



Waunakee Neighborhood Connection

# THE CONNECTION

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## Laundry Soap and Diaper Drive Update

The "temperature" is rising as we strive to reach our goals! We have just **22 days remaining** in our Annual Diaper and Laundry Soap Drive. Due to your generosity, we are going straight up on our thermometer! Help us reach our 2011 goals to collect **750 containers of laundry soap and 500 packages of diapers (sizes 4, 5, and 6)**.

Collections are happening all over the community - from schools, to businesses. Check out all the places you can donate on page 3. Join your neighbors and friends by donating to this fun annual drive! **YOU** are making a difference in the lives of our community members!

### Thank you to Brownie Troop #1102

Troop 1102 helped collect items at **Piggly Wiggly**. Brownies reminded customers to purchase and drop off laundry soap and diapers as they exited the store. The **Brownies** collected **115 bottles of laundry soap and 29 packages of diapers - in just 4 hours!**

Thank you to: **Allison Harrod, Reem Itani, Ashley Sawicki, Jordyn Jarvi, Riley Miller, Abbie Wink, Romy Gonzalez, Hannah Tomar, Addy Piette, Emma Piette, Ava Bryan, and Lauren Breukink**. The troop members were very successful! Thank you!



### YOU'RE INVITED WNC OPEN HOUSE Thursday, October 6th, 4:30-7:30pm.

You will receive a free raffle ticket to win a beautiful quilt! We'd love to meet you to share information about **Waunakee Neighborhood Connection** and how it supports our neighbors in the Waunakee community. Come tour the store, learn more about **WNC**, and how to get involved by partnering with your civic group or business, offering donation ideas, or volunteering in many ways!

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### SHOP ONLINE!

Matching Dollar  
for Dollar!



No time to shop? **WNC** and **Alice.com** make it easy for you to donate online. **Alice.com** is our drive sponsor and **matches donations dollar for dollar up to \$5,000**. Funds will be placed in a **WNC** account at **Alice.com** allowing **WNC** to order what's needed throughout the year. You benefit immediately - everyone who donates online will receive a \$10 gift card to use at **Alice.com**.

**Donations are made online at WNC's website.** Be sure to indicate that your donation is for the laundry detergent and diaper drive.

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# Planning For Christmas



The weather is quickly changing, and the Packers are winning! Both of these - weather and football season - are reminders that it is time to start preparing for the winter holidays! We're pleased that groups and businesses are planning how they can be involved with WNC's client Christmas programs this year. This is perfect time to talk with your clubs, churches, business, classroom, organizations, neighborhood groups, family and friends about how you can support our neighbors in need during the holiday season. There are plenty of ways you can help!

## Give the Gift of a Christmas Meal

WNC will once again partner with the local **SHARE** chapter to provide free fixings for a wonderful holiday meal for families and seniors in need in our community. Your donation of **\$34 covers the cost of one meal**. Last year WNC provided **220 meals**. Think about giving up a couple of lattes or looking around for loose change at home to donate to this cause. Help your children learn about helping others by involving them. Come up with creative "competitions" or opportunities at your place of business to raise money to donate. It's fun to see which department or group can raise the most money.



## Adopt-a-Family or Senior in Need

Love to shop for specific people and specific needs? Our adopt-a-family program collects a needs-based gift list from WNC client families or seniors in the most urgent need, and provides you or your group the list. You do the shopping, wrap the gifts and return the gifts to WNC, who delivers the gifts to the recipient. Classrooms, local clubs, neighborhoods, businesses, and individuals have adopted families in previous years, and the appreciation of our clients is overwhelming. Lists typically include items we take for granted like clothing, blankets, underwear, gift cards for gas, or taxi rides, and even toiletries like toilet paper, paper towels, and cleaning supplies. You will be asked how large a family you wish to adopt, and we match a family or senior to you. This program continues to grow in the number of community member involved and families helped!

## Hold a Drive for Specific Needs

There are numerous items that are always needed at **WNC**. Sponsor a collection drive with a book club, men's group, bible study group, youth organization, or business for some of our most needed items, which include new blankets, underwear, pajamas, vacuum cleaners, or specific items on the client needs list (see page 8 or the website). Contact us and let us know what you are collecting.

## Donation of Adult Christmas Gifts for Kids Shopping

We invite you to collect and donate adult Christmas gifts for our annual "**Kids' Shopping Event**." Children of our clients come to the **WNC** store and select Christmas gifts for their parents or care givers. We are in need of items for adult males, (such as socks, tools, razors, shaving cream, cologne, etc.), but all items that would be nice gifts for adults are welcome. Please be aware that gifts that **do not** require children to know sizes are the best.

