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## Home is Where the “Art” Is

How do you express yourself? With singing, drawing, or writing? Two women from the Kenosha area find that painting is the best way to express themselves and find satisfaction in everyday life.

### Sandra Dore'

Art has always been part of her life. As a child she started with the paint-by-number kits. She took art classes as high school electives and found that was her niche in life. She planned to go to the Art Institute in Chicago, but



her dad died and plans changed. Her days became busy with work and family, but

now Sandra is making up for lost time. Her art tools are in use every day as she paints, sculpts, and creates fine crafts. She explained, “My art gives some relief from the pain I have every day as a result of severe arthritis and other disorders. It gives me joy. . .making others happy when they see my pictures.” Using life as her inspiration,



*Sandra paints with watercolors, acrylics, and oils. She works with pastels, clay, and wood. Her landscapes, flowers, and abstract paintings are for sale. She does commissioned work, including pet portraits.*

Sandra shows an amazing command of details and differences in her work. People that view her paintings say she's captured a scene the way it really looks and feels. Sandra works on several projects at the same time, often using small found objects to add dimension and color to a



themed bird house or figure. She has shared her devotion to art by teaching children in the past. Sandra welcomes inquiries about her art.

Contact her via email at [artisticvisionsart@yahoo.com](mailto:artisticvisionsart@yahoo.com)

She is an artist who is a lifetime member of the Art-Exchange Gallery on the internet. Find her listed as San`d Dore' at

[art-exchange.com](http://art-exchange.com) Sandra was recently presented with the opportunity to showcase her work at the Legacy Fine Art gallery in Hot Springs, Arkansas.

### Sandi Mecozzi

As a teenager, Sandi was very into art. She painted Lake Michigan scenes, still lifes, and abstracts. Another painting depicts a young girl in a blue dress. Uncannily, years later, Sandi realized that her young daughter looked like the girl in the painting.

Sandi continued taking art classes while enrolled in the Interior Design program at Gateway Technical College. Then life became too busy with family and work at

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SC Johnson. Now Sandi has become an artist again. Several years ago she had an accident, limiting her mobility. Someone suggested she work with an art therapist. She said okay. Sandi tells people, "Creating a picture is a good



frustration. It takes time, maybe many tries, to get what I want. But my life wouldn't be the same without art. Everyone needs a way to express themselves. I think my work

is better now than before the accident."



Her inspiration comes from pictures she's seen and places she's been. The acrylic painting she just completed

featured a Baltimore oriole resting on a branch. Water and sky are good subjects to paint, Sandi says. "They have different textures and depths."

People admire her paintings, but Sandi said they're not for sale. "The paintings are a part of me, so I can't let them go, but I might display them."



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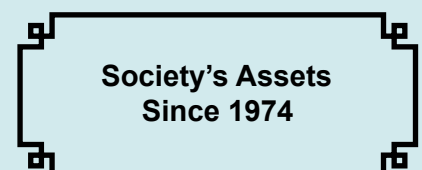
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## New Telephones Added to Tryout Program

There are cordless phones and amplified phones and even phones with talking keypads (so you know you've dialed the right number). These features and more are found on the phones you can tryout through Society's Assets. Call an Independent Living (IL) Coordinator for more information about telephones that can better meet your needs if you have a hearing, vision, or mobility impairment. You can borrow several phones to compare. The IL Coordinator can also assist you with finding funding for the new

telephone through the TEPP/TAP programs. The Clear Sounds Freedom Talking Photo Phone has nearly every feature available, including one-touch photo memory buttons, loud ringer with visual indicator, talking caller ID, speakerphone, tone control, digital answering machine, and amplification for individuals with even severe hearing loss. This phone is hearing aid compatible.

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*The Clear Sounds Freedom Talking Photo Phone (Pictured on this Page) can be adjusted to the user's specific hearing and helps him/her hear all voices more clearly and easily.*

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### Loan Programs Available

#### WisLoan

This alternative loan program allows Wisconsin residents with a disability to purchase needed equipment such as modified vehicles and hearing aids or make necessary modifications to homes to promote independent living, i.e. environmental controls and ramps.

#### Telework

This alternative loan program allows Wisconsin residents with disabilities to purchase computers and other equipment needed to work from home or from other remote sites away from the office.

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## From the Director's Desk. . . . Bruce Nelsen

*You Can't Put Courage on a Resume*

The title of my article can be attributed to Tony Memmel, the keynote speaker for our Disability Awareness Week banquet in May. In his presentation about *"The Courage to be Different,"* Tony said that even though you can't put courage on a resume, we know what it is and who has it. It's being an innovator, a trailblazer. It's taking the path that's not easy, but it's the most rewarding. It's deciding who you are and having the courage to be that person.

Tony was born in 1985 with only the upper part of his left arm. His parents were surprised, as his mom didn't have an ultrasound. (Ultrasounds weren't routine then.) As a child, Tony did the best he could, trying every activity he could after saying "no" to a prosthetic arm. He looked up to Jim Abbott, a major league baseball pitcher with one

hand. Tony and his family located resources such as [handsdownsupport.org](http://handsdownsupport.org). He played soccer, tried archery with a standard bow and arrows, and learned to play the trumpet. At age 13, he tried strumming his mom's guitar and his future became clearer. After many attempts, he found the best way to tape a guitar pick to his left arm. Tony majored in music at the University of Wisconsin - Oshkosh and studied in Europe for four months. He developed his musical talents for singing, playing, and songwriting. Open mic nights at bars and coffee shops gave him a start and he's made a name for himself with three original CDs, tours around the country, and two concerts at Summerfest 2011. Tony gave his perspective on living with a disability. "It just takes a little time and a different way of doing things."

And, as Tony wrote in *"Lord Knows We've Got Time,"* (from the **Here We Go** CD) ". . . sometimes we gotta' wait for, gotta' wait our turn."

