



THE CONNECTION

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DROP-OFF / VOLUNTEER HOURS

Please see page 4 for a detailed calendar of all volunteer and drop-off times for the month of July 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.



WAUNAFEST IS HERE!

Waunafest brings exciting and busy times for our community. This year's Waunafest theme is volunteerism. What better way to "get in the spirit" than to help WNC make Waunafest an opportunity for community awareness and successful fund-raising.

WE NEED YOUR HELP! We have an abundance of ways you can support WNC during this event: building our first float, selling food, or buying food from the WNC booth.

Please bring a friend or two and enjoy some yummy Milio Subs and goodies at our booth. We hope to raise enough money at Waunafest to pay the store rent for the rest of the year! We need your help and support!



Please help by signing up for a shift or two. Below are the remaining shifts we still need volunteers for. To sign-up use the link on our website or email us at info@WaunakeeNC.com.

- **Fri. 7/25** - 4-7:30p; 7:30-11p
- **Sat. 7/26** - 9:30a-Noon; Noon-3:30p; 3:30-7p; 7-11p
- **Sun. 7/27** - 9:30a-Noon; Noon-2p; 2-4p

I LOVE A PARADE!



"Success - CHALKING it up to our VOLUNTEERS!" will be our float theme. Looking to express your creative side? **WNC needs LOTS of volunteers to build our float** for the Waunafest parade. We have both day and evening build hours to fit most schedules. **NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!**

Day Work Hours are 9-11am on:

- Wednesdays: July 16th, 23rd
- Thursdays: July 17th, 24th

Night Work Hours are 6-9pm on:

- Tuesdays: July 15th, 22nd
- Thursday: July 24th

Build site location: Take Hwy 19 W from Waunakee. Turn right at Hwy 12/19 intersection. Turn right onto Hwy P at the stop light. Turn right at Darlin Ct. Stay straight past Statz painting. Turn right to the back of the building. Our unit is the 6th door. Questions/directions? - call Rena 235-0424.

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From The Desk of our President...

Enjoying your summer? Hope it's filled with all the relaxing things you like to do – reading, long walks, swimming, vacationing with family...I recently drove out to Montana (my home state) with my two daughters. We stopped several places along the way, enjoying museums, visiting old friends, a 5-mile hike around the oldest National Monument and of course, the Mall of America.



While in Montana, I was shown the 'newest' homes in the area. They were okay but I chose to drive to my favorite area of town – older mature homes with character and lots of trees. I was shocked and saddened at how many of the homes had become dilapidated for whatever reason – aging residents, lost jobs, etc. That night, a fire burned one of the homes completely to the ground – total loss. The news reported a bleak story for the family – all were safe but had nothing. My 8-year-old daughter commented, "WNC would take care of this family if they were back home, right mom?" Out of the mouth of babes!

As we were driving home and I was thinking of this family and the families who have lost so much this year due to floods and other tragedies, it once again reminds me that each of us could be in the same situation...BUT we are blessed to have WNC and other groups who would step up immediately and be there to help!! As you continue to enjoy your summer, not only think of those who might need assistance in some way but also act upon it – make a meal, donate your time or give money to assist. We are fortunate to have gifts that we can utilize to make a difference in our community!

-Genna

THANK YOU JUNE PARTNERS!

A HUGE thank you to all who helped us in June with special donation collections and volunteering. A special thank you goes to:

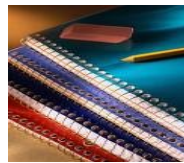
- **Waunakee 6th Grade Classes** for the collection of "summer fun" supplies .
- **Madison Mission Groups** for volunteering at the store and school supply assembly.
- **Walgreens** who allowed WNC to purchase size 5-6 diapers at a greatly discounted rate with the proceeds from May's car wash.
- **VanGo Taxi** who picks up donations for WNC and delivers donations to clients.

WNC OFFICE CLOSED

The WNC Office will be closed for most of the month of August to give our hard-working volunteers a much deserved summer break.

Clients will have an opportunity to shop during the first annual client meeting on August 25th, where we will be reviewing services, policies, and procedures, updating client contact information and implementing a new voucher system for easier distribution of such items as toiletries, laundry soap and diapers.

We appreciate your time and efforts in making the first half of 2008 such a success. We look forward to working a lot with you in July for Waunafest and hope we all return refreshed in September for a great rest of the year.



School Supplies

The first days of the new school year are coming quickly upon us. WNC, Waunakee Ecumenical Board (WEB) and the Waunakee Schools are still in need of the following school supplies for distribution in August.

- **Sharpies** (ultra fine black, blue, red)
- **Highlighters** (all colors)
- Ball point pens (blue/red/black)
- Loose leaf paper (wide-rule)
- Markers (classic & bold colors, fine line & washable classic)
- Rulers
- Graph paper
- 2-Pocket Folders (solid colors)
- Glue (sticks or bottles)
- Headphones
- 5x8 School Boxes
- Scissors (all kinds)
- 12 pk colored pencils
- 24 pack crayons
- Post-It Notes
- Pencils
- Erasers—pink pearl
- Monetary Donations!

