



THE CONNECTION

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VOLUNTEER & DROP-OFF HOURS

Please see page 4 for a detailed calendar of store hours for volunteering and dropping off of donations for October 2008.



Waunakee/Wesport Branch Grand Opening Supporting WNC

On Wednesday, October 22nd, First National Bank will be opening the doors of their new Waunakee/Westport Branch at 1330 Montondon Ave. on the corner of Hwy 113 and Arboretum Drive in Waunakee.

In celebration of their 132 years in business, First National is partnering with Waunakee Neighborhood Connection. **For every 132 people that attend the grand opening celebration from Wednesday, October 22nd through Friday, October 24th, First National will be donating \$132 to WNC.**

But that's not all! The grand opening event will feature food and prizes, including a laptop, iPod, and a family getaway to Great Wolf Lodge. Please stop by, welcome First National to the community, and support WNC. Here are some of the events:

- Chamber Ribbon Cutting, Wed., 10/22 at 10:00am
- Brats Available, Thursday, 10/23 from 11am - 1pm
- Family Fun Events, Friday 10/24 from 2 -5pm

'Tis the Season!

We know, you haven't even gotten to Halloween yet, so the last thing you want is for us to mention the "other" holidays. BUT ... 'tis the season to start preparing to help our neighbors through the winter, and holidays.

Families, we challenge you to start thinking about how you could help this holiday season. Would you organize a collection in your church, organization or family to provide funds for our annual Christmas Dinner? Or, while you're shopping, would you do some for us? We always need laundry soap, diapers, toiletries and new items for birthday gifts.

Businesses, won't you please consider putting up a donation box for WNC this year? Or, challenge your employees to donate money and match it dollar for dollar? It's all tax deductible! Contact us at info@WaunakeeNC.com if you want to discuss, or just surprise us!

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Donor Words to Inspire

Hmmm.... What am I all going to do today? Many of us have our daily priority list including , getting the kids off to school, laundry. dishes, meals, work, errands..... more laundry, more errands... How often do we take the time to prioritize helping someone? O.K. we help others everyday, but I mean "really" help someone even when that "someone" will probably never know we were the "someone" who helped them.

When I was introduced to WNC I knew without a doubt this was a priority I was adding to my "to-do" list. Even though I just may be a small fraction of this amazing organization, I know my efforts are lightening someone else's load. A small act of generosity may just make someone else's day. When we serve others with a gracious heart we are also serving someone even more important. In the book of Mark it's put this way: /Whoever wants to become great among you must be your servant and whoever wants to be first must be slave of all. For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve and to give his life as a ransom for many. Mark 10: 43-44/

The small things we do are what matter. Some of us may not have much more, per say, than others, but it's what we do with what we've been given. My hope as you are reading this is that your heart is opened to help WNC in any way you can. No offer is too small. They are continually asking for clothing and linens (they love it when donations are clean and laundered ☺). You may think of giving financially. These donations help pay for rent, utilities and other expenses that come up. You may think about volunteering an hour or two of your time to help sort through donations. WNC also sends out this monthly newsletter. There is always a "needs" list attached. The opportunities are endless and don't involve too much time.

Prayer is essential. Please pray for WNC, the volunteers, the donors, and those they serve. Get involved! It's the best thing you'll "get" to do on your "to-do" list. So, what are you going to do today?

Abundant Blessings, Tara Meffert



8th Annual St. John's Piecemakers Quilt Show

The St. John's Piecemakers Quilt Club presents "Quilting Through the Ages" on Friday, October 31st and Saturday, November 1st from 9am to 4pm each day.

The quilt show is held at the St. John's Gymnasium at 114 East Third Street in Waunakee. Admission is \$3.00, and includes over 150 quilts, quilt raffles, quilting vendors, antique quilts, and food.

The Piecemakers Quilt Club has previously donated dozens of quilts to Waunakee Neighborhood Connection to use in their new client baskets. These blankets have truly been a blessing to those who have received them.

Please stop by and help support a truly gifted and generous group.

THANK YOU SEPTEMBER PARTNERS!

What a great start to a new school year! Thank you to all of our donors, volunteers and partners. A special thank you goes to:

- **Waunakee Touchdown Club** for sponsoring the laundry soap drive at the football season opener tailgate. What a wonderful gift!
- **Tom Reis of Reis Properties** for his continued support of WNC, and recent donation of two tickets for the Harlem Ambassadors game, which were given to clients.
- **Magellan's** for getting our new sign with our new phone number done so quickly.
- **TDS** for donating phone cards for clients.
- **Intermediate School Students** for committing to another year of volunteering at WNC.