### Awards and Recognition

#### [Retiring Board Member](#)

John Buchaklian

#### [Advocate of the Year](#)

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Michelle Chester, Racine

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#### [25 Years of Service](#)

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#### [20 Years of Service](#)

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Marion Sharpe

Mary "Eppy" Smith

Laurie Sorensen

Richard Wellington

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### 10 Years of Service

Judy Bonadore  
Olha Buchkovych  
Barbara Buckely  
Sandra Dodge  
Donna Dood  
Patsy Feil  
Janet Hamilton  
Renee Hansler  
Jimmie Holmes-Barkley  
Dorothy Hughes  
Viki Johns  
Patricia Jurenci  
Vickie Koenig  
Linda Meteyard  
Betty Murphy  
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Vicki Shannon  
Giacomo Spizzirri  
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Susan Stout  
Chryel Tate  
Karen Walther  
Diana Weber  
Kathleen Weidman  
Dorothy Williams

### 5 Years of Service

Sarah Anspaugh  
Zaf Awan  
Jennifer Bartels  
Kathryn Briggs  
Margaret Caretta  
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Nicikia Conley  
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Marilyn Moore  
Scott Nejedly  
Marilyn Ohaegbulem  
Andrea Papenfus  
Vidya Patel  
Carla Pawlaczyk  
Michelle Post  
Vanessa Pragalz  
Constance Price  
Rosie Price  
Deloise Pritchett  
Amy Pulda  
Vijay Rao  
Donald Renguette  
Sheri Renguette  
Kathleen Royal  
Sarah Ruhland  
Sherry Schultz  
Gina Schwager-Lechner  
Traci Skolnick  
Priscilla Smith  
Bea Springston  
Margie Stewart  
Renee Szymankiewicz  
Kimberley Timony  
Lizbeth Trinidad  
Sherra Vinson  
Donna Walker  
Shirley Waller  
Bernice Wilson

**Congratulations  
and Thank You!**



Check out Tony's website.  
[tonymemmel.com](http://tonymemmel.com)



*Ray  
Cameron  
was  
recognized  
as Advocate  
of the Year.*



*Dave  
McGrath,  
of WGTD  
FM 91.1  
radio, was  
the emcee.*



*Exemplary Service awards were  
presented by Jean Rumachick  
(left) to (left to right)  
Michelle Chester, Anita Kostas,  
and Mary Wallner.*

# Aides Recognized, Awards Received

Congratulations to the three aides receiving awards! Jean Rumachik, Director of Home Care Services at Society's Assets, praised their dedicated efforts. "Ashley, Charles, and Susan are providing competent and compassionate services for our consumers."

## Society's Assets Gold Star - Elkhorn

Susan Salyers joined the Direct Care Competency program at Society's Assets to become trained as a Personal Care Worker in August 2010. She had



seen the ads in the paper and knew a girl that worked for the agency.

One day she stopped in to see what it was all about. She had been working as a call center manager, but that wasn't what she wanted to do. She wanted to help other people that needed help. Susan regularly provides services for four consumers, and is always willing to work any shift on a fill-in assignment. Susan said, "I

have a good sense of accomplishment after a day at work. I can see the consumers appreciate me." Susan has two sons. The Elkhorn staff say that Susan is a quick learner and willing to step up to any challenge. She is a wonderful aide.

## Society's Assets Gold Star - Kenosha

Charles Krueger started as a Personal Care Worker at Society's Assets nine years ago. He later received training at Gateway Technical College in Racine to become a Certified Nursing Assistant. He became an aide when his



"other half" moved out of a nursing home and he was hired to be her care-

giver. "Sherri and I were together for 24 and a half years until she passed away." He now cares for two consumers every morning, and he is always eager to help with fill-in assignments. Charles is an Air Force veteran and also worked as a cab driver, truck driver, and

in security. He wishes he would have found the caregiving line of work years ago. "It makes me feel good to help people that can't do everything for themselves. I feel privileged to earn their trust." The staff in the Kenosha office note that Charles is very patient and kind to his consumers and to the office staff. He is always punctual and has excellent attendance.

## Society's Assets Gold Star - Racine

Ashley Benner joined the agency in November 2009 as a Certified Nursing Assistant (CNA). A friend of hers worked at the agency so she applied. Ashley works with three consumers on a regular basis, and she is also an on-call aide.

Ashley worked at a gro-



cery store and completed her CNA classes at Gateway Technical College. She said, "The best part of the job is meeting the people

## Aides Recognized

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who are all so different.” When she’s not working, Ashley enjoys being outdoors and hanging out with her family and friends. The Racine office staff appreciate her willingness to work on short notice and her very positive attitude. Her caregiving skills are exceptional, and she is very concerned with her consumer’s welfare.

## Blogging for Health

A blog is a frequently updated journal on a website that is intended for public viewing and comments. A new blog sponsored by the Kenosha County Aging and Disability Resource Center gives information about home safety, falls prevention, and workshops like “Better Choices, Better Health.” Getting to a workshop can be difficult. Now anyone with access to a computer who has basic computer skills can participate. Read more. [adrcpreventionprograms.blogspot.com](http://adrcpreventionprograms.blogspot.com)

## New Transportation Option Offered in Racine

ITNRacineCounty (Independent Transportation Network) is a community based and supported, community driven, non-profit organization that provides transportation services for ambulatory seniors age 60 and over and also for those with vision impairments. Riders become dues paying members (\$50 annually) and are then guaranteed 24/7 service, any day, any time, and for any purpose. There is a pick up charge and a mileage charge. The average charge is approximately \$10. Riders are transported in a personal, comfortable automobile. ITNRacineCounty drivers provide door-through-door service. The drivers are carefully screened volunteers. They earn mileage credits and receive a free annual membership.

### Facts About ITNRacineCounty

❑ Members don’t have to be non-drivers. Maybe they just don’t want to drive at night or in the rain, and they can use ITN in those situations.

