

# THE CONNECTION

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## DROP-OFF HOURS

Please see page 4 for a detailed calendar of drop-off times for the month of August 2008.

## SPECIAL NOTE

The WNC Store will have limited hours for the month of August to allow our volunteers to have a much needed summer break.

## BACK TO SCHOOL

The final school supply assembly is



planned for Monday, August 4th from 9am-Noon in the Intermediate School Gym.

If you still have supplies to donate please look for drop-off sites at local churches/business, or email us at [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com) to schedule drop-off/pick-up. We need all supplies by August 1st. Monetary donations can also be given to WNC (tax-free). Please note on the donation that it is for school supplies.



## WAUNAFEST 2008: A WNC SUCCESS!

WaunaFest was a wonderful time, and a great success for WNC. From being in the food booth selling Milio's subs, to sponsoring the 30th annual WaunaFest Run, to building our first float and walking in the parade.



It was hot and exhausting, but fun was had by all! See page 5 for thanks & more photos!

## MOJO'S SAFETY & AWARENESS FUN!



MoJo's Sports Pub & Grill is sponsoring a safety & awareness weekend August 8-10, 2008 (see flyer on page 6). **Proceeds from the weekend will benefit Waunakee Neighborhood Connection.** WNC will be at MoJo's from **Noon -5pm on Saturday, August 9th** to help with the family fun activities.



Come, have some food, let your kids play in the bouncy-house, sit in emergency vehicles, look at the construction equipment, or stop by the car wash. There are events on Friday and Sunday too, including free music, food deals, golf and volleyball. **See you at Mojo's for food & fun!**



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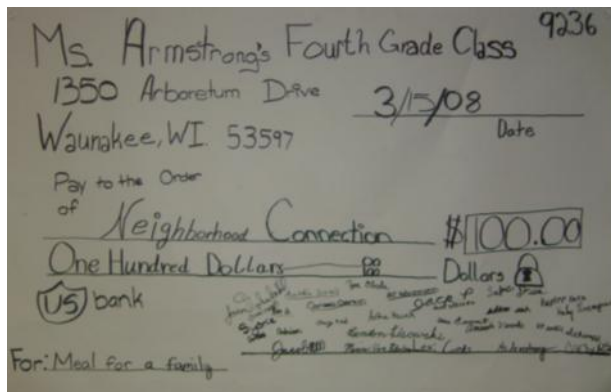
# Teachers "Serve" WNC

By Monica Butler, School to Work Coordinator

Waunakee teachers participated in the Community Partnerships course where they learned about "service learning" and visited a variety of area businesses. Twelve Community Partnerships course teachers served a minimum of two hours at the Waunakee Neighborhood Connection during the past school year, including helping to fill and distribute Easter "Holiday" Baskets and sort donations for WNC.

True "service learning" goes beyond volunteering. When students learn classroom concepts by doing service for the community, they understand the concept better and have the heartfelt experience of service. Research shows that once a person participates in true service learning, this experience will be repeated in their lifetime. A worthy partnership with students, teachers and WNC!

Lori Armstrong, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher at Arboretum Elementary, took the concept of service learning into her classroom. Students collected money to purchase an Easter meal for a needy Waunakee family, and collected \$100, enough for four families. Students presented the check to Genna Eaton.



Aimee Spahos and Joan Schmidt, 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers at Waunakee Intermediate School, involved her class in the community by sponsoring a Car Wash for WNC at Summit Credit Union. The students were excited to collect over \$1000, which they chose to purchase diapers, gas cards and toiletries with!

## WNC OFFICE CLOSED

Just a reminder, the WNC office will be closed for most of the month of August to give our hard-working volunteers a much deserved summer break. Please see the calendar on page 4 to find our two available donation drop-off dates. We will resume our regular hours after school starts in September. Thank you for your support!

