



Stepping Stones

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Changes to Long Term Care in Walker Budget
and Continued Concern about Employment "Choice".

Hello All,

While we have enjoyed a year of great progress in serving people with disabilities, there are some "storm clouds" on the horizon.

The Governor proposed wholesale changes to Wisconsin's Long Term Care delivery, without seeking stakeholder input from the legislature, the Department of Family Services, Providers and most importantly, the individuals and families served. While some of the provisions have been modified, it appears that the popular IRIS self-directed program will be "folded into" Family Care, with no clear implementation details.

Furthermore, the "promised stakeholder input" to guide DFS in the implementation of changes, there appears to be no announced opportunities before the legislature votes on the budget. A clear case of inserting policy changes into an up or down vote on the budget. Not much transparency here.

Also, you should be aware that Federal legislation has been enacted that may limit a handicapped person (and their family) choices for employment. Depending on how this is implemented, "sheltered employment" may NOT be an option and all individuals may be required to attempt competitive community employment. This threatens organizations like RCS Empowers, potentially limiting their ability to provide Community Employment Services and Pre-Vocational Services.

Stay tuned.

On a brighter side, get ready for an evening of great food and great food. Our Comedy Sportz Fund Raising event is coming up on Friday October 16th at the Lakeshore Culinary Institute. Watch for your invitation in the mail soon!

Thanks again for your involvement in HearthStone!
Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Jon Rost'.

Please consider a year-end, tax deductible donation to
HearthStone. We need your support.



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*"HearthStone is a self-help and advocacy
organization for people with disabilities and
their families."*





Smooth Sailing...

...for HearthStone's Picnic and Boat Ride.

We had a great turnout for our annual Summer Picnic at Fireman's Park in Elkhart Lake. We had almost 40 people for yummy sub sandwiches, chips, sodas and chocolate chip cookies. It was a beautiful sunny and warm day. Dan, the Park manager was again kind enough to reserve some prime real estate for our group.

We had several picnic tables in the shade right at the beach. After lunch we walked over to the Osthoff Resort pier and climbed aboard Captain Tom's comfortable, big pontoon boat for a narrated tour of Elkhart Lake. It was a beautiful day for a boat ride with lots to look at and enjoy.



A fun time was had by all.



**DISABILITY
PRIDE SHEBOYGAN**

On August 12th the Aging and Disability Resource Center, (ADRC) sponsored Sheboygan's 1st Disability Pride Day. The event was held at Fountain Park in conjunction with the Wednesday Farmer's Market. We were fortunate to have a perfect summer day; there was lot of positive, enthusiastic responses and all agreed it as a smashing success.

There were 12 vendors, including several disabled folks selling products they make. We also had entertainment at the Band Shell that included performances from the following. The Green Glove Freestyle dancers and their dogs performed and the dogs stole the show from the dancers. The Search and Rescue team searched out individual in the audience from their "shoes." The North High Cheer Team came and brought the North High Raider himself. RCS's drama class performed a skit on Anti bullying that was very well received.

A big Thank You to all the vendors that joined in under the big tent; the ADRC, Mental Health America, HomeCare Health Services for doing free Blood Pressures, Miracle Point Brian Injury Society, RCS Empowers also had a booth, Homes for Independent Living, The Veterans' Administration, we had some folks selling soda and water, NEW School of massage were providing mini massages and Foundations for Independent Living. A thanks also goes out to the North and South Side McDonalds for their donation of ice for the soda table.

Thanks to all the workers and visitors hope everyone had an enjoyable day.



UPCOMING
EVENTS



HEARTHSTONE
presents

Friday
OCTOBER 16



Lakeshore
CULINARY INSTITUTE

An evening of **FANTASTIC FUN** and **FABULOUS FOOD**
to benefit
Sheboygan's own HearthStone of Wisconsin,
celebrating people with disabilities in our community.



5:30 cash bar



6:30 dinner served



7:30 Comedy Sportz!

For information & tickets: www.hearthstonewi.org

Sponsored by HearthStone | Advocating for people with disabilities.



MARK YOUR CALENDARS...

What: Annual HearthStone Bowling Party
When: Saturday, November 21, 1:00-3:00 p.m.
Where: Maple Lanes





Join our 60th Anniversary

OPEN HOUSE

Tuesday September 22, 2015

12:30pm to 2:00pm and 4:00pm to 7:00pm

1607 Geele Ave. Sheboygan

TOURS – REFRESHMENTS – ENTERTAINMENT

1955 - 2015

RCS empowers individuals with disabilities and special needs so they may work, live and function with dignity and respect.