- ❑ Riders can plan in advance or ride on demand; ride alone or share a ride; ride by the hour or by the mile.
- ❑ Adult children benefit from ITNRacine County. There is no need to take time off of work to get a parent to an appointment. Children also see their parents participating in activities they enjoy, i.e. shopping, card games, and visiting.
- ❑ Riders feel a renewed sense of independence when they make appointments and schedule rides.
- ❑ A Road Scholarship program is available for low-income riders.
- ❑ The CarTrade program may offer a possible tax deduction or ITN ride credits when you donate or trade your car.



Contact ITNRacineCounty at (262) 885-1177. The office is located at 4900 Spring Street, Suite 104 in Racine. Check out the web site. [www.ITNRacineCounty.org](http://www.ITNRacineCounty.org)

# Coping with Summer Heat

Many of us look forward to summer. . . the longer days, the sunshine, and the warmer temperatures. Sometimes the temperature and humidity soar to dangerous levels. That's when you should take care to beat the heat.

## Drink plenty of fluids.

Increase your fluid intake. Don't wait until you're thirsty to drink. Avoid alcohol or liquids with a lot of sugar or caffeine. Check with your doctor if you take water pills or if your fluid intake is limited.

## Wear appropriate clothing and sunscreen.

Wear as little clothing as possible at home. Clothing should be lightweight, light-colored, and loose-fitting. If you must go outdoors, wear a wide-brimmed hat and sunglasses. Apply sunscreen with at least an SPF of 15.



## Schedule outdoor activities carefully.

Limit outdoor activity to morning and evening hours. Start slowly and pick up the pace gradually. Rest often in shady areas.

## Stay cool indoors.

If possible, stay in air conditioning. Go to a public library, shopping mall, theater, senior center, or hospital lobby or cafeteria. Even a few hours spent in air conditioning can help your body stay cooler. Take a cool shower or bath. Use your stove and oven less. Fans may provide comfort, but when the temperature is in the high 90s, fans will not prevent heat-related illness.

## Check on friends and neighbors.

Heat is hard on the elderly because their bodies don't adjust as quickly to temperature changes, and they might be taking prescription medications that make them more susceptible to heat-related illnesses. A friend or relative should check on an older friend or neighbor at least twice a day.



## Avoid heat-related illnesses.

\*Heat cramps are muscle cramps, most often in the legs. They are not life-threatening, but can lead to heat exhaustion. Drink

water or sports drinks, rest, and move to a cooler place.

\*Heat exhaustion is a serious and potentially life-threatening condition. Symptoms include nausea, extreme weakness, vomiting, lightheadedness, fainting, rapid heart beat, and low blood pressure. Rest in a cool place by lying down with feet elevated. Drink water, loosen or remove clothing, and cool the person with wet towels, cold packs, and fanning. Call your health care professional.

\*Heat stroke is a serious and life-threatening condition caused by the body's failure to regulate its own internal temperature. Symptoms include red-hot, flushed, dry skin, high body temperature, headache, rapid pulse, disorientation or strange behavior, hallucinations, seizures, and unconsciousness. Seek emergency medical help immediately. Rest by lying down with feet elevated in a cool place. Use wet towels, cold packs, and fanning to cool the person.

## CLASSIFIED SECTION

### Equipment for Sale

1. **Hoyer Lift**, mechanical AND **Bed Rails**, short and long AND **Finger Braces**, brand new, left and right AND **Stabilizer Pole** AND **Air Cushion Seats**, for wheelchairs AND **Soft Medical and Respiratory Supplies**, new AND **Hearing Aids** AND **Oral Care Supplies** AND **Bath Bench** AND **Walker**, prices negotiable, call Andrew (262) 654-2098.

2. **Wheelchair Lift**, also for scooters to lift device into car, van, or truck, Freedom Lift, capacity up to 400 pounds, good condition, asking \$1000 or best offer, call Mae (262) 884-9291.

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4. **Hospital Bed**, electric, automatic, \$1000 AND **Nebulizer C/PAP Machine**, \$80 AND **Manual Wheelchair**, lightweight, bag, cushion seat, \$400 AND **Bath Chair**, \$15 AND **High Rise Toilet Seat**, \$10, will consider best offers on all prices, call Vernell (262) 681-0834.

5. **Power Wheelchair**, Jet, About 3 years old, used 1 year, make offer, call David (262) 736-1257.

### Vehicles for Sale

1. **Ford Van**, 2000, E-250, lift and lowered floor, automatic transmission, air conditioning, cruise, power, \$9,999 contact Steve. [smartin2@comcast.net](mailto:smartin2@comcast.net)

2. **GMC Van**, 1993, with electronic side ramp, \$2500 or best offer, call Mario (262) 748-7755.

### Check This Out

The Kenosha Area Loan Closet lends out free durable medical equipment such as wheelchairs, walkers, bath chairs, reachers, and other similar items to anyone in need. If you are interested in donating items that are in good condition, or know of someone who may need medical equipment, call (262) 605-6646 or (800) 472-8008. Donors will receive a donation receipt for tax purposes.

### Free Item

1. **Hospital Bed**, Twin, Electric, call Barb (262) 633-3187.

### Recycling Equipment

In 1988, the Wheelchair Recycling Program began collecting, rehabbing, and redistributing used wheelchairs to those in need. Today, this innovative, non-profit organization (now called the **Mobility Store**) offers quality, low cost mobility and medical equipment that's been restored. Equipment includes wheelchairs, scooters, walkers, hospital beds, commodes, bath equipment, and more. They also accept donations of a wide variety of equipment. The group has locations in the Madison and Milwaukee areas.

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Contact the office nearest you for hours and more information. The website is

[www.wrp.org](http://www.wrp.org)

The Mobility Store has a newsletter you can sign up to receive. Contact them by telephone or email.

*The Society's Assets newsletter provides this Classified Section as a service for its readers. Items are listed at no charge in up to two consecutive issues. The agency doesn't guarantee any of the items. To list an item, call (262) 637-9128, ext. 3605.*

# Raising Elder Abuse Awareness

Reports of elder abuse and neglect in Wisconsin have risen at a rate of over 60 percent in the last decade. This increase in reporting is due to growing community awareness through protective service agencies and programs. Elder abuse refers to any negligent act by a caregiver or any other adult that causes harm or a serious risk of harm to a vulnerable adult (senior, person with a disability, or person challenged by mental illness or alcohol and other drug abuse).