## GOD'S ANSWER CHART

You Say: It's impossible!  
God Says: All things are possible. (Luke 18:27)

You Say: I'm too tired!  
God Says: I will give you rest. (Matthew 11:28-30)

You Say: I can't go on!  
God Says: My grace is sufficient (II Corin. 12:9)

You Say: I can't manage!  
God Says: I will supply all your needs. (Phillip. 4:19)

You Say: I'm always worried and frustrated!  
God Says: Cast all your cares on ME! (I Peter 5:7)

You Say: It's not worth it!  
God Says: It will be worth it. (Romans 8:28)

You Say: I feel all alone!  
God Says: I will never leave you or forsake you. (Hebrews 13:5)

## VOLUNTEERISM SPIRIT!

Check out these amazing stories from two of our donors. What a gift they shared with WNC and what great, fun ideas for unique ways to contribute! Catch the volunteerism spirit from these families!

### THEY PUT THE FUN IN FUND RAISING!

On a recent Saturday in July **Tarek Saleh** and **Tom O'Rourke** from Southbridge neighborhood hosted a seafood boil in the Tierney Park shelter for a small group of family and friends. Along with the fun of the boil, they decided to raffle off a set of eight tickets for Packer Family Night at Lambeau Field on August 3rd, and then donated the proceeds - \$225- to WNC. Just one small way to make a difference!



### COLE'S BIRTHDAY GIFTS GO TO CLIENTS!

**Cole Kennedy** (above) was given an option for his birthday: have a party at home & receive gifts or have a party at KEVA & have his guests bring gifts to donate to WNC for the adopt-a-birthday program. Not only did Cole and his friends donate MANY bags of **new** toys but they also brought in clothing, sporting goods, & school supplies! WOW! Just goes to show you're never too young to contribute!

### Did you like these ideas?

Want to do something cool too? Think about initiating a project with your church, organization, business, family or friends ... or just on your own. Be creative and surprise us - we LOVE surprises!

### COLLEEN'S CONTEMPLATIONS



Fatigue...

That's my theme for August. And looking back it was my theme last year as well, so it must have to do with summer and all the fun and busy things we do here at WNC. Waunafest. I would guess there are a great number of volunteers who could barely move out of bed this morning. If you were one of the many who helped us at the concession booth and during the parade, thank you. It was busy, but a lot of fun. We were able to raise some money, raise some awareness, and connect with a few more folks in the area who could use a little bit of help. As our float said, "Success: we chalk it up to our Volunteers!" We'll be out again on the 31<sup>st</sup> to support the National Night Out, and then we'll be doing a community outreach with MoJo's on the 9<sup>th</sup>, but you'll notice we are taking some time off in August. We're tired. Do you know how on airplanes they say put your own oxygen mask on first, before helping others? Well, here at WNC we need to be reminded of that often. We're no good to anyone else if we don't take time to recharge our batteries. I can tell when fatigue is creeping up on me by my attitude towards people. I have less patience and I'm more easily insulted or hurt by words or lack of gratitude. It's hard to constantly give. Sounds like parenting, doesn't it? Well, we're recommending to all you volunteers out there with sore muscles and thoughts of sleep, rest. Put your own mask on first, whether that is by napping, fishing, running through sprinklers, or just sitting outside first thing in the morning with a cup of coffee and heart of gratitude. There will be plenty to do when you've rested and you'll have a better attitude when you return. Love, prayers, and again thanks to you all.

Colleen Woerner, WNC Store Manager

# NEEDS LIST

If you have any of these items, drop them off at our store when we are open. Remember, you can obtain a tax donation slip when you drop them off.

## FURNITURE

- Queen Mattress & Box Springs
- Dressers

## BIRTHDAY GIFTS

- **New Teenage Girls/Boys**

## FALL CLOTHING

- **Size 4-16 boy/girl**

## BICYCLES

- Adults & Teens
- Tricycle

## APPLIANCES

- Sm. chest freezer
- **AIR CONDITIONERS**
- **FANS**

## KIDS TOYS

- Basketball
- Skateboard

## LINENS & TEXTILES

For linens please place in containers or wrap with sizes, etc. marked

## BABY ITEMS

- Pack-n-Plays
- Baby Swing

## CARS FOR CLIENTS

## HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Kitchenware
- Dishes
- Vacuum

## STORE NEEDS

- Garbage Bags 32 or 39 gal.
- Stamps
- Envelopes

## MONETARY DONATIONS

Cash donations help cover our expenses like rent. **Coming Soon:** Donations through PayPal using credit cards or EFT withdrawals from a bank account.

