



# Visions from the Valley

Green Valley Enterprises, Inc.

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## Brian Jacobson Named Executive Director of the Valley!

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. My name is Brian Jacobson and I am very excited to be coming on board as the new Executive Director of Green Valley Enterprises, Inc. (GVE). I have spent the last 24 years in a director capacity at ADVOCAP, Inc. a large not for profit agency with a mission to eliminate poverty in Fond du Lac, Winnebago and Green Lake Counties. The bulk of my career has focused on directing a broad variety of employment and education programs for people with barriers to employment. In my early years I worked at Hodan Community Services as their first Employment Specialist and later at the Madison Opportunity Center as a Work Floor Supervisor. More recently, my staff and I had been cited the governor's award for providing superior services to area refugees and received this year's award for operating a nationally recognized Fatherhood Program.

My wife Jessica and I moved to the Beaver Dam area about two years ago, after she accepted a Marketing

Manager position at Apache Stainless Equipment Corp. Jessica spends much of her free time volunteering her talents to help out area not

Beaver Dam. Jacky spent 33 years working at Hodan Community Services, a rehabilitation center for special needs individuals



for profits and promoting community causes. Jessica and I have really enjoyed living in Beaver Dam. I am an avid fisherman and spend much of my free time on Beaver Dam Lake.

Jacky Jacobson, my mother also recently moved to

located in Mineral Point, Wisconsin where she retired as Deputy Director two years ago. Jacky proudly states that her son is carrying on a family tradition! My father worked for 50 years as a Lutheran Minister and passed away 2 years ago, I

am sure he would view my new position as a great opportunity to serve the community.

Change can be a bit unsettling. I am aware that policies that could affect service providers like Green Valley are in flux. One thing that will not change is Green Valley's commitment to serving individuals with special needs and their families. Green Valley has a long tradition of service, a dedicated board, a strong leadership team, and a vital mission. I believe with change often comes new opportunities.

In closing, I would like to extend a special note of thanks to Jack Hanks, who has been a great help to me during this transition. Jack developed great systems and a dedicated team at GVE. I look forward to meeting our program participants and their families, and learning about and collaborating with other community organizations.

## Trösten Haus Holds Open House to Showcase Programming and Services

Mary Weiss, Trösten Haus Adult Day Services Manager, recently invited area residents to tour Green Valley's "crown jewel." The Open House brought in over a dozen families interested in learning more about the Trösten Haus facility, staff, and programming. Many were awed by the beautiful facility and the wide range of program offerings. Weiss explained the many benefits of attending Trösten Haus including transportation availability, bathing services, small group outings, and a wide

variety of classes.

Trösten Haus offers caregivers much needed respite—a break from the toll 24 hour care-giving can have on health and well being. Trösten Haus also offers flexible scheduling and a safe, relaxing home-like environment. For more information call Mary at 920-887-4282, or email her at [mweiss@gveinc.org](mailto:mweiss@gveinc.org).



## Birth to 3 Kiddos Receive Grant from Wisconsin Knights of Columbus



used to treat listening difficulties; an approach which involves incorporating whole body treatment.

Therapeutic Listening™ uses sound training in combination with sensory integrative treatment techniques which emphasize

In January, the Wisconsin State Council Knights of Columbus approved a grant to Green Valley for \$1,700. The grant request was for the purchase of Therapeutic Listening Equipment™ and received approval from the Committee for Helping People with Intellectual Disabilities! Therapeutic Listening™ is one approach

vestibular stimulation and postural movement strategies. The stimulation programs combine the therapeutic benefits of music with sophisticated sound technology. The sound stimulation used in Therapeutic Listening™ appears to set up the nervous system preparing ground for emergent skills.

A typical Therapeutic Listening™ program may be in place for two to six months for initial gains, however, many individuals continue past this time frame as part of an ongoing sensory diet.

Thank you State Council

Knights of Columbus, as well as our local chapter. Without your generosity this grant wouldn't have happened! Oh, and a big thanks to all of **you** who donate by buying Tootsie Rolls during the K of C's annual Tootsie Roll Drive!

## Help Us Keep Summer Safe and Fun!

It looks like summer is finally on its way! That means an increase in outdoor outings and activities, and hopefully lots of sunshine!