## Types of Abuse

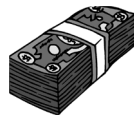
- \*Physical Abuse
- \*Sexual Abuse
- \*Emotional Abuse
- \*Confinement
- \*Passive Neglect
- \*Willful Deprivation

## Signs of Abuse

- \*Injuries or wounds incompatible with explanation
- \*Dehydration, malnourishment or weight loss
- \*Pallor or poor skin hygiene
- \*Sunken eyes or cheeks
- \*Eye problems
- \*Soiled clothing or bed

## Financial Indicators

- \*Unpaid bills when income is adequate
- \*Food, clothing and care needs not met
- \*Overcharged for rent or services
- \*Complaints of theft of property or jewelry
- \*Missing checks, jewelry, or other valuables
- \*Suspicious Power of Attorney
- \*Suspicious changes in titles to property
- \*Promises of care in exchange for assets
- \*ATM transactions by homebound elder
- \*Large or unusual bank transactions

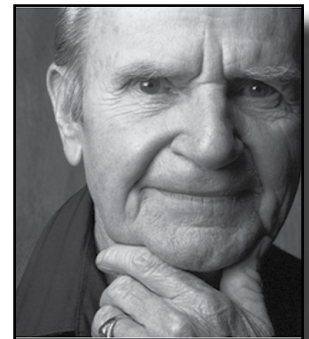
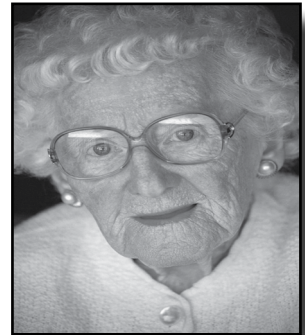


## Family Indicators

- \*Indifference or hostility
- \*Excessive blaming of the older adult
- \*Problems with alcohol or drugs
- \*Previous history of violence
- \*Social isolation of the victim
- \*Conflicting accounts of incidents
- \*Threats and intimidation

## Behavioral Indicators

- \*Withdrawn, depressed, resigned, helpless
- \*Hesitates to talk openly
- \*Implausible stories for injuries or events



## When it Happens

\*If you know someone is in immediate danger, call 9 - 1 - 1.

Are you concerned about an older or disabled adult or do you suspect an elder abuse situation? Contact the Aging and Disability Resource Center or Human Services Department in your county.

## Assistive Technology to be Featured at Fair

Society's Assets, in cooperation with the Assistive Technology Resource Center at the University of Wisconsin - Stout, will present an Assistive Technology Resource Fair on Wednesday, September 21, 2011 at the Pontiac Center, 2809 North Pontiac Drive in Janesville, Wisconsin. This free event is intended for persons with disabilities, their families, independent living professionals, and interested community members.



Informative workshops (many to choose from) and equipment exhibits are scheduled throughout the day. Products on

## Social Security Field Offices to Begin Closing to the Public a Half Hour Early

Effective August 15, 2011, Social Security field offices nationwide will close to the public 30 minutes early each day. For example, a field office that is usually open to the public Monday through Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. will close daily at 3:30 p.m.

"While agency employees will continue to work their regular hours, this shorter public window will allow us to complete face-to-face service with the visiting public without incurring the cost of overtime for our employees," said Michael J. Astrue, Commissioner of Social Security. "Congress provided our agency with

nearly \$1 billion less than the President requested for our budget this fiscal year, which makes it impossible for us to provide the amount of overtime needed to handle service to the public as we have in the past."

Most Social Security services do not require a visit to an office. For example, anyone wishing to apply for benefits, sign up for direct deposit, replace a Medicare card, obtain a proof of income letter, or inform us of a change of address or telephone number may do so at this website

[www.socialsecurity.gov](http://www.socialsecurity.gov) or by dialing the toll-free number (800) 772-1213 or (800) 325-0778 TTY.

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## Thank You

Society's Assets appreciates the donation of Easter gifts for our Kenosha consumers from Lord of Life Lutheran Church, 5601 Washington Road, Kenosha. Special thanks to the whole congregation for taking part and to Pastor Jennifer Arnold and member Amy Giese.



## Social Security Testing New Ways to Return Workers with Disabilities to the Workforce

The Social Security Administration (SSA) recently announced the beginning of the Benefit Offset National Demonstration (BOND) project. SSA's goal is to find out how Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) beneficiaries respond to rule changes that allow them to keep more of their benefits while trying to return to work.

Under current rules, individuals who receive SSDI benefits generally lose their entire monthly cash benefit if their earnings exceed the \$1000 per month after using up a nine-month trial work period (TWP). SSA pays benefits through the TWP and for an additional three months. If the worker continues to earn over the \$1000 monthly limit in gross wages, SSA suspends benefit checks.

The BOND program provides randomly chosen SSDI beneficiaries with a gradual reduction of benefits (\$1 for each additional \$2 earned over a yearly threshold of \$12,000) - - thus eliminating the "cash cliff" currently in effect.

Those eligible for the benefit offset will be able to earn more from work and keep some of their disability benefits. SSA will continue to provide Medicare coverage to BOND participants earning over the limit.

Many SSDI beneficiaries worry about losing their cash benefits if they earn too much money. Congress has asked SSA to test policy changes to encourage workers with disabilities to return to gainful employment. SSA will randomly select SSDI beneficiaries in 10 sites around the country for the BOND project. The test will run from 2011 until September 2022. Individual participants can only participate in the BOND test for five years.

If you are a SSDI beneficiary who receives a BOND notice in a letter or a telephone call, be sure to contact BOND. If someone in your family receives a notice or call, encourage that person to respond.  
(877) 726-6309  
(877) 726-6390 TTY  
You can call the nearest BOND office at (262) 789-2745 or (855) 791-0088.

