



Wauakee Neighborhood Connection

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Important Dates

February 5th - Super Bowl Raffle
Rex's Innkeeper

Volunteer Donation dates:
JAN 4, 6, 9, 11, 13, 20, 21, 25, 27
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Double Donation Day - JAN 26
Community Change Program

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the WNC Super Bowl
Raffle and Party!
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WNC SUPER BOWL RAFFLE & PARTY 2012

Rex's Innkeeper and Best Buy are once again partnering with WNC for their annual Super Bowl Party, buffet, and raffle. WNC has three amazing prizes thanks to the great support from Best Buy.



Purchase a \$10 raffle ticket and a chance to win...

- 55" Toshiba LCD 1080dpi TV (retail value \$1200)**
- 40" Toshiba LCD 1080dpi TV (retail value \$500)**
- 16 GB White iPad (retail value - \$500)**



Or, you can purchase a \$20 ticket for a chance at the raffle AND the "all you can eat" buffet and all of the beer or soda you can drink at Rex's during the game. The raffle will be held during half-time of the game. You need not be present to win. All proceeds go to WNC! Come to Rex's Innkeeper on Super Bowl Sunday, February 5th, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. to watch the Super Bowl in style. The game starts at 5:30 p.m.



Tickets can be purchased at Rex's Innkeeper, Neil's Liquor, Village Mobil, Wauakee Summit Credit Union, the WNC Store, or online with a credit card via pay pal. You can also purchase tickets by mailing us at WNC, 215 South Century Avenue, #316, Wauakee, WI 53590. Please note how many raffle tickets and/or buffet tickets you want.

We could use help selling raffle tickets! Would you be willing to take some to work, your group meetings, or sell to your neighbors, family, and friends? The proceeds from this raffle will allow us to pay rent and keep dozens of programs running year round. **Please contact us if you want to help.** Email us at info@WauakeeNC.com



Be sure to follow WNC on Facebook & Twitter for reminders!



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Having Fun and Helping WNC!

The **High School Pay It Forward Club** will host a fun **“Freaky Friday Dance”** on January 13th for 5th and 6th graders. Every student who brings and donates a roll of toilet paper to **WNC** will get a \$1 off admission! A fun way to support **WNC!**

NATIONAL SERVICE DAY

On Monday, January 16th, from 1-4 p.m. there will be a National High School Service Day at **WNC!** All High School Students are invited to come and serve the Waunakee Community at the **WNC** store. This is a great opportunity for students and for **WNC!**



Save a bundle and make a change!
Save more. Give better.
Over 60 restaurants, salons, spas and more supporting charities and schools through Community Change.
Support our organization while saving 50% or more with every great deal!
WWW.THECOMMUNITYCHANGE.COM

DOUBLE THE DONATION!

The Community Change Program offers discounted gift cards from local area merchants. Donors can take advantage of the great savings. In addition to getting great deals, donors can choose **WNC** as the benefit charity and **WNC** will receive **20%** of those purchases.

The Community Change Program will be doubling their donation on Thursday, January 26, 2012 and **WNC** will receive a **40% donation** from the

Community Change Program. Please support our area merchants and **WNC.** You can purchase your gift cards at: www.thecommunitychange.com/

Join the WNC Team!

We have an awesome **WNC** team! We will be expanding that team even more in the New Year! We are looking for help with writing grants, exploring options for raising money for **WNC**, and volunteering to lead a Saturday shift. We'll also be looking for more volunteers to help at the Store and with client shopping days. If you know of people who have been wanting to get involved with our community and with **WNC**, please share this information and our newsletter. Please connect with Genna Eaton at info@WaunakeeNC.com



Colleen's Contemplations

“Perception is reality.”

I was told that recently. It had to do with something a friend of a friend overheard in the grocery store. It seems someone was waxing eloquently about the rise in immigrant families in Waunakee, all due to the work we do at **WNC.** We apparently make life so easy that people are moving here en masse.