## Opportunities Abound

WNC has plenty of opportunities for you and your family to get involved. If you would like to donate your time and talent, please let us know. You may be the perfect person to help organize and plan an event, or support it in a special way. **We welcome your help!**



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**Keep your eyes on the WNC 8 foot tall thermometer** displayed in town, tracking the progress toward our goals to collect **500 packages of diapers & 750 containers of laundry soap**.

Check our [WNC website](#) and [Facebook site](#) frequently to monitor the progress of the drive, learn about promotions, offers, and view exciting pictures!

Thank you to **Duane Statz** for building the progress meter and **Sherri Helmke** for painting and detailing it. WNC thanks **Karen and Marv Greiber at Greiber Heating & Cooling**, **Piggly Wiggly**, and the **Village of Waunakee** for hosting our **WNC** thermometer.



Thank you to **Liz Bortoletto** and students from her **Globe University massage class**. Community members enjoyed relaxing chair massages while benefiting **WNC's** diaper and laundry soap drive. Thank

you also to the **Village Center** for providing space for the students to volunteer their services for all to enjoy chair massages.

Thanks to **Karen Endres of Inspire 4 Fitness, LLC** for hosting a fun Power Circuit event to kickoff our Annual Drive! Participants enjoyed a great workout while donating laundry soap and diapers to WNC. Thanks to **Denise Vine** for coordinating the event, to the **Village of Waunakee** for providing space at Ripp Park and to **Jeff Hellenbrand of Hellenbrand Water** for providing water bottles.



## DETERGENT & DIAPER DRIVE OPPORTUNITIES - DONATION LOCATIONS!

This is a great time to get your creative & competitive juices flowing! Follow the lead of others to create individual and group challenges to collect and donate the largest amount of packages of diapers and/or bottles of laundry soap. Take a look at what some of our partners are doing:

- **Sun Life Tanning:** Receive a free tan for a container of laundry soap or package of diapers
- **St. John's School and Faith Formation:** All school competition, diaper box sculpture contest
- **Adventures in Learning:** Having family fun night to collect laundry soap and diapers
- **Arboretum Elementary:** Having kids earn change to donate to the drive by doing chores at home
- **Waunakee High School Warrior Corner Store:** Bring in a bottle of laundry soap or diapers and receive 10% off one regular priced item, or 30% off a clearance item
- **Piggly Wiggly:** Offers weekly specials on soap and diapers; and collecting money at check-out
- **Walgreen's:** Offering weekly specials on laundry soap and diapers
- **Crossroads United Methodist Church:** Is stacking diapers as high as the pulpit, and filling the chancel steps with laundry soap
- **Prairie Elementary:** Third graders are coordinating the drive collection

Drop off donation at any of the locations listed above or these additional drop-off location: **Heritage Elementary School, Fitness for Success, Village Mobil, Waunakee Police Station**, and the **WNC store**.

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## Quilt Raffle

We are excited that **Loretta Holmen** created and donated a beautiful quilt to support a **WNC raffle**. **Raffle tickets for this quilt are available for \$1 each or six tickets for \$5.** The lucky winner's name will be drawn on **NOV 18, 2011!** Tickets may be purchased from a **WNC volunteer**, or [on our website](#).

**Online donations can be made via credit card, bank account or PayPal, just mark your donation for the quilt raffle and your tickets will be mailed to you.** Check the [WNC website](#) and [WNC's Facebook page](#) often to know where the quilt is on display. We are needing volunteers to help sell tickets. If interested please contact the WNC store at (608) 849-5740 or [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com).



## Colleen's Contemplations

I've just about had it. I had two dear clients die in the last month. I'm not sure I can take it anymore. One was a sweetheart who used to bake me cookies, and the other was a young mother of a 3 yr old. I was not close to either, but my heart just aches for the families.

So here's the down-side of the job we do: You come to care about each and every person. You know their stories, the successes and the challenges. You know how excited they get when they find a silly knick knack that matches their kitchen. You know how much they appreciate everything you do for them. You know that someone who is coming from a dialysis appointment, but still determined to bring you a plate of cookies, is someone who understands how much of your own family time you give up for them. You know how hard it is for people to admit that they need help. If there weren't children involved, many people would struggle through and do without. But because there are children involved people put their kids before their pride. They open up their lives to us. They admit to us how tight their budgets are, and how much the diapers we give out really help. We get to know them, and they become an extended part of our families. So it's really hard to lose them. Even though you may try to be professional, somehow they sneak into your heart. And so, you open yourself up to heartbreak.

