

THE CONNECTION

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IMPORTANT NOTES

Please note our summer hours on the calendar.

Volunteer for the WNC WaunaFest Food Booth. See times to volunteer on pg 1.

Join us on July 7th - 9-11 a.m., to assemble school supplies at the WNC store.

July Volunteer days at the WNC store...6, 11, 13, 18, 23, 27
Join the Fun!

Contact us to get involved.
We love great volunteers!

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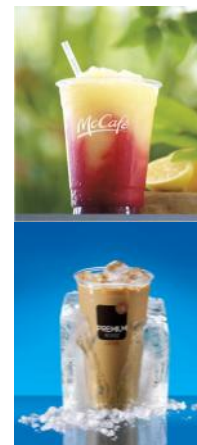
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Great Partners!

WNC is partnering with two great local businesses for WaunaFest...McDonalds and SUBWAY!

WNC volunteers are excited to invite you to enjoy delicious sub sandwiches from **Subway** and refreshing drinks from **McDonalds**.

Volunteers will be selling sub sandwiches, iced coffee, and frozen strawberry lemonade, for **WaunaFest**, at Centennial Park on July 29, 30, and 31.



Adults— Now is the time to Volunteer for WNC!

We need adult volunteers to serve food at the **WNC** booth during the following times:

- **Friday, July 29** 3:00 -7:00 p.m., 7:00 -11:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, July 30** 9:00 a.m.-Noon, 12:00 -3:30 p.m., 3:30 - 7:00 p.m.
7:00 - 11:00 p.m.
- **Sunday, July 31** 9:00 a.m.-Noon, 12:00 - 3:00 p.m., 3:00 - 6:00 p.m.

Please call us at 849-5740 or e-mail info@waunakeenc.com to let us know which day and time you would like to volunteer to help.

Thanks to **SUBWAY** and **McDonalds** for their generous support!



Look for another surprise or two at the **WNC WaunaFest Booth!** You will not want to miss out!



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Operation School Supplies!

Collection and Volunteer Opportunities!

Think about all that is involved with getting school supplies - shopping, dealing with sales, and the money required. For some families, figuring out what to cut from a limited budget to have the money to purchase supplies is a major decision. WNC is proud to assist all of the **Wauakee Schools** and partner with **Joining Forces for Families** to help out. It is a pleasure for us to help every child in Wauakee to enter school prepared with supplies. YOU also can be involved with this fun project!

VOLUNTEER: We need help sorting supplies. We will be sorting supplies on Thursday, July 7, 2011 9:00 - 11:00 a.m. at the Wauakee Neighborhood Connection Store. Please call us at 849-5740 or e-mail us at info@waunakeenc.com to confirm that you will be volunteering. If you have some spare time, please join us- we'd welcome your help.

PURCHASE: If you see a great deal when you are shopping for your own school supplies, please add a few of the items below to your shopping cart and donate them to WNC. Please drop off the items in the **WNC Purple Bins** located at **Walgreens**, the **Piggly Wiggly**, the **Wauakee Police Station**, or the **WNC store**.

We've included a partial list of the items we need below:

- Markers
- Loose Leaf Paper
- Highlighters
- Binders
- Colored Pencils
- Sharpies
- Backpacks



WALGREENS - JULY SALE ITEMS

Pens	Backpacks
Pencils	2 Pocket Folders
Markers	School boxes
Notebooks	Highlighters
Crayons	Binders
Colored pencils	Loose Leaf Paper

DONATIONS: If you would like to contribute monetarily, you can donate to WNC online via PayPal, or you can write a check payable to WNC. Be sure to indicate that the donation is for school supplies.

Thank YOU for helping to prepare all students for the school year.



Watch for the WNC "Fill-the-Bus" Campaign in August!

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Colleen's Contemplations

Once upon a time... one mom organized a few other moms in an effort to make certain every child had a warm coat. From that humble beginning people came together to do more to help kids in their community feel connected and cared for. This little village decided that every child, no matter what it took, needed to have everything every other child took for granted. Kids need more than just warm coats in the winter. Kids need to have clothes to wear, food to eat, and shelter from the weather. But the little village didn't stop there. They wanted those kids to have all the little things that their classmates had. They should have snazzy new notebooks and folders and pencils for a new year of classes. They should have things that help to make their houses into homes that they'd feel good about opening up to friends. The parents should have the work clothes and transportation to get to jobs. Everyone should have a bed of their own that gives them rest and peace. So this little village, without using anyone's tax dollars, set up and supported a "free store," where every child could come pick out something for themselves or their families. The free store was a place to find items they need, as well as items that make them feel special. That little free store grew to be a place that the village could be proud of. As need in the village grew, the little free store grew in new and exciting ways. People in the village started sharing in ways that felt important to them.

- One person brought scholarships for basketball camps.
- One family gave out baseball tickets for other families to enjoy.
- One person decided school seniors should have free pictures taken.
- Another person felt strongly about prom dresses, so every girl could feel like a princess.
- One person wanted to honor every mother on Mother's day.
- And yet another person felt everyone's birthday deserved to be celebrated with at least a card and a cake.
- One single mom + kids decided to adopt another single mom + kids at Christmas time.
- One person decided to help write resumes and teach people how to do well in an interview.
- Several families buying new cars decided to give their old, but still running cars to people who needed reliable transportation.
- One person spent a summer taking in old bikes and fixing them up to give away.