Donations of sunscreen, bug spray, and cases of water are always welcome this time of year. Your donations help staff make sure that



outings are as safe and enjoyable for clients as possible. Please make sure that products have not expired before donating. Donations can be

dropped off at the Green Valley front office between 7:30 and 4 PM, Monday through Friday. Have a safe and happy summer!



## You Are Cordially Invited...



...to have a piece of cake with the clients and staff at Green Valley. We will be celebrating Executive Director Jack Hanks' retirement on Friday, June

12 throughout the building. Parents, guardians, caregivers, Board Members, business associates and friends of Green Valley, please join us for a piece of cake and an opportunity to wish Jack well in his next life chapter! Cake will be served in the client break room from 12:30 until 2 PM. We hope to see you there!





## Did You Know...

...that there are **lots** of ways to raise funds for Green Valley? For instance, did you know that the Beaver Dam Piggly Wiggly

has a generous donation program for nonprofits? On the bottom of your Piggy Bank receipt it will tell you how many "Piggy Bank" dollars you earned on your purchase. By dropping your receipts off at Green Valley you help us raise money! We take all of our donated receipts to Piggly Wiggly, and owners Brenda and Daryl Schoenfeld write us a check for the Piggy Bank dollars amassed. Please participate in this painless fundraising effort!

## Ham 'n Jam Raffle Tickets: Is This YOUR Year to Win???

 Music by: BD's Most Wanted	<b>Green Valley Enterprises</b> 1223 Madison Street • Beaver Dam, WI 53916 <b>HAM 'N JAM</b> July 25th • 4-9 PM Beaver Dam Conservationists' Club Ticket Cost: 1 for \$5.00 or 5 for \$20 Need not be present to win ► \$1000 cash ► \$750 cash ► \$500 cash ► \$250 cash ► and much more! Complete list of prizes at <a href="http://www.gveinc.org">www.gveinc.org</a> Prizes drawn at 8 PM	 Food & beverages available for purchase!
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There's only one way to find out—and remember—, you can't win if you don't play! Raffle tickets are on sale now! You can purchase tickets from any Green Valley Employee or at the Piggly Wiggly and Rechek's Food Pride service desks. Green Valley's front office also has tickets available and is open from 7:30 AM to 4 PM Monday through Friday.

**Tickets are 1 for \$5, or 5 tickets for \$20** (think of it as a free chance to win the big prize!). The pink ticket drawing will take place at 8 PM. You do not need to be present to win.

Ham 'n Jam is Saturday, July 25th at the Beaver Dam Conservationists' Club from 4 to 9 PM featuring musical entertainment by Beaver Dam's Most Wanted for the fourth year in a row.

Mike Kuzniewicz, owner of Bayside Supper Club and local chef extraordinaire, has generously offered to prepare the pork and beef again this year (**THANK YOU MIKE!**). If you haven't tried one of these tender, juicy sandwiches you'll want to mark your calendar—it's **that** good! Five dollars buys you a

large hot beef or hot pork sandwich, chips, beans, and coleslaw. Alcoholic and nonalcoholic beverages will be available for purchase.

One of the most popular activities of the evening is the ongoing raffle prize drawings. Tickets for prize packages are sold for a buck a ticket, and winners are pulled every half-hour.

Ham 'n Jam pink ticket prizes are added right up until the week before the event. Check our website, [gveinc.org](http://gveinc.org), for prize listing updates.

You can also donate at [gveinc.org](http://gveinc.org) (our website). Simply click on the "Donate Now" button on the home page. If you would prefer to give monthly, click the "Give Monthly" button to set up a recurring donation. Visa, MasterCard, Discover and American Express cards are accepted. Or how about using AmazonSmile for purchases? All you do is select **Green Valley** (see **below**); easy peasy right?

We are *always* grateful when we receive funds bequeathed in a last will and testament, or donations suggested by individuals or their family members upon the passing of a loved one. We are thankful for **ALL** donations large and small!

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### Our Mission:

We help individuals with special needs, and their families, achieve maximum potential and independence through an array of services.

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Jack Hanks

Get your Ham 'n Jam Tickets Today!  
Tickets sold at Recheck's Food Pride,  
Beaver Dam Piggly Wiggly,  
and Green Valley.  
**NOT FOR SALE AT THE EVENT!**



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