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Visions from the Valley

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Exciting Changes Happening with Ham 'N Jam 2017!

~Mary Vogl Rauscher

Ham N Jam will have a new date—**May 13th** as well as a New Location—The **Watermark** in Downtown Beaver Dam. The event **starts at 3pm and goes until 8pm.**

This year we are going to make a few changes to this fun filled event. The main reason for the change was we wanted a venue that is not weather dependent.

Many things remain the same. We are still selling special raffle tickets prior to the event. You can pick them up at Rehek's Food Pride as well as Green Valley. Top prize is still \$1000.00 cash. There will be additional cash as well as other prizes. Tickets are \$5.00 each or 5 tickets for \$20.00.

We will still have delicious food for sale including pulled pork sandwiches. We also will have a variety of



drinks for sale including adult beverages. This year we will also have Culver's Custard!

Beaver Dam's Most Wanted is again playing for the event.

We will still have additional raffles the day of the event as well as a 50/50 cash raffle.

We are seeking sponsors for the event at these levels: Platinum donors contribute \$1000.00, Gold donors contribute \$500- \$999 and our Silver donors are \$250-\$499.

These donors will be on our T-shirts,

web site, as well as numerous promotion materials. Individuals or businesses donating \$100 or more will be listed on our web site.

We are also in need of raffle items for this event. Please consider donating an item or gift certificate. If you have an item to donate or if you or someone you know will sponsor the event, please contact Mary Vogl Rauscher at 920-887-4282; mvoglrauscher@gveinc.org.

Ham N Jam is our biggest fund raiser. We need your help in order to make this event a success and use our proceeds to serve our mission!



Green Valley's Adult Day Program Receives Award from Care WI



Green Valley's Adult Day Program at the Trösten Haus was nominated and won the 2016 Exceptional Service Implementation Award —
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Adult Day Program at the Trösten Haus Welcomes Spring

~Mary Weiss

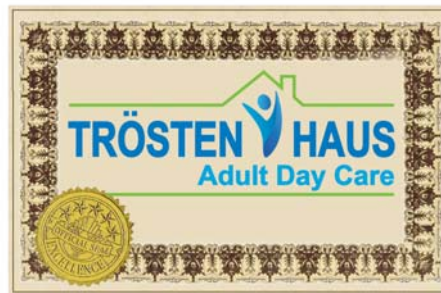
As spring slowly arrives, and the last of the snow melts and robins begin to appear, there is always a renewing of spirits among the Adult Day clients. The reminiscing of "days back when" can be heard amid clients sharing stories around the table. Clients have often shared stories about favorite Easter recipes and desserts; helping prepare fields on the farm to receive their new crops; planting vegetables and fruits in the backyard garden; relentless spring cleaning routines and chores shared by sisters and brothers; buying new dresses at the "dress shop" for the spring dance; attending truck rally races and tractor pulls. The experiences and knowledge passed around is endless and refreshing.

Adult day staff work creatively to offer clients activities that can bring these memories and joyful times to life. There are quite a few opportunities planned for the adult day clients this spring. Staff and clients will soon be making plans for our garden. They will be filling our planter box with fruits, vegetables and herb-plants that will later be used for baking activities and afternoon snacks. A prom-themed dance is scheduled for May where hors d'oeuvres will be served and our juke box will be playing favorite songs from yester-year. Staff will also be implementing a new water-color class in April that will allow clients to express their creativity while painting. The class will also allow clients to reminisce about other past-time favorites.

The Alzheimer's Association will be offering its annual Wisconsin state conference at the Kalahari in May. Adult day staff will be attending this conference and participating in workshops that will provide insightful and



effective ways to support a dementia-capable environment. This conference has always been a favorite among the staff.



Green Valley's Adult Day Program at the Trösten Haus received good news the morning of February 24th.

The Provider of Service from Care Wisconsin informed me that Trösten Haus Adult Day Care was chosen to receive the 2016 Exceptional Service Implementation Award. Adult Day Care staff will be presented with a certificate on March 15th by Care Wisconsin's Provider of Service and the Care Manager who nominated the Trösten Haus. The staff and I are truly humbled and honored to receive such an award from Care WI. It is surely through the efforts and support of all that makes this recognition possible!

Here's one of those favorite recipes!

Quick Easter Ham Glaze

1 c Karo Syrup (light or dark)

1/2 c firmly packed brown sugar

3 TBSP prepared mustard

1/2 TSP ground cloves

Dash ground cloves

In 2 quart saucepan, combine all ingredients. Stir constantly, bring to a boil over medium heat and boil 5 minutes.