Even though I really hate this feeling, I don't think I'd actually change a thing. I think the human connection is one of the nicer parts of WNC. So, I guess I'm not quitting my job this month. It was an honor to have been a part of their lives. It's an honor to be able to do the job I do. I couldn't do what I do without all the things this community does for WNC. Thank you.

**Colleen Woerner, WNC Store Manager**

## WNC Needs YOU!

**WNC** has two programs that are in need of volunteers. **YOU** might be the perfect person.

**Client Newsletter.** We need a volunteer to create our quarterly 4-6 page client newsletter.

**Birthday Bag Program.** We need volunteers to donate assembled birthday bags. You and your family decorate 20-30 8X10x4 inch bags with handles, and fill them with a boxed cake mix, ready made frosting, and other "gender free" fun items you wish to provide such as toothbrush & toothpaste, bags of microwave popcorn, movie cards, and other fun treats.

**Call 849-5740 to let us know of your interest and learn more.**



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## EAGLE SCOUT HELPS WNC SOAR!

WNC has been blessed with another eagle scout project. Read all about the project from the scout himself, **Spencer Tuttrup**.

*"One long year ago, I contacted Genna Eaton in search of an idea for my Eagle project. An Eagle project is a service project undertaken by a Boy Scout to achieve the highest rank. When I initially decided to begin my Eagle project, working with WNC was an obvious choice because I was familiar with the organization from previous volunteering opportunities. I contacted Genna to discuss possible projects. The one project that seemed to stick out to both Genna and me were adjustable rolling shelves. These shelves would be very flexible in the small space available in the WNC store. Just like that my project started. Using skills learned in tech-ed classes, I designed a shelving unit on*

*Autodesk Inventor in my free time between classes and at lunch. After I had the shelving unit plans done, I took them to Genna for approval.*

*I estimated the cost for two shelving units was between \$225 and \$275. I needed to start fundraising. At this point, I thought my project was going really easily, and didn't know fund raising would be the hardest part of the entire project. I was very nervous. One call I made was to **Premier Builders**. Without hesitation, **Jeanette Acker from Premier Builders** happily wrote me a check. I didn't know how much the check was going to be because she didn't say on the phone. Later, after picking up the check from the super polite receptionist, I opened it and was amazed to see a significant portion of my project paid for, well over what I asked from them. I am extremely grateful.*

*Part of an Eagle project includes other scouts assisting with the project. During the building, painting and delivery of the shelving units, I had the **assistance of several scouts from Troop 46**. When thinking of where to get paint, **Ace Hardware** popped up in my head because they have a paint station right in their store. I was really nervous to go into Ace and ask them if they could donate any paint. Instead of being turned down, the staff at Ace was super helpful and found 3 quarts of mixed paint. They tried their best to get it as white as possible, which turned out as a nice tan color. They not only gladly gave me the 3 quarts, but on top of the paint, they threw in a new stirring stick and bucket for free.*

*The project was a huge success. Not only did I pick a project that I enjoyed, it was for an organization I believe in. I got to experience new things that I would never have done otherwise such as fundraising, planning out a materials chart, preparing final documentation, and even building the shelves. All of that experience is a positive on my life. Before I started fundraising, I was extremely nervous and thought nobody would help me, but now I know the people of Waunakee are there to help you when you need it. I not only got the experience personally, but I also know my shelves will help the Neighborhood Connection with their storage issues for many years. - written by **Spencer Tuttrup**.*

## Seafood Boil Benefits WNC

On August 20<sup>th</sup>, **Tom O'Rourke (President and CEO of Connolly Clarke, LLC)** and **Tarek Saleh** held their 4<sup>th</sup> Annual "Swelter in the Shelter" Seafood Boil at Tierney Park. A donation was taken up on behalf of WNC and many of the attendees graciously contributed. **Connolly Clarke, LLC** matched the amount collected for a total donation to WNC of \$600. Thank you to **Tom, Tarek, Connolly Clarke, and all who participated** for their generosity, and for making a difference!



Our partnership with **RE Machines** continues to be a success thanks to your generous donations of used computer equipment. This month **ReMachines** has refurbished your donations and **given us six systems** to provide to appreciative clients. Thank you to all who have donated and **ReMachines** for their work. We look forward to continuing to help clients with this program.