Consider putting a collection bin at your work or church and watch the piles add up! Please contact WEB or WNC volunteers to pick up items or **drop them off at the WNC store no later than August 1st**, as we will once again **assemble school supplies on Monday, August 4th from 9a-Noon at the Intermediate School Gym.**



The Teen Corner

Hey teens, what are you doing this long summer vacation? Looking for something fun to do while doing something to help others? Well do we have the place for you! **Come volunteer at the WNC store this July!** (see pg 4 for hours). See how much fun Lori Armstrong's 4th grade class is having! Earlier this year, Ms. Armstrong's class also made posters for WNC and donated \$100 to help pay for Easter meals for families. Wow...talk about serving!



From left to right: Jack P., WNC Board Member Stephanie Straus, Lori Armstrong, Ryan F., Adam A., and Jack V. took a walking field trip to help WNC.

A few hours can make a big difference in the lives of our neighbors in need. Don't have enough time to come to the store and volunteer? Think about donating some of the needed teen items such as new or gently used summer clothing or teen birthday gifts. Work with your family to donate linens, kitchenware, or money. Remember donations are a tax write-off!



FUN in the SUN

We are still in need of a few items for our July "Fun in the Sun" campaign. **We will continue to collect "summer fun" items throughout July, but are especially in need of BUG SPRAY.** Please drop-off donations at the store. Thank you to all who have already donated items. Our clients greatly appreciate the supplies.



National Night Out

WNC will be participating in the "National Night Out" sponsored by the Waunakee Police Department on **July 31st from 5-7pm at Village Park.** The purpose of this event is to promote police-community partnerships and neighborhood unity. This is a great opportunity to meet representatives from different local groups and find ways to volunteer in your community to help make a difference.

COLLEEN'S CONTEMPLATIONS

Happy 4th of July! Today I'm thinking about all the volunteers that created this country and all the many man hours that went into getting where we are. I'm focusing on volunteerism, as that is the Waunafest theme this year, and really one of the themes this country was built on. How would the country survive without volunteers? I don't just mean in churches and service organizations like ours, but look around at all the things people do voluntarily. We help out in the schools, we watch each others kids, we hold doors for each other, and we send cards to cheer each other up. That's just off the top of my head. What sort of community would we live in if no one voluntarily did anything? It's a sacrifice to volunteer. When I'm at the WNC store, I'm not at home with my kids, and I don't get to go on some of the field trips. When Genna is on the phone answering the endless calls about WNC, she's not relaxing with her family. When George is at the store, his wife is home missing him. During the summer especially, the fun of being with us at the store wears thin for all our kids. It's a sacrifice. But it's not about us, is it? It's about being a part of something bigger than ourselves. We are a tiny group of volunteers who serve a large part of our community. In our way we serve the entire community by helping people without having to use tax dollars or government monies. We do our part to keep Waunakee fiscally healthy. We do our part to keep Waunakee socially healthy, and we do our part to keep Waunakee spiritually healthy. Every volunteer is important. On this day of celebrating the Independence of our country, let's remember all the volunteers who make this country and community the blessed place that it is. Keep doing your part, we're all important.

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

- Beds
- Dressers (2)
- Dining Room Chairs

BIRTHDAY GIFTS

- Teenage Girls/Boys (New Items)

CARS FOR CLIENTS

BICYCLES

- Adults & Teens
- Tricycle

APPLIANCES

- Small chest freezer
- Lawn Mower
- Air Conditioners

SUMMER CLOTHING

- Size 4-16 boy/girl

HOUSEHOLD ITEMS

- Kitchenware
- Pots & Pans
- Dishes
- Fans

LINENS & TEXTILES

- Sheets, all sizes
- Pillows (bed)
- Mattress pads
- White Throw Rugs

KIDS TOYS

- Baseball Bat
- Summer/Water Toys
- Skateboard

BABY ITEMS

- Pack-n-Plays

STORE NEEDS

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

MONETARY DONATIONS

Cash donations help cover our expenses like rent.

July 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	30 WNC Store OPEN 8-11 & 5-7pm Volunteer morning 8-11 am	1	2 Volunteer Morning 8-11 am	3	4 <i>Happy 4th of July!</i>	5
6	7 Volunteer Morning 8-11 am	8	9 Volunteer Morning 8-11 am	10	11	12
13	14 Volunteer Morning 8-11 am WNC Store OPEN 5-7pm	15 Float work from 6-9pm	16 WNC Store OPEN 10-1 Float work from 9-11am	17 Float work from 9-11am	18	19
20	21 Volunteer Morning 8-11 am	22 Float work from 6-9pm	23 Volunteer Morning 8-11 am Float work from 9-11am	24 Float work from 9-11am & 6-9pm	25 WNC/Milio's booth open 4-11pm Fri 10am-11pm Sat	26 WNC/Milio's booth open 4-11pm Fri 10am-11pm Sat
27 Waunafest Parade at 11am and Milios booth still open until 4pm	28 WNC Store OPEN 8-11 & 5-7pm Volunteer morning 8-11 am	29	30 Volunteer Morning 8-11 am	31 National Night Out 5-7pm at Village Park	Help us out at Waunafest, buy Milios subs from our booth between the diamonds!	