GVE Receives \$125,000 Transportation Grant

~ Bob Anderson

Green Valley Enterprises Transportation Department recently received a 5310 government grant from the state of Wisconsin. This funding allows us to purchase two 2017 midsize buses. We will get the buses in the fall of 2017. The grant will cover the majority of the costs.

One of the buses will be used to replace a 2005 school bus with 300,000 miles. The new bus will result in saving money on operational costs while maintaining reliable and dependable transportation to meet the needs of our clients.

The other mid bus will be used specifically to support community inte-

grated activities that foster independence and employment. Clients will experience an expansion of community based trips and outings. These various activities will have an impact on clients achieving their personal goals and objectives.



The two new vehicles, along with the rest of the fleet, will have our new logo and branding on them. Look for the newest members of our fleet in the fall.

Birth to 3 Follows Best Practices to Coaching

~ Kathy Clark



Birth to 3 has always been a fluid program that looks at current trends and studies and incorporates the findings into the over-all program.

Currently our Green Valley Birth to 3 Program has been striving to comply with best practices put forth by the state to implement a primary coach approach to teaming. The primary coach approach to teaming is defined as the use of a multidisciplinary, geographically-based team, where one member is selected as the primary coach. The member receives coach-

ing support from other team members, and provides direct support to the parents and other care providers using coaching and natural learning environment practices. The purpose is to strengthen parenting competence and confidence in promoting child learning and development.

The geographically-based team would be a group of early intervention practitioners consisting of (minimally) an early childhood educator, occupational therapist, physical therapist, speech-language therapist, and a service coordinator responsible for all referrals to our Birth to 3 Program within a predetermined area.

The primary coach approach to teaming uses coaching as an interaction style. Coaching is an evidence-based adult learning strategy used for talking with parents and other care providers to recognize what they are already doing that works to support child learning and development as well as building on ideas.



Our program currently has many of the coaching practices in place. Monthly staff trainings are currently taking place which are inching us closer to implementing the primary coach approach to teaming in Dodge Co.

What does all of this mean for our Dodge County Birth to 3 Program and how will it impact us? This is a question we continue to explore as we move forward with implementation. We do know that our Dodge County Birth to 3 Program will continue to provide the very best family friendly services we possible can while complying with the state Birth to 3 guidelines.

Grant Provides Training to Help with Employment Programs

~ Rebecca Glewen

Green Valley Enterprises took the opportunity to write for the 'Building Full Lives in the Community' technical assistance grant from the Wisconsin Board of People with Developmental Disabilities (BDPP) this fall. The grant includes training from state and nationally known programmatic experts, to help us learn how best to increase our community-based services for the future. We are honored to be one of only five organizations state-wide that have been awarded this opportunity in 2017.

Since being awarded in January things have moved along quickly with



GVE staff participating in several webinars as well as 3 days of on-site value stream mapping exercises. In the upcoming year Green Valley staff will continue to develop strategies to help expose people with disabilities to new and different experiences contributing to greater community inclusion.

Our outcome goals include moving individuals with diverse abilities from mere presence to active participation in community life through increasing customized employment opportunities. Our agency objective is to offer choices and self determination in daily activities. This grant will allow our agency to work with managed care organizations to provide such opportunities.

We thank the Employment and Production teams for taking on this new initiative to continue to provide the best services possible for our participants.

New Life Academy Location Update

If you've driven past the former Haas property on Burnett and University Ave. you may have seen dumpsters being filled and emptied as old walls, flooring, plumbing and light fixtures are removed from Green Valley's new Life Academy location. The property is currently being renovated and should be completed early April.

As we plan for the move to the new location we are excited to contemplate all the new opportunities this centrally located property might be able to provide

for individuals at Green Valley and students from surrounding area school districts.

The new building is handicap accessible and convenient to those that have physical limitations, something not available at our former Life Academy location on Prospect Ave. The space itself will be an open-concept plan that features large open spaces for future recreational use, areas for group video lessons regarding employability skills, computer lab access, kitchen cooking/

learning sessions, laundry instruction and the potential for space for small group programming or private counseling sessions.

We are excited about the potential for this building project to attract new community partnerships with area businesses and nonprofits in order to increase and develop services and supports that are individualized and full of choices for the individuals we serve.



Congratulations Austin!

Austin Reinhard recently became a permanent employee of Schumann Printers, Fall River, after successful completion of an internship in collaboration with Green Valley Enterprises. The internship was designed as a time-limited paid work experience to assist an individual with understanding the day-to-day work requirements in a competitive integrated work setting. Austin successfully completed a three month training period and is now a proud staff member of Schumann Printers where he handles materials for recycling.