People gave whatever their hearts compelled them to. That little free store overflowed with wonderful items and even better - love! That little village created a warm friendly place for people to go for help, for guidance, and for connection. Families were strengthened, kids flourished, and the little village not only had a way to help people, but a way to teach their children about caring for others. And as long as people see the value in helping others and step out to do the things they feel strongly about, they live happily ever after.

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MEET WNC's YOUNGEST VOLUNTEER

Ashley is living proof that there is a place for every person, young or old, to help out at Waunakee Neighborhood Connection!

Ashley comes to the WNC store every week (with her parents, of course). Her parents are strong volunteers and excellent role models for **Ashley** - even at her young age! Come in, volunteer, and you may get to meet our youngest volunteer!

ReMachine Update

Two more computers were donated to families during the past month! **That's a total of 10 computers** that have been donated since we started the program at WNC! This ongoing program is a tremendous success story! Remember - we want your unused computer items. Thank you to all who are contributing and thanks to **ReMachine!**

Check out **ReMachines** at their website: www.remachines.com



A GREAT WAY TO GIVE!

So often, children provide us with the ideas and inspiration to make a difference. Over the years you have read about children who have organized an event to help raise money or gather items to donate to **WNC**. These children have provided us with a wonderful model.

Recently we were reminded of how simple it is to contribute when a generous **adult donor** asked folks to provide a monetary donation to **WNC** in lieu of presents for her 50th birthday. What a great way to celebrate LIFE and help make the lives of our neighbors a bit better.

We invite you to do the same. Let your family and friends know that you would like them to donate to **WNC** as a "gift" to you! You may also want to let another know that you are donating to **WNC** instead of giving them a present directly. Thank you to all who are modeling this thoughtful and generous practice for others.

- Please check out our **WNC** website regularly.
- Share the website and Facebook page with your family & friends.
- Take a look at the donation guidelines.
- Always review the "needs" list.
- Donate online via pay pal.





- **Michelle Knatz** for sponsoring 4 Waunakee basketball camp scholarships.
- **Connie Tenjum, First National Bank**, for picking up ALL of the school supplies and WNC bins which took several trips.
- **LEO Club at the Middle School and advisor Mike Shucha** for collecting birthday cake mixes and frostings for our client birthday bags!
- **Jeff Templin, EC Moving & Storage**, for continuing to partner with WNC by allowing us to keep our bins in their amazing warehouse!
- **Russ Kuehner, Staples Advantage**, who donated much needed office and school supplies to WNC.
- **Ooh La La!** The generous folks at the store continue to donate beautiful, clothing to WNC.
- **Paige Guttenberg** for creating our letter "N" for the Pay-It-Forward Community Garden!



Volunteers are welcome to join us at the Garden Site (south of the Middle School) each Tuesday at 9 a.m. to weed and cultivate garden goodies. These goodies are shared with those in need in our area.



MALLARDS GAME

Thanks to the generosity of **Al Ripp of TDS Telecom**, several families enjoyed great seats and food at the brand new Mallard's stadium on "Bobble Head Night!" Another bonus - the Mallards WON that evening!



CONGRATULATIONS to the **61 generous individuals** who supported **WNC** by signing up to walk! The results - the walkers are healthier and the friends in our community benefited!

A special thanks to **Chad Updike** who initiated this first annual event! We are looking forward to even larger numbers of participants in the upcoming years! Start recruiting your walking team members now!

It Runs in the Family!

Recently we featured two brothers who had a birthday party where they collected toilet paper "cakes," toys, and money to donate to WNC.

Will Ross, the older brother used the same approach at his recent birthday party to collect toiletry items, as well as "needs list" items, and money for **WNC**.

Will and his brothers are setting a high standard for all of us - as this picture of his generosity clearly shows!

GREAT JOB WILL! Thank You!



Thank you to the **Benusa Family** who donated soccer balls, kick balls, and basketballs. Every family who visited the **WNC** store in June was able to receive a game ball to stay active over the summer. Thanks for the thoughtful gifts!



Clothing	Appliances	Sew Machine (1)	Furniture	Misc. Items	Small Appliances
New underwear	Dehumidifiers (5)	Vacuums (10)	Beds (18) all sizes	Bicycles (4)	Fans
Swim suits	Dryers (2 apt)	Washer (1)	Chairs (2)	(various sizes)	Computers (2)
Summer clothing (all sizes)	Freezer (1)		Couch (4)	Strollers (3)	DVD player(4)
	Microwaves (2)		Dining Set (2)	Swing Set	VCR player
	Refrigerator (1)		Dressers (4)		

OUR WNC STORE NEEDS...A HANDY PERSON!

We would love to have another “handy” volunteer who could help us with ongoing small installation and repair jobs around the store. We would also appreciate the donation and planting of more colorful plants in front of the store. Please call 849-5740 or e-mail us at info@WaunakeeNC.com to help out!



July 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-11:00 am	7 School Supply help 9-11am	8	9
10	11 Volunteer 8:30am-11:00am CLIENT Shopping 5-8pm	12	13 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-11:00 am	14	15	16
17	18 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-11:00 am	19	20 CLIENT Shopping 8:30am-12:00pm	21	22	23
24	25 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-11:00 am	26	27 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-11:00 am	28 WaunaFest Food Booth 4-11pm	29 WaunaFest Food Booth 3-11pm	30 WaunaFest Food Booth 9a-11p
31 WaunaFest Food Booth 9a-6pm Parade at 11:00am						