

## Terri Johnson Honored at FSRC's Celebrity Dinner

At this year's annual fundraiser, the Celebrity Dinner, we not only celebrated the sponsors, donors and celebrities who continue to generously support our event each year, we also honored Family Support & Resources' former Executive Director, Terri Johnson, for over 20 years of dedicated leadership and commitment to the agency.



Terri, who resigned as Executive Director of Family Support and Resource Center in May of this year, was hired into the leadership role in 1986, the same year the agency was founded. At that time there were a number of agencies forming around the belief that children and adults with disabilities could be more effectively supported in ordinary homes, day care centers, schools, workplaces, recreation programs and faith communities rather than in private or state-operated schools and institutions. Since then Terri succeeded each year in helping FSRC achieve its worthy goal to help keep Dane County families together by supporting their efforts to raise children with disabilities at home and play a part in reversing a 100-year-old pattern of segregation and exclusion of people with disabilities.

"FSRC stands for the idea that people with disabilities are members of our community, valuable for who they are as well as the contributions they offer. Their participation in all parts of community life is always at risk and must be continuously and energetically safeguarded." This quote from Terri's article in the last Annual Report really encapsulates not only what the agency stands for, but what Terri believes. This position wasn't just a job for her. Since the 1970's when she was an advocate for adults with disabilities, this has been her life's work, her passion. She has made a difference in so many people's lives because of acting on her compassion and the strong beliefs she holds.

We thank you, Terri, for all you have done for the agency, its staff and the families it serves. You are truly missed!

### **FSRC Presents "Friend of the Families" Award to Sally Wilmeth and Terry Geurkink**

For over 15 years, Sally Wilmeth and her husband Terry Geurkink have supported families at Family Support & Resource Center through the Jenni and Kyle Fund. The fund was set up in memory of their two children who died at the age of four due to a degenerative neurological disease. Sally & Terry have particular empathy and insight into the situation that families of children with disabilities face and have made generous donations to the Jenni & Kyle Fund each year. These contributions have been used to support FSRC's community inclusion work, the Families Can't Wait campaign, and also to help families with extraordinary expenses that could not be covered by any other funds. We were happy to present them with the "Friend of the Families" award this year at the Celebrity Dinner and thank them for their long-term commitment in supporting Dane County families.



**96.3 Star Country** hosts Tammy Lee & John Flint take a break from their waiter duties for a photo.

Thanks to the hard work and generosity of our Board of Directors and many local businesses, our Families Can't Wait fund will be able to continue to provide assistance to families in 2008. Families Can't Wait funds go directly to families on our waiting lists to help them purchase respite care, home and vehicle modifications, specialized therapy and adaptive equipment, child care, recreation, and parent training.

Our Annual Celebrity Dinner and Silent Auction on November 12th raised more than **\$30,000** for the Families Can't Wait fund. **John Roach** as Master of Ceremonies, assisted by 33 celebrity waiters, made sure the evening was always lively and fun. We are grateful to FSRC Campaign Chair **Nancy Valentyn**, the businesses and individuals who sponsored tables at the event, the celebrity waiters, donors to our silent auction, and to the staff at **Nakoma Golf Club** for making the evening so successful!

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**Olympic gold medalist Casey FitzRandolph** supported the Dinner this year as a waiter and silent auction donor.



**UW Basketball player Brian Butch** poses with the Mallard's mascot, Maynard.

## 2007 Celebrity Waiters

Brian Butch  
Lucas Cates  
Nancy Christy & Neil Heinen  
Mike Eaves  
Suzy Favor Hamilton  
Michael Feldman  
Brad Fischer  
Casey FitzRandolph  
Ed Garvey  
Nick Hayden  
Paul Hubbard  
Francis Huntley-Cooper  
Mark Johnson  
Tammy Lee & John Flint  
Matt Lepay  
Westside Andy Linderman  
Jeff Mack  
David Maraniss  
Kitt Reuter-Foss & Scott Foss  
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Lee Stanley  
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Pam Tauscher & Craig Coshun  
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## Thanks to our 2007 Event Donors

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 Johannson's Greenhouse



**UW Football Players, Paul Hubbard, Andy Crooks, Taylor Mehlhaff, Nick Hayden and Ken DeBauche and Mallard's mascot, Maynard, brought a lot of great energy and spirit to the evening!**

Cheri & Dave Kainz  
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## Fall Fun at Mayr Family Farm!

by Amy Polka



My son, Corbin, and I participated in the Mayr Family Farm's fun fall offerings on October 14<sup>th</sup>. Corbin really enjoyed petting their miniature donkey, and had a hard time leaving him to board the horse-drawn wagon that took us to the pumpkin patch. Corbin and I each picked our own pumpkins and rode back to the farm where he and his donkey friend were re-united. Corbin then discovered the big bouncy house and bounced for a very, very long time. We truly enjoyed our afternoon at the Mayr Family Farm and are thankful for their recognition of the Family Support & Resource Center. The farm donated a portion of the proceeds from their Fall Festival to FSRC again this year. Thank you!

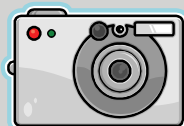
## Innovative Ideas

We are lucky here at FSRC to work with some amazing families that are working on innovative projects on their own. Currently we have two families who have started their own websites. We hope that their creativity will help inspire you this holiday season. We would love to hear from other families too who are sharing their personal experiences and resources with others.