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## Community Partners at Client Registration

September is WNC's annual client registration month. Over 200 people attended to register for 2011-2012 services and learn about services. We registered 124 families for services for the new school year! This year we invited several of our community service partners to speak at the meetings. Thank you to **Pastor Bickle of North Ridge Church; Lorriane Meyer, Public Health Nurse; Bob Blankenhagen of Joining Forces for Families; Rona Neri-Bergman of Safe Families & Family Friends, and Nicole Madonia of Mothers of Preschoolers** who all spoke of programs and services available to our clients. Thanks to all our volunteers who helped with registration, especially **Annie Oliver-Tomar** who translated! **HUGE THANKS TO LARRY GEHRI and the LIONS CLUB for providing the wonderful Tent for the meeting – setting it up and taking it down – we really appreciate their support!**



## High School Org Day

**WNC's High School Liaisons & WNC Board Members Sara Vincent and Brandon Jaeger** coordinated a WNC Booth at the High School Organization Day in September. Brandon & Sara shared with other students about WNC, and ways they could get involved. Students signed up to receive notifications for help needed. So far, students have created flyers, hung signage and sold raffle tickets. What a great way to start the year!

# Thank You Partners!

- Thank you to **Gina Interrante** for hosting a Bike Ride to raise funds for WNC. What Fun!
- **To the Waunakee High School Student Council** in their Coat drive, which collected 170 coats for WNC families in need. Thanks to **Megan Fitzpatrick and Lily Vanderbloemen** (pictured right) who coordinated the event with **Advisor Tim Mommaerts**.
- **To Tom Grunder and his students** for hosting WaunaRock to raise money for WNC's diaper drive. **They submitted their donations online so the funds they raised were matched by Alice.com.**
- **Shelley Murphy of Ooh Laa Laa** for continuing to donate nice clothing for our clients. Fall items including sweater are now in at Ooh Laa Laa!
- **Dan Schubring** who recently participated in a Pay-it-Forward event and received \$10 to give to WNC. Thanks for thinking of us!



- **Coldwater Creek at Greenway Station** for hosting a clothing drive for WNC.
- Thank you to **Laura Liebe and Denise Vine** who have volunteered to work with our **Intermediate School students** every Thursday after school at the WNC Store. Students help with hanging, organizing, and many projects. Pictured left is our first two week's volunteers: **Back row: Eli Rodriguez, Jimmy Wallis, Katie Engwall Front Row: Emma Grindle, Chelsea Wood, Reagan Hoopes, Kaylee Schroeder, Mattie Houghland.**

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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.

<b>Appliances</b>	Microwave (1)	Chairs (5)	Entertainment Center (1)	<b>Miscellaneous Items</b>
Carpet Shampooer	Vacuums (2)	Desk (small)	Video Cabinet (1)	Bicycles (2)
Dehumidifiers (3)	<b>Furniture</b>	Dining Set (5 - small)	<b>Small Appliances</b>	Glassware
Dryer (1)	Beds (9) all sizes	Dressers (2)	DVD Player (3)	Pots & Pans
Freezer (1)	Bookcase	End Tables (1)	TV (3)	Swing Sets (2)

# October 2011

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2	3 Volunteer 8:30am-12:30pm <b>CLIENT Shopping</b> 5-8pm	4 English Group Class 12:30-2:00p Bethel Circle	5 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	6 Intermed. Students 2:30-4pm	7 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	8
9	10 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm & 6pm-8pm	11 English Group Class 12:30-2:00p <b>CLIENT Shopping</b> 5-8pm	12 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	13 Intermed. Students 2:30-4pm	14 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm Mrs. Armstrong's kids here 12-1	15
	<b>NEW!</b> →					
16	17 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	18 English Group Class 12:30-2:00p Bethel Circle	19 <b>CLIENT Shopping</b> 10am-1pm	20 Intermed. Students 2:30-4pm	21 Closed No School	22 Volunteer & Donations 9:00am-Noon 1st Presbyterian here 9am-Noon
23	24 <b>CLIENT Shopping</b> 8:30am-12:30pm	25 English Group Class 12:30-2:00p Bethel Circle	26 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	27 No School	28 Closed No School	29
30	31 Volunteer & Donations 8:30am-12:30pm	The holidays are just around the corner! Has your family considered adopting another family for Christmas? It's a great life lesson for your kids!				

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