Well, that person's perception is not my reality. From where I sit, I see increases in every category of people. I've seen a remarkable increase in the number of seniors who have chosen to use our services. Apparently, between the senior center, the food pantry, and **WNC**; we've made life so good for seniors that they are moving here in droves just to take advantage of our programs. Of the new families I've registered in the last couple of months, there were single parents, unemployed people, a new widow, people who are disabled, families struggling with medical bills for the sick and dying, and a couple of families with adults in school. There are as many reasons for struggling in this economy as there are people in need. And those people in need are not all immigrants.

“Perception is reality.”

It makes me sad to think that we're allowing this perception to persist. I'm proud of the work we do. I think it's honorable and Christian to help our neighbors. There is nothing easy about poverty. If we can lighten someone's load, we should be able to do so without being told we're enabling people. When I look around at the people in our community, I feel sorry for the people who label the faces they see as “immigrant” or “senior” or “single parent” or “medically challenged” or “unemployed”. I see the face of God in every soul that walks through our door.

My perception: “**WNC** helps people through the rough times in their lives.” So if your friend of a friend overhears people spreading maliciousness, tell them what the reality really is.

Colleen Woerner
WNC Office Coordinator

Delicious Pizza - Great Donation!

WNC thanks **Mark Venditto** and **Cory Reithmeyer** and their crew for sponsoring **Papa Murphy's Day**.

An entire day of 10% of all proceeds for **WNC!** Also, thanks to all our high school volunteers who came to help. They did a great job!



Spotlight Dance Academy Holiday Support



Thank you to **Spotlight Dance Academy** owners **Erin Cotter** and **Tiffany Igielski**, along with their entire staff, their dancers, their families, friends, and community supporters for the amazing outpouring of generosity they provided to **WNC**.

"Twas the Night Before Christmas" the 2011 **SDA** holiday benefit show, was filled with energy! The audience enjoyed a wonderful performance and the proceeds will provide much needed funding to **WNC** for the upcoming year.

In addition to the monetary support, we appreciate the donation of pajamas, socks, warm winter clothing, and toiletries. We thank you all for your time, talent, and giving spirits this Christmas to help your neighbors in need. We know you all sacrificed a lot to provide a role model to our community on how to give back to others. Your contributions will help many throughout the year. Thank you!



WAUNAKEE UTILITIES - Promoting Warmth!



Thank you to **Tamara Sondergreth** and the thoughtful folks at **Waunakee Utilities** for helping to promote warmth by asking donors to bring in new sheets and blankets. These donations will help to keep many families warm throughout the winter!

Grandma Gretel's Gingerbread Houses

Thank you to all who came to decorate **120 gingerbread houses!** Everyone involved had a great time. We'd like to especially thank **Lois Schuren** who brainstormed this wonderful idea, **Tim Brubaker** who designed the great flyer, **Cory Schuren** for the awesome photos, **Jody Greiber** and her children for being the **WNC** representatives, and **Amy Neitzel** and the **HERO Club of Waunakee High School** for their outstanding help! What a sweet treat for the kids, the parents, and the volunteers.



ADOPT A FAMILY PROGRAM - SUCCESS STORIES!

We want to thank all the people, families, businesses, classrooms, neighborhoods, and groups who helped with the **WNC Adopt-a-Family Program**. A record breaking **63 families** were adopted this year. What an amazing blessing you all were to these families who would have gone without some basic essentials and some extra cheer this year. We know it takes financial and time sacrifices during your busy holiday season. We appreciate it and wish you could see the tears flowing as they received your gifts.

SURPRISE!



Ryan Ubersox, SkillsUSA Advisor, notified Genna of a big surprise! Giving her the surprise contribution were: **Brandon Acker - President of SkillsUSA, Katie Greiber - President of FFA, and Alex Brost - President of FBLA**. The contribution, which was matched dollar for dollar by **Deanna Pooke, Waunakee Summit Credit Union**, provided Christmas Share meals for 30 families!