# August 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
We are having very limited hours during the month of August, due to preparation for the new school year and the need to run through sprinklers with our children.					1	2
3	4 School Supply Assembly 9am-Noon Intermediate Sch Gym	5	6	7	8	9 Waunakee Safety and Awareness Weekend at Mojo's Sports Pub. Proceeds to benefit WNC!
10	11 DROP-OFFS 5-7pm	12	13 DROP-OFFS 8-11am	14	15	16
17	18	19	20 School Supply Distribution Intermediate School	21	22	23
24	25 Mandatory WNC Client meeting 9am and 6pm	26	27	28	29	30

# WAUNAFEST THANKS & PHOTOS

## WAUNAFEST A SUCCESS!

We had a great time, sold lots of subs, & enjoyed our float. Now for a HUGE thank you to all who made it possible.

- **Steve Ripp** for assembling and pulling our float. His truck was a God-send for tired parade walkers.
- **D&L Custom Bailing** for providing the trailer for our float.
- **HLW Builders** (owned by Grant Roe) for donating float supplies.
- **Waunakee Tribune** for a great write-up about WNC in the WaunaFest insert.
- **Milio's** for partnering with us for WaunaFest.
- **Larry Hooker**, WaunaFest, for help with all our questions and needs.
- **Mitch Statz**, Village of Waunakee, for help getting us setup.
- **Donors, Clients, Family & Friends** for filling in many hours at the booth, building the float, and walking in the parade.



**Float Builders! Top:** Selena H.; **Bottom:** Rachel S.



**Our Young Parade Walkers:** Madison E., Sarah W., Sydney E., Mellissa R, Alyssa U., Jessica R., Michalea B., Lexi A., Baylee R.  
**Youth Not pictured:** Gillian E., Jacob W., **Adults Not Pictured:** Steve, Rena & Lindsey Ripp, Sandi Frey, Colleen Woerner, Stephanie Straus, Genna Eaton, Chris E..



**Service & a Smile:** Isabella B., Bailey G.r, and Chandler E.



**WNC SUPPORTER!!** - A family eating Milio's Subs!



**Girl's Friday Night Out!** Jennifer Cremers, Rena Ripp, Sandi Frey, Lindsey Ripp

**MOJO'S SPORTS PUB & GRILL**  
**WAUNAKEE SAFETY &  
AWARENESS WEEKEND!**  
**AUGUST 8-10, 2008**

**PROCEEDS BENEFIT WAUNAKEE  
NEIGHBORHOOD CONNECTION!**

**FRIDAY, AUGUST 8TH:**

- 12:00pm-5:00pm: **GOLF OUTING** at The Meadows of Six Mile Creek, Waunakee. Four person scramble, sack lunch, prizes, dinner back at Mojo's with free entertainment!
- 9:00pm- 1:00am: **FREE MUSIC**, live with **RYAN CASEY!**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 9TH:**

- 12:00pm-2:00pm: **FAMILY FUN & GAMES** Bouncy-house, face painting, etc.
- 12:00pm-5:00pm: **WAUNAKEE SAFETY & AWARENESS DAY!** Come climb up and sit in a train, EMS, Fire & Police vehicles! Come see & learn about a crane, semi, FABCO, community sponsors & events. Stop by for the Car Wash and so much more!
- 5:00pm-10:00pm: **STEAK DINNER SPECIAL!**
- 9:00pm-1:00am : **FREE MUSIC**, live with **JC & KID SISTER!**

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 10TH:**

- Starts at 11:00am: **SLUSHY SUNDAY!** Sip on a slushy in our outside seating and enjoy half-price appetizers!
- 12:00pm-5:00pm : **VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT** Open team volleyball tournament! Co-ed/families, prizes!

**COME HAVE SOME FUN & FOOD AND SUPPORT  
LOCAL CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS!**

Events other than the golf outing are located at  
Mojo's Sports Pub & Grill, 111 W. Main St. Waunakee