W.H.S. Students Volunteer

Since the start of this fall's school year, several Waunakee students have been volunteering their Monday and Friday mornings to help Waunakee Neighborhood Connection. These students are part of Mr. Grunder's Transitional Vocational Program for students with special needs.



The program at Waunakee High School helps prepare students with special needs for the transition to the world of work. The students in the program are ages 18-21 and have a cognitive disability. The students in the program have completed their high school credit work and spend their days working at paid job sites in Waunakee and

Madison. School staff from the program provides supervision and close monitoring of each student's performance at these sites. The students will continue working at these sites after graduation at the age of 21 with the help of Dane County Human Services.

The students volunteer at several sites throughout the community when they are not working at their jobs. "I have always struggled to find a way for students to stay busy in the community when they are not working at their paid job sites," said Mr. Grunder. "This year I thought that the idea of volunteering at sites like WNC would allow the students the rewarding sense of giving back to the community. Often, people volunteer their time to enhance the lives of people of disabilities so I thought we would turn that right back around. The students have loved helping out!"

Well, Mr. Grunder is right! They are giving back to their community, and we love it! And we love them too! Thank you students!



What Old Age Taught Me

"Now in my golden years, I've learned that you can't know how to live until you know how to give." - actor Kirk Douglas, age 91, "Newsweek"

COLLEEN'S CONTEMPLATIONS



Go go go. Some days that's what life feels like. Last Sunday, after I'd forgotten something for Sunday school and I was running back home to try to get it and be back in time for service, I was coming up to a light that was green! I smiled and said thank you Lord, you know "what I need". I swear it instantly changed to red. Hmm. At that point in my morning it was chuckle or cry. I chose to chuckle, because apparently God does know best "what I need". I sat for a moment and reflected on His grace. Obviously He was going to love me even if I was several minutes late for service, and obviously taking time to talk to Him was the most important thing I could do at that moment. So I enjoyed my perfectly still moment of quiet contemplation. Then the light turned green and I was off like a shot again. Some lessons don't take so well.

Later I realized I'd been not only blessed by the quiet moment, I'd been warned too. About mid week I came down with a cold, which wiped me out completely. Only excessive amounts of sleep helped. If I'd heeded my earlier warning that I was doing too much running and not recharging my batteries often enough, I could have saved myself days in bed trying to catch up on all the sleep I'd been shorting my body with my frantic pace. So, have I learned my lesson? Well... I'm a work in progress. I'll keep trying and I'll keep failing and He'll keep loving me and picking me up, and then someday maybe I'll finally believe that a full night's rest and a healthy diet really do affect the quality of my life. But I'm stubborn, so if you're driving behind me, expect every light to turn red.

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 (4)
- **Dressers (Many)** (large or small)
- Couch (2)
- Sturdy Bookshelf
- Toddler Bed (3)
- 2 new Full mattress sets for children with allergies
- Kitchen Table Set
- Small Coffee Table

CLOTHING

- Snow Clothes (hats, boots, snow pants, coats, etc.)
- 1/2 Sizes in Children's Shoes
- Women's Business Clothes (2XL)
- Men's pants sizes 34x34; 31x32; & 32x30
- White Tennis Shoes (size 7)

APPLIANCES

- Dryers (3)
- Small Heaters
- Sm. chest freezer
- Fans
- De-Humidifiers
- TV
- Sewing Machine (2)
- Coffee Maker & Filters

HOUSEHOLD

- Plastic Plates
- Non-Stick Pots & Pans

KIDS TOYS

- Skateboard
- Art Supplies (sketch pad, pencils, pastels)
- Small Trampoline

LINENS

- Queen Sheets
- Bedding for Children/Teens
- Big Bath Towels

BABY ITEMS

- Pack-n-Play
- Baby Gate
- Newborn Diapers
- Folding Highchair (2)
- Changing Table

MONTHLY SUPPLIES

- Diapers/Pull-ups
- Laundry Soap
- Toiletries

October 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
PLEASE do NOT leave donations outside the store when the store is closed. Contact us to make other arrangements if you cannot deliver your donations during store hours.			1	2	3 Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon	4
5	6 Volunteer or Drop-Off 8-11am	7	8	9	10 Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon	11
12	13 Volunteer or Drop-Off 8-11am Early release 12:40pm	14	15	16	17 Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon	18
19	20 Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon & 5-7pm	21	22 1st National Grand Opening Come Support WNC	23 1st National Brats 11am-1pm	24 Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon 1st National Family Fun 2pm-5pm	25
26	27	28	29 Early Release 12:40pm	30 No School	31 Halloween No School	Nov 1
						St. John's Quilt Show St. John's Gym - 9a-4p