Suzanne Kurtz is a Work Incentive Counselor (WIC) at Society's Assets and is specially trained for the BOND program. She received extensive training provided by Virginia Commonwealth University. The university continues to provide training to keep up with the benefits and changes that occur. Suzanne will also keep in contact with her liaison in order to ensure she is providing the best and most accurate information to her consumers participating in the BOND program. If you have questions regarding BOND, contact Suzanne at (800) 378-9128 or [skurtz@societysassets.org](mailto:skurtz@societysassets.org)

Society's Assets has three additional Work Incentive Benefits Counselors who work with SSA beneficiaries with disabilities on job placement, benefits planning, career development, protection, and advocacy. Contact Rhonda Peterson or Patti Zbichorski at the Society's Assets Racine Office, (262) 637-9128, (800) 378-9128, or (866) 840-9761 TTY. Contact Jackie Cranley at the Society's Assets Elkhorn Office, (262) 723-8181, (800) 261-8181, or (866) 840-9763, TTY.

## Social Security Benefits Training Scheduled

Have you ever wondered about the effect of working on your Social Security Benefits? Find answers at a training event sponsored by Wisconsin Disability Benefits Network in Milwaukee on Wednesday, October 5, 2011. Individuals with disabilities and their families attend all three sessions (listed below) or just the sessions of interest to them. The training is free, but registration is required. Lunch or dinner will be provided.

### SSDI and Working - 9:30 a.m.

Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) is a federal program that provides cash benefits to people with disabilities based on previous work. This session will provide a quick overview of SSDI and then look at how Social Security considers earned income and allows work incentives.

### MAPP - 1:00 p.m.

MAPP (Medicaid Purchase Plan) is a program that is designed for individuals with disabilities who are working and need Medicaid in order to work. Medicaid is a comprehensive health insurance program that covers the cost of many medical services.

## Grassroots Advocacy in Action

Society's Assets hosts two Grassroots Advocacy Groups. One group meets twice a month in Kenosha, and the other group meets once a month in Racine. A third group in Walworth County is in the planning stages.

The groups work on various subjects of concern that affect our local community of people with disabilities, i.e. sidewalk accessibility issues. Group members also provide support to one another. These advocacy efforts are happening throughout the state and are being led by Wisconsin's Independent Living Centers (like Society's Assets). Refreshments are served at the meetings. Upcoming meetings are scheduled.

### Kenosha Grassroots Advocacy Group

Thursdays, August 11 and 25,  
September 8 and 22,  
October 13 and 27  
1:00 - 3:00 p.m.  
Society's Assets  
5727 6th Avenue  
Call Tami Jandrowski for more information, (262) 657-3999, ext. 6097.

### SSI and Working - 2:00 p.m.

Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is a needs-based program for people with disabilities and those ages 65 and older. This session will cover the basics, eligibility, State SSI Supplements, how SSI

### Racine Grassroots Advocacy Group

Wednesdays, August 17,  
September 21,  
October 19  
1:30 - 3:00 p.m.  
Albert House  
4000 Maryland Avenue  
Call Laura Terry for more information, (262) 637-9128, ext. 3612.

If you have a disability, or are a friend or family member of someone who does, please attend a meeting to share your significant issues and experiences. The group needs people who want to work with their peers to maximize their ability to affect change, manage their lives, and live with a sense of personal power.



payments are calculated, and work earnings and incentives.

For more information or to register, contact Stacey Mochnick, toll-free at (855) 401-8549 or email her at [mochnick@eri-wi.org](mailto:mochnick@eri-wi.org)

## Special Kids Resource Fair Scheduled

What will you find at the 10th annual Special Kids Resource Fair on Saturday, October 22, 2011 from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.? You'll find booths, presentations, activities, goodies for children, refreshments, and door prizes all geared for students ages 0 - 21 and beyond who receive special education services in Kenosha, Racine, and Walworth Counties. This focus on health, development, and well-being will be at the Kenosha County Center in Bristol, 19600 75th Street. Registration is not required for this FREE event. Visitors will have a chance to meet and talk with over 40 resource agencies and organizations providing services for children from birth through transition into adulthood.

### Speaker Sessions

10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.  
**"My Behavior Just Might Reflect My Communication Deficits"** Dr. Glenis Benson, Ph.D. will address the fundamental communication deficits of Autism Spectrum Disorders.

12:00 p.m. to 1:30 p.m.  
**"Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System of Dispute Resolution Options"** Jan Serak, M.A. Executive Co-Director of WI FACETS and Nissan Bar-Lev, Director for Special Education for CESA #7 and a partner in the Wisconsin Special Education Mediation System, will share basic information about options for resolving disputes related to special education available to families and schools through the System.

For more information about the Special Kids Resource Fair, contact Dannette Cates, Parent-Educator Liaison CESA #2 at (262) 843-2343 or [DCates1@wi.rr.com](mailto:DCates1@wi.rr.com)

## Community Conference For Families with Children/Youth

*Children's Hospital of Wisconsin and the Southeast Regional Center for Children and Youth with Special Health Care Needs* have planned a conference called **Making Connections** for Wednesday, September 21, 2011 from 8:00 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at the Radisson Hotel in Wauwatosa. Families, physicians, social workers, teachers, and others will hear keynote speaker Mark Sweet, Ph.D., Disability Rights Wisconsin, talk about **Creating Safety: Understanding His/Her Point of View**. Workshop topics include parenting a child with mental health issues, advocacy, positive outcomes, education advocacy, and recreation. There is a registration fee. Call (414) 266-3192 for more information, or visit

[maxishare.com](http://maxishare.com)



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## Speaker Offers Tips for Caregivers



Society's Assets was pleased to welcome Dr. Russ Kinkade as the featured speaker for a recent inservice for certified nursing assistants, personal care workers, and aides. He is a licensed psychologist with over 25 years in the mental health field. The training helped caregivers understand the motivations behind the difficult behaviors they encounter and provided them with a strategy for responding appropriately.