120 AMAZING ARTISTS OVER 600 WORKS OF ART

Sculpture, Textiles, Jewelry, Photography, Baskets,
Watercolors, ceramics, Collage

Monday, September 14, 9am to 7pm

Tuesday, September 15, 9am to 7pm

Wednesday, September 16, 9am to 2:30pm

Celebrity Judges: Terri Yoho, Betty Schmitt, Lynn Borth, Kitty Klitsch

Judging Takes Place On Monday

1st and 2nd place Will go to Wisconsin Very Special Art Show

1607 Geele Avenue, Sheboygan

FREE ADMISSION

All proceeds go to artists.



6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

Prom Dance Open
to the Public

4:30 p.m. — 8:00 p.m.

Participant Prom

RCS Prom 2015

Enchantment under the Sea

Friday, October 23, 2015

Tickets include dinner, commemorative photo and dance entry. \$15 per person.

2 Dinner choices

Chicken Breast on a bed of rice, fresh salad and French bread stick

Tilapia (fish) on a bed of rice, fresh salad and French bread stick

Dinner includes Beverage and Dessert

Formal Attire Please \$5 per person

Tickets are Available through Day Services, 458-8261 ext. 1219

* Participant ticket purchases through RCS case manager.

Attend
a
Dating Workshop
to learn the
dos and don'ts of
dating

for teens and adults with
intellectual or developmental
disabilities



Everyone knows that dipping your toe in the dating pond can be a little intimidating without first seeking some expert advice! And that's exactly what Terri Couwenhoven delivers in her new book written expressly for teens and adults with intellectual or developmental disabilities. *Boyfriends & Girlfriends* explains the dos and don'ts of dating and validates their normal, age-appropriate desire for companionship and romance. The book covers the biggest questions and smallest concerns of every would-be dater.



Join us for a dating
workshop and pizza party!

Sept. 12th
1-4 PM

WHERE: Aging Disability Resource Center, (ADRC)
650 Forest Ave, Sheboygan Falls, WI



Everyone
will take
home Terri's
new book!

REGISTER by 9/8/15
Registration is limited.

Registration: **\$10.00**
(scholarships available)

Register by emailing
sueann.schuh@sheboygancounty.com

OR

Call
920-458-1192

OR

Hearthstone, PO BOX 1444,
Sheboygan, WI 53082.



LIVE & LEARN 2015



ALL YOU WANT TO KNOW ABOUT Special Needs Trusts

Learn how Special Needs Trusts can preserve the assets of persons with disabilities, to cover the costs of their supplemental needs, without endangering eligibility for means-tested public benefits such as Medicaid and SSI

DATE/TIME	LOCATION	ADDRESS
September 15th 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.	Aging & Disability Resource Center	650 Forest Avenue Sheboygan Falls

*Presented by:
Attorney Jessica Liebau*

WisPact: Wisconsin Pooled and Community Trusts, Inc. is a Wisconsin based non-profit organization that creates and manages pooled and community Special Needs Trusts for people with disabilities in the state of Wisconsin. WisPact has over 2,000 Special Needs Trusts.

**This free presentation is open to the public:
Please call 920-467-4100 to register by September 09, 2015**



FREE Membership Request

WHAT IS HEARTHSTONE

HearthStone is a self-help and advocacy organization for people with disabilities and their families. Our mission is to make our communities a welcoming place for people of disabilities and to support and encourage positive life experiences.

BENEFITS OF JOINING HEARTHSTONE

- Free Quarterly Newsletter with news & information you can use
- Free Quarterly Social Events for Young Adults
- Advance notice for Free Community Meetings & Educational Programs
- Free P.A.T.H. Planning resources to help move your dreams forward
- Help, family mentoring, referrals, resources
- Add your "voice" to the hundred plus Lakeshore area families to help us advocate for funding for programs for people with disabilities and service providers – Help us end "The WAITING LIST" game here and throughout Wisconsin and adequately compensate our caring service providers.

Yes, please add me to your list of Members. I understand there is NO CHARGE to become a HearthStone member.

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Home Phone _____ Work Phone _____

e-mail _____

Person(s) you are advocating for: _____

Date of Birth _____

Date of Birth _____



HearthStone's Board of Directors

- Karen Post
- Peggy Feider (Secretary)
- Joe Arndt (Youth Rep.)
- Jon Rost (President)
- SueAnn Schuh (Treasurer)
- Bruce Lisiecki
- Larry Samet
- Kathy Arndt

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