One mother writes, "About 7 years ago we realized that we had friends and family all over the globe and wanted an easy and convenient way to keep in touch. We decided to start a website to log the highlight of our lives and the lives of our family. In many ways it has turned into a sort of online journal with many off-shoots. It has given us a forum to share our stories with others, to make new friends, and to become a part of the larger

community. We now have 2 websites that we maintain on a regular basis. The first is our personal family website, [www.whatacoolfamily.com](http://www.whatacoolfamily.com), and the second is a website where we post weekly, family-friendly events in Dane County and surrounding counties. We do this every week so that families know what is going on and which events are more accommodating for families with special needs. You can find this at [www.selwyn.org](http://www.selwyn.org). Families can either check this weekly or can click a link on this web page to get free weekly updates of events emailed to them."

A Madison mother with a child who has Autism created the website, [www.especiallyforspecialkids.com](http://www.especiallyforspecialkids.com). This site offers services to create customized printables for therapy programs such as PECS, communication device overlays, social stories, and other related materials. All printables are heat laminated for extra durability. In addition to the above services, the site also offers resources for locating products associated with helping the child with autism.



## CAMERA DAY AT THE KOHL CENTER

On November 3<sup>rd</sup>, families who receive support from Family Support and Resource Center gathered at the Kohl Center to participate in the annual Camera Day event sponsored by Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County. The event allowed children, their families or attendants the opportunity to attend and take pictures of the University of Wisconsin-Women's Hockey team during their game against University of Minnesota. This was especially fun for Lexi McSwain, who arrived at the game wearing a Wisconsin cheerleading outfit with pom-poms in hand ready to cheer the Badgers to victory. Lexi's mother, Alyssa had this to say about Lexi's experience; "Lexi is a huge sports fan and had a blast cheering on the Badgers. This was her first hockey game. One of her favorite parts was seeing Bucky ice skating." Randi Williams also enjoyed the opportunity to see her very first UW Women's Hockey game. Thank you to Big Brothers Big Sisters of Dane County for organizing the event and including FSRC families.



## TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES:

The following training opportunities are offered through the Waisman Center, Community Training and Consultation at 122 East Olin Ave., Suite 100, Madison. To access the current training catalogue and events calendar, go to <http://cow.waisman.wisc.edu/index.html>. You can also call 608/265-9440 (ext. 440) for more information on registration fees and course content. Scholarships available for registered providers with prior approval by In Good Company.

### Safe Medication Administration:

12/12, 1/9, 1/22, 2/22, 3/18, 4/15 at 9am-12:30pm

2/5, 3/4, 4/30 at 12pm-3:30pm

12/12, 4/1 at 4:30pm-8pm

### Epilepsy & Daily Living:

1/29, 9:00 am-12pm

### OSHA / Universal Precautions:

12/5 & 17<sup>th</sup>, 2/27, 3/28, 4/25 at 12pm-2:30pm

1/ 8 & 25, 2/12, 3/12, 4/9 at 9:30am-12pm

### Ethics and Boundaries for Supporting People with Long Term Support Needs:

4/16, 9am-12pm

### Managing Threatening Confrontations, Part 1:

12/14, 2/8, 3/20 8:45am - 3:30pm

### Managing Threatening Confrontations, Part 2:

4/11, 8:45am-3:30pm

### Safety in the Community:

1/30, 5:30pm-7pm

### Adult CPR & First Aid:

1/15, 3/18 5pm-10pm

### Prader-Willi Health Training:

1/23 at 12pm-2pm, 2/13 at 10am-12pm, 4/2 at 6-7pm

## KNOW YOUR IGC PROVIDER

**Name:** Dan Rortvedt

**Age:** 22

**Occupation:** Inclusion Response Team

**My favorite Madison place or activity is:** Mendota lakeshore bike path, especially near dusk.

**How long have you been an IGC provider? How many families have worked with since then?** I have been with FSRC since 2006, I have worked with eight families.

**Providing respite care is important because:** Life can be kind of stressful sometimes for families, and it can be nice for them to get a break.

**How I ended up working / volunteering in this field:** I found FSRC through a job fair in college.

**If I could tell people one thing about providing care, it would be:** Some great advice I received early on, "In some situations, the most therapeutic thing to do/say is nothing at all."

## CHANGE IN RECOMMENDED RESPITE HOURLY RATE INCREASES TO \$9.93

In accordance with the Dane County Living Wage Ordinance, effective January 1, 2008, the recommended hourly rate for respite care will be \$9.93 per hour. The change will affect reimbursement requests (yellow card or otherwise) received by the Family Support and Resource Center - In Good Company and Family Support Program for services provided after December 31, 2007.

Please remember this is a recommended minimum rate of pay based on the Dane County Living Wage Ordinance, families and providers are responsible for establishing the actual hourly rate for services provided.

## WELCOME

### NEW RESPITE PROVIDERS AND VOLUNTEERS!

Simean H.	Meghan R.	Jessica O.
Brittani S.	Laura B.	Ashley R.
Adam M.	Sarraah A.	Jessica A.
Tracy B.	Shannon B.	Jerilynn C.
Christina D.	Joseph E.	Charity J.
Jennifer K.	Katie M.	Maureen O.
Katie P.	Carmen P.	Katherine O.
Julie S.	Jane S.	Rachel S.
Jenny S.	Carrie T.	

A BIG "THANKS" TO THE NEWEST ADDITIONS TO OUR PROVIDER POOL— YOU ARE GREATLY APPRECIATED!

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**Email Alert!**

If you email us and don't get a response back, please call our office at 237-7630 to make sure the email was received. Some emails haven't been getting through to us.

**Thank You!**

**A Reminder about Deadlines for End-of Year Payment Requests!**

**Due to FSRC by noon:**

**December 18 for checks mailed December 21**  
**January 4 for last 2007 checks mailed January 10**  
**January 10 for first 2008 checks mailed January 17**