### Try to understand, prepare for, and prevent difficult behavior. Keep these tips in mind.

- ♦ Don't minimize the client's feelings.
- ♦ Find something to agree about.
- ♦ Help the client maintain independence and control.
- ♦ Watch for patterns of difficult behavior.
- ♦ Give privacy and personal space.

### Try to not take it personally.

- ♦ Always take a step back and a few deep breaths if the client or you are losing control of the situation.
- ♦ Count to 10.
- ♦ Walk away.
- ♦ You cannot control the other person's behavior, but you can control your response.
- ♦ Focus your response on the behaviors. Avoid blaming the client or yourself.

## Program on Living with Vision Loss Offered

The State of Wisconsin, Department of Human Services, Office for the Blind and Visually Impaired will present information on no-cost to low-cost solutions for living with vision loss.

Presenters are Kathleen Bronson, Arneetrice Ellerman, and Doug Martens. They are Rehabilitation Specialists each specializing in one of the following areas: Low Vision, Mobility, and Adaptive Technology. This program is open to persons with a vision loss and their families.

The program will be offered at the Society's Assets Racine Office, 5200 Washington Avenue in Suite 225, on Tuesday, September 13, 2011 from 10:00 a.m. to Noon.

For more information or to sign up, contact Linda Vogelmann at Society's Assets, (262) 637-9128 or Arneetrice Ellerman at (262) 859-0100.

## Quick Quip

You know you're growing older when. . . .  
You miss the days when everything worked with just an "On" and an "Off" switch.

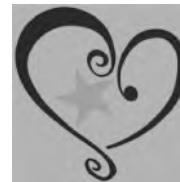
## Kenosha Aides Recognized

On Wednesday, June 15, the Kenosha County Long Term Care Workforce Alliance held their 21st annual caregivers' recognition luncheon. Held at the Kenosha Country Club, the event's theme was *When Caring is a Career*. Four caregivers from Society's Assets were honored. They were Susan Jackson, Tyran McGee, Cindy Pugaczewski, and Pamela Quinn. Society's Assets is proud and thankful for the dedication of these wonderful caregivers. After the group enjoyed lunch, Pamela, Cindy, Tyran,



Attending the Caregivers' Recognition Luncheon were (left to right) Cindy Pugaczewski, Pamela Quinn, Jean Rumachik, the Director of Home Care Services at Society's Assets, Susan Jackson, and Tyran McGee.

Susan, and over 50 other caregivers from the Kenosha area were presented with certificates of appreciation from Kenosha Mayor Keith Bosman and Kenosha County Executive Jim Kreuser.



For more information about caregiving careers in the Kenosha area, check out this website.

[kenoshacaringcareers.com](http://kenoshacaringcareers.com)



### GOLFING FOR A GOOD CAUSE

*The course was great, the food tasty, the friendships nourished, and the proceeds delivered to the Scholarship Fund.*



## Scholarship Awards Highlight Fabulous Golf Outing

Three scholarship awards were presented at the 18th annual Society's Assets Open golf outing at the Kenosha Country Club. As the students received their awards, golfers and guests heard about their accomplishments, their dreams, and the challenges they've overcome. The agency was pleased to present \$6000 in scholarship awards.

### **Declan Boran-Ragotzy**

- Janesville, Wisconsin
- Sophomore at Carroll University
- GPA 4.0
- Major: English/Spanish and Possibly a Minor in Communications Theater
- School Activities: Latin American Student Organization, Concert Choir, Intramural Sports, Theater Office
- Community Service: CROP Walk, YWCA Summer Camp



### **Brandon Dunk**

- Pleasant Prairie, Wisconsin
- Lakeview Technology Academy Graduate 2011
- GPA 3.84
- Second in Class of 69
- National Honor Society
- Enrolled at University of



- Wisconsin - LaCrosse to Study Microbiology
- School Activities: Gamer's Club, Science Fair, Freshman Transition, Skills USA
- Community Service: Shalom Center, Boy Scouts, Mayor's Youth Commission

### **Hamza Jaka**

- Fontana, Wisconsin
- Sophomore at the University of California - Berkeley
- Dean's List
- Major: Linguistics
- School Activities: Vice President of External Affairs for the Disabled Student Union, Event Coordinator for the Cal Alumni Association
- Community Service: The Global Connection (Helping Young People with Disabilities), Internship in Washington, D.C.



Special thanks to our sponsors. Their generosity is essential to the Scholarship Fund that will continue to reward students with disabilities.

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**Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!**

## News and Notes

### ***Kenosha Boys and Girls Club Makes Free Offer for Senior Citizens***

The new Boys and Girls Club, 1330 52nd Street, is offering adults “Kid at Heart” memberships that are free to seniors the first year (until July 1, 2012). Other adults pay \$65 per individual or \$100 per couple per year. “Kid at Heart” members are allowed access to the climate-controlled walking track Monday through Friday from 7:30 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. year-round. The walking track surrounds the indoor soccer field, and 10.5 laps make a mile. For more information, call (262) 654-6200.

### ***Theme Park Specially Designed for Guests with Special Needs***

Over 100,000 people have visited the theme park, Morgan’s Wonderland, since it opened last year. The park in San Antonio, Texas has 25 acres of accessible rides, attractions, and activities created by the owner in part because his daughter is developmentally disabled. Admission for individu-

als with special needs is free, and fees for those accompanying them are \$10 or \$15. Reservations are recommended for the park where “everyone can play.” For more information, contact Morgan’s Wonderland at (210) 637-3434 or [morganswonderland.com](http://morganswonderland.com)

### ***DisabilityVoice Website Now A Social Networking Site***

DisabilityVoice is a new social networking site that includes features similar to Facebook, like friending and groups. Anyone with a disability registering with the site can start a group for personal use or for advocacy. People without disabilities can start a group advocating for anything related to people with disabilities. DisabilityVoice is dedicated to educating and informing people with and without disabilities about people with disabilities and their needs. Check it out.

