

NATURE'S EDGE

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Fall 2008

Nature's Edge in the News

What a glorious fall we are having. The leaves are at their absolute best colors right now with splashes of red, yellow, and orange covering the countryside. Be sure to get out and enjoy our beautiful Wisconsin scenery while you can before old man winter creeps up on us once again!

September 27th found Nature's Edge hosting our 6th Annual Trail ride at the therapy center. A good time was had by all, despite a slightly cloud filled sky. Rider's enjoyed a day packed full of fun activities, good company, and good food. The trail ride is an especially important fundraiser, as it helps raise money for our hay fund which feeds the horses who serve us so diligently. Special thanks to all our trail ride sponsors, and especially to Dodge Ram, who helped make this event possible.

The holiday season is fast approaching, and with it, the season for giving. If you are looking for a unique, heart-felt gift for that person who seems to have everything, you may want to consider purchasing tickets to our Evening in Elegance Gala. This wonderful event not only helps benefit the center, but is a true pleasure to experience. This year's Gala will be held January 9th, 2009 at the Turtleback Golf, Dining, and Conference Center in Rice Lake, Wisconsin.

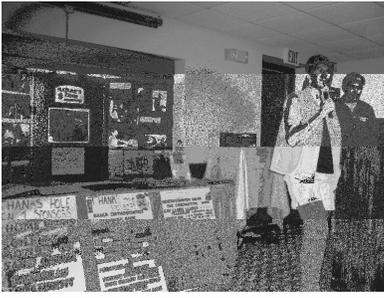
The Gala begins with a social hour from 5:30 to 6:30, followed by a delicious dinner, and a fun filled night of dancing, and listening, to the Dean's List Orchestra. The evening will be emceed by Peter Neuser, from W.J.M.C. Radio Station's. Other activities throughout the night include a silent & live auction, photography sessions, and the chance to win a diamond! Tickets are available by calling the therapy center at 715-859-6670. Call today to treat yourself, or someone you know to a truly spectacular event!

October 28th through November 1st will find Becky Lundeen and Nancy Stellrecht presenting at the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association National Conference. Nancy will be speaking on autism and movement difficulties, and Becky will be speaking about non-verbal learning in a therapeutic riding setting. As part of our goal to encourage growth and education of our staff, and center as a whole, Becky Lundeen and Mitch Demers will be traveling to Green Chimneys Farm in Brewster, New York on October 28th to participate in a workshop which will focus on nature based therapies. Green Chimneys Farm is a NARHA Premier Accredited Center that uses a variety of treatment services to help special needs clients while incorporating animals, plants, and nature.

Upcoming Events

***2009 Evening in Elegance:** Tickets will be available starting in September. This is an extraordinary event for all who attend. The cost is \$50.00 per person for a night that includes a social hour, a 4-course dinner, dancing to the Dean's List Orchestra, a silent and live auction with auctioneer Mac McDowell, photography sessions with Photography by Jane, and the chance to win a diamond! Mark your calendars now for Friday, January 9th, 2009, at Turtleback Golf, Dining, and Conference Center in Rice Lake.

***Hippotherapy: Business Development and Administration Course:** Friday, February 27th, 2009 through Saturday, February 28th, 2009 Radisson Hotel, Bloomington, MN. This is the most comprehensive seminar of its kind! This course will take you from the basics of getting started, to ideas for streamlining your operations, and enhancing your revenue. This is being taught by Teri Barnes and Becky Lundeen. Call the Center today at 715-859-6670 for more information.



Heidi Viebrock during Nature's Edge Golf Fundraiser at TurtleBack Golf, Dining & Conference Center

Best Wishes

We would like to wish Kelly Ellenberger, Talya Ethridge, Victoria Sarceno, and Mitchell Demers a successful and fun year in college. They are back in school, studying hard, and will hopefully join us again next year for an exciting and productive summer season.

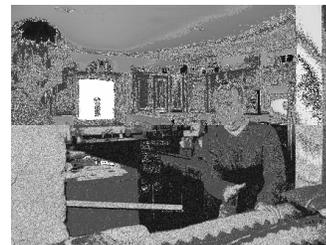


Testimonials

Lee Owen started coming to Nature's Edge Therapy Center sometime in June, and has excelled very quickly. Lee knew more than we thought, but could not express himself in a way that we could understand. In the morning when Lee gets up he can now tell his caregiver what he wants; like when he wants to take a shower, or do his daily chores. Lee has a lot of things he wants to get across, but that is difficult with the disabilities he has. Thanks to the use of the Dynavox, and therapy sessions three times a week, Lee has overcome his fears of not being able to communicate. He can point to his symbols on the Dynavox so we know what his needs are, and most importantly, Lee can initiate this on his own! The Dynavox helps Lee with everyday challenges, as he has a lot of things he would like to voice. This is very awesome for Lee. At times he puts on a smile, and can be very funny. ☺ Lee is excelling in working with the symbols on the machine and makes his own choices on what he wants to drink, which is very nice for him instead of us just giving him something to drink. Now, Lee is actually saying some words at times, which has not happened in years!

