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HearthStone needs your help

HearthStone has helped hundreds in our community, now HearthStone needs your help. We are conducting our first ever fundraising drive. Simply put, we need financial help to keep HearthStone a vital force that can continue to help and support people with developmental disabilities in our lakeshore area. For instance, the HearthStone Respite Care program uncovered the unmet needs for respite and has helped scores of families find much needed care-giving relief. But it costs HearthStone thousands of dollars a year. Fortunately, HearthStone recently received a \$4,000 grant from Sheboygan's Early Bird Rotary Foundation to help fund our Respite Program. More is needed however.

Hearthstone gives much to the community, now we need help, too. Historically, HearthStone has provided modest no interest loans that have enabled individuals and families to purchase their own home. We have helped with costly specialized care equipment. We hold quarterly educational meetings. And we provide social opportunities for our young people. All of these great efforts require funding, however, and our expenses are outstripping our current sources of income.

Would you consider a tax-deductible contribution of \$25? \$50? \$100? Or more?

Go to www.hearthstonewi.org and you can use your credit card to give instantly!

In addition to cash, could you provide some volunteer help?

HearthStone relies greatly on volunteers to provide much of our community services, however, our small, but loyal core of volunteers needs your help to take over some vital roles that support our organization. Could you volunteer to:

- Help produce our quarterly newsletter?
- Help maintain our growing database of members and supporters?
- Help organize and run social events for our young people?
- Help organize a quarterly educational meeting?
- Create a fund raising event to help us raise much needed funds?
- Help re-design our website to reflect the vital organization we are?
- Help maintain our website to keep it fresh and informative?

Please consider helping HearthStone help others. Whether you write a check or write in some time on your calendar to volunteer, we hope you'll help us keep HearthStone a vital part of our community.

Sincerely,
The Board of Directors,
HearthStone of Wisconsin

Upcoming Events

Friday, October 10, 2008 - 7:00 a.m., HearthStone Monthly Meeting
Fountain Park Restaurant in Sheboygan

Saturday, October 25, 2008 - 1:00 - 3:00 p.m., Legislative Bowling Party
Maple Lanes in Sheboygan (RSVP by Oct. 20)

Friday, November 14, 2008 - 7:00 a.m., HearthStone Monthly Meeting
Fountain Park Restaurant in Sheboygan

Benefits Seminar Recap

By SueAnn Schuh



**“Hearth” to
symbolize a
loving, caring
home; “Stone”
to symbolize
permanence”**

On September 16th about 30 people attended a special panel discussion on Working and Maintaining Benefits for the disabled, sponsored by RCS and Hearthstone. Our Panel included, Monica Froh, our local contact at the Aging Disability Resource Center, (ADRC). Monica is a Disability Benefits specialist for Sheboygan County. Anna Eggebrecht from Wisconsin State’s Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, (DVR). Amber Molitor, a benefit counselor with Employment Resources, a federally funded program. These “experts” often work together to piece together the services and programs that someone has available so you stay eligible for benefits you may be getting or similar ones and still be able to work. They work with consumers to be sure they understand any requirements that need to be adhered to so they stay eligible and keep the proper departments informed. They talked about some more common problems that arise, often because of not understanding reporting requirements. Our experts spent over an hour fielding questions from the audience. The main message was to call and ask, if you want to work and you need your benefits, call and ask what you can do to do both. They have, what they called an “alphabet soup” of different programs that apply to different people and situations. If you have any questions the best place to start is locally, Monica would love to hear from you.

Here is the contact info for our panelist for future reference.

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Thanks to the presenters! They were so knowledgeable and ready to share; there were a lot of questions answered. Thank you RCS for providing us with a great meeting location. Thank you to OnPoint for sponsoring the postage, printing and miscellaneous costs for the evening.

If you or your company would like information on sponsoring a future event, in full or partial, just let me know.

SueAnn Schuh
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See you at our next event!