[www.disabilityvoice.com/dvwp/](http://www.disabilityvoice.com/dvwp/)



### ***Survey Request for Those Affected by Alzheimer’s Disease***

The State Office on Aging is developing a plan to address Alzheimer’s disease. If you have Alzheimer’s disease, care for a friend or family member with Alzheimer’s, or provide care for patients with Alzheimer’s, your input and opinions are important. Please visit the website. [www.handintheplan.org](http://www.handintheplan.org)

### ***Open the Outdoors in Wisconsin***

The Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources is committed to providing outdoor recreation opportunities for people of all abilities around the state.

### **Accessible Cabins**

There are nine accessible cabins located within state parks and forests, reservable only by people with disabilities and their guests. Seven of these cabins feature amenities such as lowered counter tops in the kitchen, adjustable hospital beds and Hoyer lifts, and bathrooms

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with roll-in showers and commode chairs. There are also two rustic cabins.

### **Campsites**

For those who would rather camp in a tent or RV, there are accessible campsites in all state parks and forests. These sites provide a firm base surface that connects all of the main elements, including a tent pad, raised fire pit, and accessible table. Each of these campsites has an electric hook-up for individuals with battery-powered mobility devices and are located near a restroom facility.

### **Adaptive Kayaks**

Adaptive kayaks are equipped with outriggers which provide incredible stability on the water and a raised back with side supports that offer the user a comfortable and secure seat while paddling. A paddle with hand adaptations for people with limited grip is also provided. There are currently five kayaks within the state parks.

### **Beach Access**

Sand is possibly the least accessible terrain for anyone with a mobility impairment. Some parks have specialized beach wheelchairs which have large inflatable tires that roll easily on sand and into water. Other parks utilize beach mats which create an accessible trail for people in wheelchairs or anyone who has difficulty walking.

### **Trails**

There are over 650 miles of accessible trails throughout Wisconsin. From pavement to granite and limestone surfaces, these trails will lead you to some of the state's most beautiful natural features.

### **Cross Country Sit Skis**

Sit skis powered by short poles are available for free use at six state parks and forests. If you can handle the cold, this is a great way to get out in the snow. For more information about accessible outdoor recreation in state parks, contact Andy Janicki (608) 267-7490 or visit this website.

[dnr.wi.gov/org/at/af/open/](http://dnr.wi.gov/org/at/af/open/)

### ***There's An App for That***

EyeNote is an application developed by the Bureau of Engraving and Printing that will identify the value of paper money for people that are blind or visually impaired. It is compatible with iPhone, iPod touch, and iPad. Check it out.

<http://www.eyenote.gov/>

### ***HIPP Program Paying Health Insurance Premiums***

The Wisconsin Department of Health Services administers the Health Insurance Premium Payment (HIPP) Program. In some circumstances, when a BadgerCare Plus family is enrolled in an employer sponsored family health plan, HIPP will pay the family's monthly premium, coinsurance, and deductibles. The state works with the employer to determine eligibility. For more detailed information call member services (800) 362-3002, contact Human Services or the Job Center in your county, or visit this website.

[badgercareplus.org](http://badgercareplus.org)

## Staff Spotlight

◆ Sarah Gabbey, Personal Care Worker in the Racine Office since 2007, completed training and is now a Certified Nursing Assistant.

◆ Renee Heider, Certified Nursing Assistant in the Racine Office since 2009, received her LPN (Licensed Practical Nurse) license.

◆ Linda Rice, RN Personal Care Supervisor, has transitioned into the Home Health department to become an RN Case Manager.

### Kenosha Office

Amy Connelly joined the agency late last year as an

RN Personal Care Supervisor. She supervises the aides that go into consum-



ers' homes to assist with activities of daily living. The goal of her work is to help consumers stay safe and independent in their own homes. Amy has several years of experience in home health care during her 21 year career in nursing. She received her nursing degree from Moraine Park Technical College, West Bend campus. Amy was married in November, and she moved to Racine.

### Easter Bonnet Contest Held in Racine Office

The Training Room was transformed into a spring-time garden at the potluck lunch coordinated by the Rainbow Club. Pastel-colored linens, terrific food, and a fun contest made for an enjoyable hour. Easter bonnets were decorated and entered into the contest in which winners were decided by party goers' votes. Congratulations to Linda Rice, Linda Vogelman, and Mary Ann Wilkinson.



*(Back Row, Left to Right)  
Cyndi Michaelis, Doris Johnson,  
Amy Mlot, Lisa Kay  
(Middle Row, Left to Right)  
Linda Vogelman,  
Mary Ann Wilkinson,  
Jimmette Holmes-Barkley  
(Front Row, Left to Right)  
Tara Hay, Kitty Plovovich,  
Carol Wolf*



*The Scheduling team in Elkhorn includes (left to right) Jennifer Vance, Scheduler; Kathleen Preston, Lead Scheduler; Robin Szymkowski, Data Entry Specialist; and Nicole Janke, Scheduler.*

## Exercise Class Offered For People with Arthritis

The Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Class will be held at the Elkhorn Parks and Rec Department Recreation Center at 200 Devendorf Street (Sunset Park). Classes meet from 10:45 a.m. to 11:45 a.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays starting Thursday, September 15, and continuing through Tuesday, October 25, 2011. Certified Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program Instructor, Kris Warrenburg, will lead the class. Kris is an RN Personal Care Supervisor from the Society's Assets Elkhorn Office. Society's Assets is sponsoring the class.

If you have arthritis, take advantage of this exercise class designed with you in mind. The low-impact Arthritis Foundation Exercise Program provides gentle motion and activities to help increase joint flexibility, increase range of motion, and maintain muscle strength. Past participants report decreases in pain and depression.

Cost for the class is \$36.00 for Elkhorn residents and \$41.00 for non-residents. There are three ways to register. Class fees are payable at the time of registration.