New Customers Bring New Pre-Vocational Training Opportunities

~ Shawn Madeiros

The pre-vocation (production) staff has worked tirelessly on new client training opportunities due to a few new customer product lines that were added since the beginning of 2017. In addition, Green Valley has secured a commitment from another new customer that has ordered equipment specifically for the GVE production floor. The company has a large volume of work forecasted for GVE so it is very exciting! The drive to add more client training opportunities (new business) is an ongoing effort as we continue to serve our mission.

The staff has shown tremendous resolve in problem-solving and teamwork. GVE participants are receiving real-world training while understanding deadlines. As a team, the production group works to exceed expectations of the sub-contract customer.



The pre-vocation staff continues to document successes for every single participant on the GVE work floor. The documentation process is very vital to define supports that may be needed for a participant to succeed whether it's at GVE or in integrated employment. GVE staff utilizes as much data as possible to decipher potential community sites for placement. The pre-vocation staff works directly with GVE em-

ployment specialists to find integrated community employment so the working relationship between the two departments and staff is vital.

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just a few times a month,
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Van Graphics Promote Production Services To

A busy, profitable production department is important to the mission of Green Valley Enterprises, both in pre-vocational training and supplemental income to help fund Green Valley's important programs.

When making deliveries to businesses, the production van has been updated with graphics to promote the services of the production department.

Community Outings an Important Part of SNAP Programming

~ Meg McKnight



The SNAP Department is a great place to spend the day! We work with clients, families and caregivers to provide a meaningful and productive day for every individual. We do this through the cares we provide: toileting, feeding and bathing as well as the many and varied activities we offer throughout any one day. We provide one-on-one activities, small groups, large groups and at the end of the week our “Fun Fridays” event in which every single client participates. Our daily activities promote skill maintenance and development in important functional areas. Our list of available resources is vast and our staff creative and fun.

Of all the activities we offer, outings into the community are one of the favorites and one of the most vital! Outings give our participants a chance to leave the department and explore new places in the community, have different experiences and meet people that they might not have the chance to otherwise. Being in the community promotes communication and socialization, not just within the group but with members of the community that we meet along the way. We practice appropriate manners and learn how we fit in to the complex system of working and living together.

We venture out into the community at least 3 to 4 times a week visiting an increasingly diverse number of local and outlying community venues. We have many local partners in Beaver Dam that we visit on a weekly/monthly basis including the Y for swimming and Fitness Friends classes, the Seippel Center for art therapy, the Watermark for Bingo, Tower Lanes for bowling and lunch, Beaver Dam Community Library, Walmart, Animart, Roger’s Cinema, Dance Now and a wide variety of restaurants and ice cream parlors to name just a few.

When the weather turns nice we venture farther afield and take in museums, local events and seasonal attractions and some of our favorite annual events include the Dodge County Fair, Henry Vilas Zoo, a summer baseball game and a tour of the Capitol in Madison. This event is actually on tap for March 8th and is much anticipated (it includes a stop at the food court at EastTowne Mall, yum yum) by clients and staff alike. The staff at the rotunda is wonderful and take us on a guided tour of the building, pointing out interesting and historical features, telling us what takes place, who works there and answering any questions we might have. It is an exciting adventure, just one of many to be had in SNAP!



A trip to the State Capital



FROM THE DESK OF THE Executive Director

BRIAN JACOBSON

It has been an exciting beginning to 2017. Late in 2016 Green Valley Enterprises (GVE) purchased a building to increase our services for youth. The building's interior has been demolished and the remodeling process is in full stride. GVE's Life Academy Students toured the building and they can't wait to move in!

GVE received the Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce Non Profit of the Year Award in January. GVE's Management Team and most of our Board attended the ceremony. It was very gratifying to know that the community appreciates the work GVE is doing! It was also a nice opportunity to recognize GVE's dedicated staff.

Speaking of dedicated staff, GVE's Trosten Haus are being recognized by Care Wisconsin this month as the recipient of their Exceptional Services Implementation Award. If you have any relatives or friends who could benefit from respite care, I would strongly encourage you to set up a tour. You can see firsthand why Trosten Haus was chosen for this prestigious award.

Guardians of GVE participants who are in production will be receiving a letter in mid March. This letter will explain that UW Whitewater will be conducting Career Counseling and your permission is needed for your participant to attend. It will be very important to sign and return the documents you will receive. New WIOA regulations will not allow participants to work in our production floor without career counseling.



*Accepting the Non-Profit of the Year Award on behalf of
Green Valley Enterprises*

GVE recently received a Building Meaningful Days Grant. The grant's purpose is to help agencies like GVE move towards more community based and integrated services by focusing on consumer driven individualized services. The grant will help GVE to define where we are presently; where we want to be in the future and how we will get there. GVE's goal from this process is to perform our mission better than ever. This truly is a very exciting time for staff, participants and our participant's families!



***When you have a chance,
be sure to check out
our new website at
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