

NATURE'S EDGE

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Nature's Edge in the News

Summer is officially here! The animals are enjoying lush, green grass, and we all are hoping for a productive growing season this year. Everyone at the center has been happy to welcome in the longer, sun filled days, and the tranquil evenings, that summertime in Wisconsin is known so well for.

A good time was had by those attending our annual Golf Scramble on May 20th, at Turtleback Golf, Dining, and Conference Center. A special thank you to the many sponsors, donors, and volunteers that helped make the day a success. Congratulations to the winners of our \$100.00 raffle: Roy Mortenson, Tim Bodis, The Chetek Snowflyers, and Pete Martin.

Our Youth of Promise Program is off to a great start under the supervision of Alyssa Mellon, who is very excited about this years program. On July 25th, Taco John's will be donating 10% of their sales from 5 p.m. to closing, to the Youth of Promise Program. Alyssa would like to remind everyone of the upcoming plant sale August 4th, the trip to Valley Fair August 6th, and the Youth of Promise Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Night August 20th. Please come show your support for our volunteers, and youth participants, as they contribute not only to the therapy center, but to our community as a whole.

The Annual Nature's Edge Therapy Center Trail Ride will take place September 29th, at the therapy center. This is the 5th year for this event, which has proven to be a day full of fun for all involved. Come join us for the trail ride, or come enjoy a hay wagon ride, along with many other activities that are planned through out the day.

Tickets for our New Year's Gala/ An Evening in Elegance, will go on sale in September. These make wonderful Christmas ideas, for a gift that is sure to be remembered. The Gala will be held January 11th, 2008 at Turtleback Golf, Dining, and Conference Center. This is not only a vital fund raiser for the center, but truly a remarkable evening to experience.

We will be offering a Level 1 Social Skills group every Tuesday from 4-5 p.m. starting September 18th. The group is designed to help participants with social interactions such as greetings, turn taking, and basic conversation skills and strategies. The cost for the program is \$120.00 (non-refundable). Please contact Becky for further information.

As always, we are actively searching for volunteers to help at the center. If you, or someone you know, would like to donate your time, or talents, please call Becky at 715-859-6670.

Upcoming Events

* *Our Annual Youth of Promise Plant Sale* will take place Friday, August 4th, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m., at the therapy center. This is an excellent opportunity to see the hard work our youth participants have done over the summer, while purchasing some great deals on plants for your yard, house, or both! On Monday, August 6th, Youth of Promise participants, and volunteers, will be traveling to Valley Fair for a day of fun and relaxation. We will leave the center at 7:30 a.m. and return at 7:30 p.m. Please contact Alyssa if you can help with chaperoning this fun trip. If anyone else would like to join us, or meet us there, the cost is \$22.00. The program will wrap up with our Youth of Promise Open House and Volunteer Appreciation Night on August 20th, 2007 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m., all are welcome.

* *The 5th Annual Nature's Edge Therapy Center Trail Ride* will take place September 29th, at the center, with check in time at 9:00 a.m. Pledge forms for the ride can be obtained by calling 859-6670 or 859-2991. Other activities planned for the day include a hay wagon ride, petting zoo, door prizes, good food, and good company. All horses must have an original negative Coggin's report, and a minimum of \$25.00 in pledges is required for each rider. Family discounts are allowed!

* *Tickets for An Evening in Elegance* 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 5 course dinner, dancing to the Dean's List Orchestra, a silent and live auction with Mac McDowell, photography sessions with Photography by Jane, and the chance to win a diamond! Mark your calendars now for January 11th, 2008, at Turtleback Golf, Dining, and Conference Center in Rice Lake.

Farewell

A fond farewell to Dr. Rhonda Davis, who will be moving to Utah. For this reason, Dr. Davis will no longer be part of our Board of Directors, but will serve on our Advisory Board from now on. We wish Dr. Davis the very best. We would also like to wish Samantha Schindle all the best with her future endeavors in the state of Washington, where she, and her fiancé will be moving to soon. After many hours of therapy service, three of our equine partner's will be retiring from the hippotherapy program. Goodbye to Scout, L.J., and Cooper, as they retire from the therapy center, and move on to be loved in companion homes.

Welcome Aboard

We are pleased to introduce Freja, an eight year old Norwegian Fjord, who will be joining our hippotherapy team. Freja comes to us from Crysten Nyseth, has training in dressage, and is a joy to be around! We look forward to working with Freja in the future.

Volunteers

Last year alone, Nature's Edge recorded over 3,300 volunteer hours, and a total of over \$90,000 in product and monetary donations. Hats off this period to top volunteers Peggy Williams, Justin Miller, Amelia Franti, Debra Greiner, Louise Buchmann, Sharon Miller, Roy Mortenson, Courtney Lundeen, Becky Lundeen, and Jim Lundeen. Other volunteers included Matt Armington, Tim Bodis, D'Ann Fletcher, Mark Jevner, Hannah Lambert, Sarah Lambert, Ann Lapazinski, Travis Lundeen, Samantha Schindle, Dr. Mary Schoenberg, Heidi Jo Sovacool, Samantha Stearns, Carrie Varga, Julia Wiesner, Sarah Wiesner, and Chris & Eileen Zanko.

**Thanks so much to all our loyal
volunteers!**

Congratulations

Congratulations to Dan, Mark, and Roxanne for graduating from our therapy program. We take great pride in watching you reach your goals!

We are very proud to relay that Nancy Stellrecht, our Physical Therapist, has been accepted to graduate school and will be pursuing her master's degree. Congratulations Nancy!

Special Thanks

The 3-M Foundation has donated \$200 to our organization in recognition of Heidi Viebrock's commitment to outstanding service. Heidi has donated more than 200 hours completing volunteer activities. 3-M is pleased to recognize, and support the commitment to helping others.

Special thanks to the Electrobraided Company, which granted an incredible new fence for our horses-we are blessed!

Please note that Dodge is the primary sponsor for our annual Trail Ride this year. We are very fortunate to have such great support.

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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.

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