- Online registration at [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org)
- Download a registration form from [www.cityofelkhorn.org](http://www.cityofelkhorn.org), fill it out, and mail it to Elkhorn Parks and Rec at P.O. Box 920, Elkhorn, WI 53121.
- Register at the Recreation Center in Sunset Park, 200 Devendorf Street, from 8:00 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

For more information, contact Sara Zillmer, Administrative Assistant in the Parks and Rec Department, (262) 741-5114.

For more information about the Arthritis Foundation, call (800) 333-1380 or visit [www.arthritis.org](http://www.arthritis.org)



## Young Guests Spend A Day At The Office

Seventeen children visited the Racine office on Take Your Child to Work Day in April. Activities acquainted the visitors with Society's Assets. They learned about different types of jobs in the office and the services provided in the community.



*Mari Hansen demonstrated her art technique using colored wax and heat to create beautiful pictures.*



*John Hansen used several graphic design programs to show how he creates amazing art on the computer.*

## Feeling Independent Again

Tami Jandrowski, IL Co-ordinator in the Kenosha Office has a new service dog named Sparta. He guides her (as Tami has a vision impairment) while walking down the street. He finds doors to go in and out of buildings. Sparta rides the bus with Tami, sitting under her seat. His other skills help her navigate stairs, follow another person, and get around the grocery store or school. Tami explained that Sparta has helped increase her independence. "I used a cane for ten years, and that was okay. But now the dog is better. I feel more freedom with him. I've gotten back so much independence."

Tami had known for awhile that she would like to apply for a service dog, but she had to find an organization that would train the dog with her in her environment, instead of requiring that she train with the dog away from home. Last year she applied with OccuPaws Guide Dog Association\* based in Madison. In May she was matched with

Sparta and they began training together, under supervision of the OccuPaws trainer. Sparta had already completed his socialization, basic obedience, and guide training.



About this new part of her life, Tami said, "Sparta and I bonded so quickly. I am happy to have such a good guide and companion. He is patient and well trained." Tami has found that she is educating a lot of people that they meet. "The most important thing people need to know is that Sparta is working while he's wearing his harness. He's not a pet, and he shouldn't be distracted from his work. When his harness is off at home, he can be a regular puppy . . . hanging out with the kids, chasing toys, going for a walk on a leash."

### Service Animal Etiquette

According to the ADA, service animal means any dog that is individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including a physical, sensory, psychiatric, intellectual, or other mental disability. When you meet a person with a service animal, keep these tips in mind.

- Speak to the person first.
- Do not touch the animal.
- Don't make distracting noises.
- Do not offer the animal food.
- Ask the person for permission and wait for a response to interact with the animal. Don't be offended if you are told no. The person relies on the dog to be alert.
- Do not grab the person's arm or the animal's harness. Ask the person if she/he would like help.



[\\*occupaws.org](http://*occupaws.org)

## LogistiCare is New Medicaid Transportation Provider

A new transportation system for Medicaid patients took effect last month. This system is for clients who need transportation to medical appointments at doctors' offices or hospitals via specialized vehicles such as a non-emergency ambulance or accessible vehicle equipped with a lift and ramp. Clients enrolled in the following programs must arrange for transportation by contacting a national company called **LogistiCare** at (866) 907-1493 (or TTY 866-288-3133).

**LogistiCare** is open between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Monday - Friday.

- Wisconsin Medicaid
- Family Planning Only Services
- BadgerCare Plus Standard Plan
- BadgerCare Plus Benchmark Plan
- Tuberculosis-Related Services-Only Benefit
- BadgerCare Plus Express Enrollment for Pregnant Women

## Entries Sought for Art Contest

What did the more than 900 entries in our Youth Art Contest last year have in common? The entries show people with disabilities walking dogs, running races, flying into space, making music, playing basketball, parasailing, and much more. The students in grades K - 12 seem to get the idea behind the contest. We ask students to focus on ability. . .not disability to show that barriers and limitations can be overcome or maneuvered around. Students develop positive attitudes about people with disabilities, and the community will

see these new perspectives when viewing the artwork in the agency calendar.

Entry blanks for the 13th annual contest will be available in September. Check with your school office (in our service area of Racine, Kenosha, Walworth, Rock, and Jefferson counties) or contact the Society's Assets Racine Office for an entry blank, (262) 637-9128. Entries are due Monday, November 7, 2011.



All rides, except for hospital discharges and urgent trips, must be scheduled two business days in advance. Not included in the new program are clients enrolled in the six Milwaukee-based HMOs and those in the Family Care Program. Medicaid transportation will still be run directly through them, so clients of these programs should contact these organizations for

Medicaid transportation services. The new system is consolidating the Medicaid transportation program statewide to save taxpayer dollars. If these changes affect you, you should have received a letter about the new system. Check out this link on the state website for more details. [www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lem/CustomHelpupdates/pdf/Update062011.pdf](http://www.dhs.wisconsin.gov/lem/CustomHelpupdates/pdf/Update062011.pdf)



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## Mark Your Calendars

Society's Assets annual **Pat's Walk** fundraising event will be held at the Beach Pavilion on Lake Andrea (Pleasant Prairie) on Saturday, October 1, 2011. The 26th annual Pat's Walk raises money for the Transportation Fund to pay for specialized transportation and attendant care expenses for our consumers that attend agency-sponsored events. There are many ways to support this effort. You and your

family can sign up to walk or roll the route. You can be a door prize sponsor (\$50), a pledge prize sponsor (\$75), a lunch sponsor (\$100), or contribute the amount of your choosing. Pat's Walk flyers will be mailed soon. If you do not receive one, please contact the Society's Assets office in Racine.

The **Society's Assets Holiday Banquet** will be held on Friday, December 9, 2011 at Roma Lodge in Racine. The event includes a reception hour, sit-down dinner, visits from Santa Claus, music and dancing, and prizes. Watch for your invitation this fall.



To register, or receive more information about these events, contact the Society's Assets office in Racine, (262) 637-9128, ext. 3605.