop. The workshop's purpose is to give potential home buyers unbiased and factual information needed in order to consider home ownership as a strategy to achieve safe, stable, affordable housing. Participants will learn what a home buyer needs to know about financing the home purchase, selecting a home that meets present and future needs, and how to be financially savvy and to defend against predatory loan products and scams.

What: Home Ownership Basics Workshop

When: July 21, 2011, 3:00 to 5:00pm

Where: Community Outreach Wisconsin, Suite 100, 122 E. Olin Avenue, Madison

Presenters: **Paula Tiffany, Amy Wedekind Kallas, and Rebecca Wiese**, Movin' Out housing counselors; **Laura Stanfield**, mortgage lender, Summit Credit Union; **Ron Miller**, Ron Miller Home Inspections, LLC; **Laurie Logan**, Real Estate Broker Associate, Prudential Community Realty

To register: Go to <http://cow.waisman.wisc.edu/traincon.html> or contact James at 608-265-9440 ext. 400.



ANNUAL FASHION SHOW FOR ALL ABILITIES by Katy Steeno



Kaitlyn Formo and her Grandpa

"I wanted to be in the Fashion Show because I wanted to feel important." This sentiment was expressed by multiple participants of the Waisman Center's Fashion Show for All Abilities, and it soon became very clear how very important these participants were to the show! With stunning clothing, fashionable hairstyles, and eye-catching accessories, the models walked, rolled, and even danced down the runway, each exhibiting their own unique style and personality.

On Wednesday, May 25th, 2011, the Waisman Center's 5th Annual Fashion Show for All Abilities premiered at the Monona Terrace Convention Center. This event featured 75 models from all over Dane County, wearing clothing from 16



Mike Krantz

different retail outlets, and looking MARVELOUS. Prior to the event, the models participated in "runway training," as well as working with hair and makeup stylists to find their favorite style. This experience was an opportunity for models of all ages and abilities to participate in an event that really allowed them to express themselves. In the program for the event, it states that "the Waisman Center's Fashion Show for All Abilities is a community awareness event, promoting accessibility and calling for respect and courtesy to all persons in a retail setting. We hope that this event will change attitudes, grow self-esteem, and create a dialogue about inclusion in the community. The Fashion Show also encourages activities that promote the growth of self-esteem in the models themselves."

As each model appeared on the runway, they were glowing with smiles and self-confidence. Clearly, this was an important chance for them to be creative and show off a new side of themselves. There were several children from Family Support and Resource Center participating as models this year, including Lexi McSwain, Maria Braun, Nicole Brown, Jack Bretthauer, Mike Krantz, and Kaitlyn Formo. Everyone looked amazing, and seemed to have a great time. Community members were able to attend an event that was both imaginative and fun, and many people have stated that they wished it was longer. I'm already looking forward to next year's show!!

7th Annual Jenni & Kyle Fishing Day!

When: Thursday, July 21st, 2011

(Rain Date: Monday, July 25th, 2011)

Time: 4:30 – 6:00 pm Fishing, 6:00 – 7:00 pm Cookout

Where: Jenni & Kyle Preserve, 925 Post Road, Madison, WI 53713

- ✦ Rods, reels, and bait furnished
- ✦ Barbecue included
- ✦ Accessible to individuals in wheel chairs
- ✦ The first 35 people who respond will be accepted
- ✦ All individuals with disabilities must be supervised by family or other support personnel

Please RSVP to:

Colleen Campbell
2129 Commonwealth Ave.
Madison, WI 53726

Colleen.Campbell@verona.k12.wi.us
(email RSVP preferred)

NO CHARGE TO ATTEND!

Summer Fun!



Art Cart & Art Cart EXTRA! (FREE)

Madison Museum of Contemporary Art has free outdoor art programs throughout Dane county over the summer months. To see where their traveling van stops next go to www.mmoca.org/events, select "Children's Programs", then "Art Cart and Art Cart Extra." Programs are designed for children 3 years and older. All children should be accompanied by an adult. No pre-registration necessary!



Dane County Humane Society (FREE)

Visit cats, dogs, and other animals waiting to be adopted. Location: 5132 Voges Road in Madison. Hours: Mon, Tue, Th, Fri 12-7pm & Sat, Sun 12-5pm Website: www.giveshelter.org.



Henry Villas Zoo (FREE)

"The best free place for families." Open daily. Ground hours: 9:30am—5pm. Building hours: 10am—4pm. In celebration of the Zoo's **100th Anniversary** there will be lots of special events throughout the summer. For the calendar of events go to: www.vilaszoo.org, select "Events", then "100th Anniversary Events Calendar." Also stop by to see the new baby lion cub, "Leo Pold."



Mad-City Ski Team Show (FREE)

Sundays* at Law Park (off John Nolen) beginning at 5:30pm with the Junior Team's show. Main show starting at 6pm. *Some Sundays they will be performing out-of-town. View their summer schedule at: www.madcityskiteam.com.



Summer Concert Series at Olbrich Botanical Gardens (\$1 donation suggested)

Tuesday nights June 7th—July 26th from 7-8pm. For more details visit: www.olbrich.org, select "Events," then "Concerts."



Lakeside Kids (FREE)

Takes place three Wednesdays a month now through July from 10-11am at the Monona Terrace. Each week there are different activities, entertainment, and educational programs for kids ages 4 and up. For more details visit: www.mononaterrace.com, select "Community Programs," then "Children's Programs."



Madison Public Library (FREE)

Lots of fun programs for children of ALL ages at various libraries in the Madison area. Registration required for some with limited openings. For more info visit: www.madisonpubliclibrary.org, then select "Program Calendar" on the left-hand side. You can search events by age and location.



UW-Madison Arboretum (Most are FREE)

The Arboretum offers a variety of fun and educational activities for families. Learn about nature through guided nature walks and tours, and other fun events. For more details visit: www.uwarboretum.org/events.



Madison Mallards Baseball Game (Various Prices)

Enjoy the summer weather with an afternoon at a Mallards baseball game. Fun for the whole family! Check out the Mallards newly renovated duck pond at Warner Park. For game dates, times, and special promotions visit: www.mallardsbaseball.com.



Dane County Fair (Day passes: \$3 for ages 6-11; \$7 for ages 12 and older)

The Alliant Energy Center hosts the Dane County Fair July 20th-July 24th. Enjoy rides, games, food, animals, the exhibition hall, and more! For details visit: www.danecountyfair.com.

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