COMBINING CREATIVITY AND CONTRIBUTIONS!

Natasha Lutes gathered her neighbors for one reason - to make the lives of our Neighbors a little nicer. This group gathers monthly to create and make things for **WNC**, including hair accessories, necklaces, hats, and scarves! Way cool!



KOKOPELLI - "Karing for Others"

For the 2nd year in a row, **students at Kokopelli Kafé at WHS, lead by Monica Dedrick**, have taken their earnings from the Kafé and then shopped for items on the **WNC Needs List**. They love to shop – each person purchases their own special gift! This year, they delivered their items to the **WNC Store** to see 'where it all happens'. It was touching to hear why they picked the items they did – what a blessing for us all!



Sharing the Goodness of Christmas

Lynne Mueller talked to her **pre-school students at St. John's School** about honoring her for Christmas by giving her an awesome gift - that of donating to **WNC** for their Christmas Meal Program so that others in our community could receive a delicious meal. Students contributed 14 delicious Christmas meals! Thank you to all of the **students** who contributed.

A Need Fulfilled! COATS!

Isabelle Dunai saw the need for winter coats. She held a drive her neighborhood. In addition, she reached out to her school - the **Intermediate School** - and both **purple bins** collected many, many, coats which her mother, **Rebecca**, transported to **WNC**!



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THANK YOU!

What a great “problem” to have! Too little space to talk about our many Christmas programs and thank all who make them possible. We want to thank all of our volunteers, donors, business partners, schools, churches, and community groups for not only making December 2011 a great month for our neighbors in need, but for making all of 2011 a fantastic year for **WNC**. No matter how big or small you feel your contribution was this year, **YOU** made a BIG difference to **WNC** and to the *over 250 families and seniors we serve in Waunakee!*

We want to thank the literally hundreds of people who helped with our **Annual Christmas Meal** distribution. We are deeply grateful for all of the tremendous support of your time and donations to support the community in this way. Thank you **to all of our individual and business donors** for your generous contributions to help cover the costs of our record breaking 240 meals this year. A special thanks to **Rich Hellenbrand, our strong Waunakee Warrior Football Players and Coach Pat Rice, Cub Scout Pack 246 and Sarah Lee and our 2 special angels!** Without all of you, including so many who we are unable to list by name, we wouldn't be able to provide those in need in our community with the support and love they desperately need.



240 Christmas Meals - Ready to Go!



Thank You!
For The Delicious
Christmas Meals!



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NEEDS LIST

If you have any of these items, please drop them off at our store **when we are open**, or **at the Police Station**, Mon-Fri from 7am - 5pm.
All donations are tax-deductible.

Appliances

Dehumidifiers (2)
Microwave (6)
Refrigerator (1)
Vacuums (8)

Furniture

Beds (7)

Cribs (3)
Chairs (6)
Coffee Tables (5)
Couch (1)
Dining Sets (16)
Dressers (8)

Electronics

DVD Player (2)
Phone

Small Appliances


Blenders (6)
Fans (1)
Toaster

Misc. Items

Area Rugs (2)
Coats (XL, 2X & 3X)
Computers (4)
Exercise Ball—Large
Floor Lamps (3)
Garbage Cans (small)

Kitchen Towels (4)
Pots & Pans (4)
Scooter (Kids)

January 2012

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 Volunteer 8:30am-12:30pm CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	3	4 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	5 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	6 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	7
8	9 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm & 6pm-8pm 	10 CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	11 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	12 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	13 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm 5th & 6th grade dance 7:00-8:30pm Arboretum school	14
15 Blackhawk Church 1:30-3:30 pm	16 High School Day of service 1-4pm	17	18 CLIENT Shopping 10am-1pm	19 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm	20 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	21 Volunteer Donations 9am-11am
22	23 CLOSED No School	24	25 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	26 Intermed. Students Volunteer 2:30-4pm Community Change double donation day	27 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	28
29	30 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:30pm	31				

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