Everyone at Nature's Edge has been so helpful. It is a wonderful experience for me, as a caregiver, to see what Lee can do. Lee now plays games which he has never done before. He does wonderful with the game "Perfection" and "Guess Who?". Nature's Edge has done wonders with Lee. Things that I had never dreamed Lee could do. I have also been delighted to work with Becky and I am proud to have witnessed all the changes that Nature's Edge can provide for all people with disabilities. What a great experience!

Lee Owen's Caregiver: Linda Harwood.
(Diagnosis-Autism).



One of Lee's Physical Therapy sessions at Nature's Edge

Welcome Aboard

We would like to extend a warm welcome to Stacie Fischer who is helping assist with general office work and billing procedures. Stacie has schooling in Criminal Justice. We would also like to welcome Michelle Kolenda, performance rider, who is helping with our barn management. Michelle comes to us with immense equine experience, and a desire to help us in our mission to promote our centers growth.

Volunteers

Thank you to top volunteers this quarter: Becky Lundeen, Lucas Anderson, Roy Mortenson, Mitch Demers, Kelly Ellenberger, and Patti Siem. *Thank you also to:* Jennifer Frye, Kelly Rombach, Steffani Siem, Kaylin Block, Terry Block, Michelle Kolenda, Mason Block, Cayla Neuser, Hannah Stellrecht, Lois Miller, Katina Hodgson, Natasha Becker, Jim Lundeen, Lynda Hopke, Mark Javner, Courtney Lundeen, Debbie Krueger, Bob Krueger, Neil Hanson, Steve Clark, Jena Wozniak, Kelly Kolenda, Rob Thompson, Vicki Saraceno, Atley Crawford, Travis Lundeen, Heidi Viebrock, Kristin Zuzek, Lauri Anderson, Jewel Market, Mason Selmudu, Lisa Hassemer, Wendy Kolzow, Alley Crawford, Mason Schneider, and Nancy Stellrecht.

Thanks so much to all our loyal Volunteers!

In Need

We are currently in search of a new horse to add to our therapy team. Qualities we are searching for include:

- ❖ Quarter horse
- ❖ 7 to 13 years old
- ❖ Healthy and sound
- ❖ Well trained-walk, trot & canter
- ❖ Trail wise
- ❖ Ideal height between 14'3 to 15'2

Our center guarantees our mission of maintaining three national animal wellness guidelines. If you, or someone you know, may have a possible candidate for an equine partner, please contact the center ASAP at 715-859-6670. All equine donations are tax deductible.

ABC Retreat Center

Great progress is being made towards our goal of making the ABC Retreat Center a reality. Nature's Edge Therapy Center now owns the ten acres of land where work will begin in 2009. A civil engineering design, a rough grade, and perk testing will be the first steps. We are pleased to be looking for an independent grant writer for this project. If you would like to help, or find out more about this endeavor, please call!

The ABC (Autism, Brain Injury, and Cerebral Palsy) Retreat Center has a unique, family-centered mission to provide a setting where families can receive intensive, interactive therapy from licensed therapists, and assistants, using horticulture, and animal assisted therapy to reduce on-going out-patient therapy, and achieve successful rehabilitation into home, school, community, and work life.



Nature's Edge Annual Trail Ride 2008

Can you Help?

Nature's Edge is in need of funding to finish paying for our 2008-2009 hay fund, in the amount of \$4700.00, as well as payment for our Gator utility vehicle in the amount of \$1100.00. If you, or someone you know could help in any way, please contact the center at 715-859-6670. Thank you!

Donations

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Wish List

Riding Lawn Mower
Good quality drag for the arena
Copy Paper
Business & Manilla Envelopes,
Printer Ink (Black, Color, & Laser Jet)
Woodworking Tools/Drills
A horse for Hippotherapy
Skid Steer
Tractor with Brush Mower and Bucket
Gardening Supplies (Pots, Garden Soil, etc.)
Arts & Craft Supplies
More Great Volunteers!
No donation is too small!

Please visit our website at

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Our professional staff is registered with the North American Riding for the Handicapped Association (NARHA), and the American Hippotherapy Association (AHA) using horses as therapeutic tools, the Delta Society Pet Partner Program, and People Animals and Nature (PAN). Nature's Edge is a Delta Affiliate Center. The Center is a NARHA Member Center and working towards a Premier Accreditation Center.

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No, I am unable to give of my time and talents, but would like to give a monetary donation to Nature's Edge Therapy Center, Inc. I would be happy to give a gift of \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500
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