HearthStone Summer Picnic

By Jon Rost

HearthStone Young People Celebrate Summer with a Beach Picnic and Boat Tour

On August 9th our HearthStone young people enjoyed a glorious Saturday afternoon at Elkhart Lake. We met for snacks, soda, pizza and burgers from the snack stand at Fireman's Park. We enjoyed friends and family and lively conversation while overlooking Elkhart Lake's emerald waters. When the last ice cream treat was finished, we all hiked over to the Victorian Village Resort and boarded Captain Tom's Elkhart Queen pontoon boat. This large and comfortable craft was expertly toured around the lake shore as Captain Tom provided commentary on the past and present of life on Elkhart Lake.

We were sorry to say goodbye to one another as well as another successful HearthStone- sponsored event. We look forward to a repeat next year, so watch your mailbox next summer.



Enjoying a picnic in the park



A guided boat tour with friends

“A true friend knows your weaknesses but shows you your strengths; feels your fears but fortifies your faith; sees your anxieties but frees your spirit; recognizes your disabilities but emphasizes your possibilities.”

William Arthur Ward



We're here to help you unlock the right doors.

HearthStone of Wisconsin is a not for profit organization based in Sheboygan, WI. Our members are people with developmental disabilities, their families and friends and people within our communities who care about them. We offer assistance, guidance, advocacy and support in transition to and in perpetuation of community-based living. We believe in working together to help dreams come true. Dreams of Independence. Dreams of Respect. Dreams of Achievement. Dreams of Laughter.

For many people dreams like these may seem impossible or impractical. HearthStone members are dedicated to helping one another break down the barriers that appear to prevent those dreams from becoming reality. Our role as an organization is to facilitate, communicate and educate ourselves, our families and our communities to enable all people to achieve their highest potential. To dream the dream, and strive to live the dream. If you and your family are interested in designing and implementing sustaining individualized support systems for a family member who has a developmental disability, then you may benefit from HearthStone. Our members share a common concern and willingness to actively support individuals with developmental disabilities within our communities.

Our ultimate objective is to help people achieve their highest possible levels of community integration and independent living and to do so safely, securely and meaningfully.

Go Paperless!

Would you like to go "paperless?" Sounds intimidating, right? Actually, all it involves is sending us your current email address, so you can join the over 120 other HearthStone members that have made the transition.

So, what are the advantages? You will not only get your newsletter in full color, universally readable pdf format, you will be included in the exclusive HearthStone electronic database which will provide you with instant access to all of the "hot topics" with a click of a mouse. Most importantly, it saves us money, so we can continue to provide you with informational

seminars, recreational outings and all of the other great things that HearthStone is known for.



Are you interested?
Contact Thomas Gierke at thomas.gierke@hearthstonewi.org

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 subscription to HearthStone’s email listserve
- Free Quarterly Social Events for Young Adults
- HearthStone sponsored respite program for qualifying families
- 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: _____

Special Needs, Interests and/or Comments: _____

Donations and volunteer activities are always welcome.
(HearthStone of Wisconsin is a 5013C non-profit, making your contribution fully tax deductible)

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Yes, I'd like to help HearthStone help our special population

Please help us help others right here at home. Your contribution is fully tax deductible
HearthStone of Wisconsin is a 501(C)3 non-profit corporation.

Yes, I'd like to donate:

_____ \$25 _____ \$50 _____ \$75 _____ \$100 _____ \$250 _____ \$500 _____ other

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

If you'd like to donate
securely on-line, visit:
www.hearthstonewi.org

You can make a difference. Volunteer for HearthStone
In addition to your financial support, you can help HearthStone with your
donation of time and energy. We are an entirely volunteer organization. With your help,
our expenses are minimized and more goes to the people we serve.

Volunteer opportunities

- Educational meetings Fundraising Maintain our growing database
 Website update Newsletter production Events for our young people

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