

# family footnotes NEWSLETTER

Fall 2008

## Come and Have Fun at "A Day at the Fair!"

Dear Parents,

On Sunday, **October 19<sup>th</sup>**, from **2:00 to 4:30** at **Library Mall** on the University of Wisconsin campus (located across from the Memorial Union, at State and Lake Street), the Alpha Epsilon Pi fraternity and Alpha Epsilon Phi sorority are putting on a carnival for the families served by the Family Support and Resource Center.

The guys from AEPi and the girls from AEPHi are manning over ten booths and every single child will be with at least two fraternity or sorority members at all times. There will be booths from **tic-tac-toe** to **freeze dance** and **everything in between!** This event is **100% FREE!** Food, drinks, and prizes will all be given away!

Parents, this is a day where you can relax and enjoy the cooling Wisconsin weather while your children take part in "**A Day at the Fair.**" The whole family is invited!

This event will be a momentous and exciting day for both the children participating and the college kids. In their every day life most of the students don't have the opportunity to participate in anything like this; it will educate them in ways a classroom never could. "A Day at the Fair" will give over a hundred college students the experience that will stay with them their entire lifetime.

Thank you and we cannot wait to see you!!

**The members of AEPi and AEPHi**

\*\*Please cut out and show the coupon below for entrance into the fair. And, if you're looking for parking, the closest city ramp is on Lake Street between University Avenue and State Street. Please contact FSRC at 237-7630 with any questions regarding the event.

**"A Day at the Fair" for FSRC families!**

**October 19th, 2:00-4:30pm @ Library Mall**

**Please show this family coupon for entrance into the fair and enjoy free food, games, prizes and lots of FUN!**





## Join us at the 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dane County Celebrity Dinner

Get your tickets while they're hot for the **10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dane County Celebrity Dinner**, which celebrates the families and friends of the Family Support & Resource Center. On **Monday, November 10, 2008**, the **Nakoma Country Club** will welcome local celebrities as they host a benefit dinner for the "Families Can't Wait" campaign and the Family Support & Resource Center. A silent auction will precede the dinner, to be served by well-known figures from Dane County's art, sports, media, and government communities. All proceeds from the event will go directly to Dane County children with significant disabilities.

The dinner and silent auction will begin at 5:30 p.m. at the Nakoma Country Club, located at 4145 Country Club Road in Madison. Hosted by "Whad'Ya Know?" host **Michael Feldman**, the evening's celebrity waiters will include Olympic gold medallist **Casey FitzRandolph**, former UW Football player **Jeff Mack**, various current UW student athletes, plus: UW women's basketball coach **Lisa Stone**; UW National Championship hockey team coaches **Michael Eaves** and **Mark Johnson**; UW women's volleyball coach **Peter Waite**; Olympic track star **Suzy Favor Hamilton**, professional baseball's **Brad Fischer**; professional hockey's **Barry Richter**; local media personalities **Matt Lepay** and **Carleen Wild**; and musicians and artists including "**Westside Andy**" **Linderman**, **Leotha Stanley**, **Steve Fleischman**; local leaders **Ed Garvey**, **Frances Huntley-Cooper**, **Marsh Shapiro**, **Kirby Nelson** and Great Dane owner/brewmaster **Rob LoBreglio**.

The cost of a ticket to the dinner is \$80. All proceeds will benefit the Family Support & Resource Center, a non-profit organization whose mission is to enable Dane County children with significant disabilities to grow up and live at home with their families. The "Families Can't Wait" Celebrity Dinner is the agency's annual event to raise funds to respond to the most urgent needs of over 200 Dane County families who are on long waiting lists to receive respite care and family support services.

For more information, or to make reservations for the dinner event, contact the Family Support & Resource Center @ 608/237-7630.

### WIN Sundara Inn & Spa "Indulge Yourself Spa Getaway!"

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#### Raffle Ticket & Drawing

- Tickets are just \$5.00 each / \$25.00 for six.
- Purchase from Family Support & Resource Center or at the Dinner. Call 237-7630 for more information.
- Drawing will be held Nov 10, 2008 at the FSRC Celebrity Dinner—need not be present to win!



## **The Amanda Mae Mayr Benefit Weekend @ The Mayr Family Farm**

If you're looking for family fun this weekend, look no further! The Mayr Family Farm's annual benefit weekend hosts great fall fun including: a fantastic corn maze to wander through, wagon rides to pick out your perfect pumpkin, a petting zoo, great food and a new surprise this year - "Build a Bear" will be there!

Every year the Mayr Family picks a charity in the community to honor one weekend out of their Corn Maze season in October. They believe in giving back to their community and have picked charities that have, in some way, helped them. By attending this weekend, you'll be having fun and helping them give back too!

Family Support & Resource Center has been a recipient of the Mayr's annual benefit for the last couple of years and we appreciate that they have chosen us again this year. The event is this weekend, **October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> & 12<sup>th</sup>**. One dollar from every ticket sold, as well as all hot dog proceeds & all raffle proceeds go directly to the FSRC!

## **Introducing FSRC's Student Intern**

Hi all! My name is Jess Thompson. I'm originally from Menomonie, WI, but I have lived in Madison for over four years. I graduated from the University of Wisconsin-Madison in December 2007 with a B.S. in Human Development and Family Studies and am currently a MSW student at UW-Madison, School of Social Work. I am interested in social policy work, in addition to my love of working with children who have developmental disabilities. In my free time, I enjoy reading, going for walks, cooking and baking, and just enjoying all of the wonderful activities that Madison has to offer.

I am extremely excited to be at FSRC for my field placement. I have been here for a couple of weeks and have already found everyone to be welcoming and have received wonderful guidance in learning social work

practice. I am excited to shadow a variety of case managers and will hopefully continue to meet wonderful children and their families. I appreciate the willingness of so many families to welcome my observations of case managers. My field education is the most valuable instruction I receive and I am grateful for the opportunity to learn more about this organization and the children and families we serve.

## **An Opportunity to Go Green & Give Back!**

Families and Friends of FSRC,

My name is Nancy Valentyn. I served six years as a board member of FSRC and chaired/co-chaired the Annual Celebrity Dinner and Silent Auction for nine years. My working knowledge of the financial needs of FSRC, as well as my commitment to the families, have prompted me to continually search for new avenues and resources to meet the needs of the families.

Recently I was introduced to a Wellness/Go Green Company that has a fundraising arm for non-profit groups. After using many of the products and upon further exploration of the company, I was convinced a partnership between FSRC and this company would be a win-win situation. With the endorsement of the current board and FSRC's director, Heidi Rossiter, we are in a position to offer an exciting opportunity for families and friends of FSRC to "switch stores". Vitamins, safer home cleaning products, pain relief and personal care items are just a sampling of the over 300 exclusive wellness products that make up the "store".

We will be holding informational meetings at FSRC's office to discuss how you can participate in this ongoing fundraiser. You are invited to attend on:

**Monday, Oct. 13th, 12:00/noon**  
or  
**Wednesday, Oct. 16th at 7pm**

For more information and to RSVP please contact: Nancy Valentyn at 845-5611 or [valfam@charter.net](mailto:valfam@charter.net)

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The Family Support & Resource Center provides respite care, financial assistance, case management and other family support services that give families hope—that their son or daughter with a disability will thrive with in-home care.

**Your support is greatly appreciated!**