

# THE CONNECTION

A Publication of the Waunakee Neighborhood Connection



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## VOLUNTEER & DROP-OFF HOURS

Please see page 5 for a detailed calendar of store hours for volunteering and drop-off of donations for September 2008.



## Waunakee TouchDown Tailgate Drive

It's time for Waunakee Football! What better way to kick-off the home season than a tailgate and a drive for our neighbors in need!

**During the annual season opener tailgate Friday, September 5th, the Warrior Football players will be hosting a Laundry Soap Drive for Waunakee Neighborhood Connection.**

If you bring a personal hygiene item, laundry soap, household cleaning item or diapers to the "Drive" area at the tailgate that night, you will receive a Warrior football souvenir!

Spread the word, bring a friend, have some football fun, and support WNC at the same time!.

## Off-Hours Donations

**PLEASE** do not leave donations outside the store when the store is closed. We need to be respectful of other tenants. If you cannot drop-off donations during store hours, please email us at [info@waunakeenc.com](mailto:info@waunakeenc.com) to schedule a time with volunteers.

## New WNC Phone Number

### Effective immediately

please stop using our previous phone number, and start using our new number.



## (608) 849-5740

This phone rings at the store and has voicemail. Volunteers will answer and return calls during store hours, and messages will be monitored on a regular basis. We appreciate your cooperation with this change and thank **Al Ripp and TDS** for their help getting our new phone line installed.

## Fall Garage Sales

Waunakee Fall Garage Sales are **September 5th & 6th**. If you love a sale, please use our needs list and shop for us! Consider donating part of your sale proceeds to WNC. Please drop-off any remaining sale items you have at the WNC store (see calendar on pg 5 for hours).

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# What Is A Volunteer?

**Vol-un-teer:** 1. To perform or offer to perform a service by choice and without being forced (of one's own free will). 2.. To do charitable or helpful work without pay. **3. To give willingly**

We hear the word, we talk about doing it, we know we should do it, and how it even can make us feel good, but do you ever sit down and think about what volunteering really means? At times we get so bogged down in the details of the work we've agreed to do, or get so overwhelmed with the vast amount of places that want our time, that volunteering can become a burden. It can become more about fulfilling an obligation, or doing something out of guilt, that we lose site of why we volunteer and the "spirit" that is meant to go with it.

As defined above, volunteering is about giving of yourself to others. But the part we lose site of is that we need to do so **willingly!** It's not about what we get in return (although we get plenty), or about our expectations of how things should be. It's about letting go, loving and serving freely. It's a choice we all get to make. How, where, when and why we give to the places we chose to volunteer. It's also a choice as to how we approach the time we give. Whether we will let our time be interrupted with thoughts of all the other things we "need" to do, or whether we will let ourselves serve willingly, open to the wonderful blessings, lessons, and gifts God is waiting to share with us, as we help others.

As you read the rest of our newsletter this month, we hope that you take time to really think about what volunteering means, and what you could do to get to a place where you and your family can willingly volunteer. We also ask that you take time to pray with us this month for WNC, our completely volunteer board and "staff", and all of our volunteers, that we may all be infused with a fresh perspective and desire to "willingly" volunteer.

## ST. ANDREW'S VBS VOLUNTEERS

St. Andrew's Lutheran Church's Vacation Bible School (VBS) 7th and 8th grade class were on a mission—literally! This group, lead by Hank Hoenecke and Kristi Rudolph, spent the whole week going to different organizations to donate their time and "share God's love" WNC was one of the lucky recipients of these 12 very helpful and energetic missionaries. In just a little over an hours time, this bunch had sorted and put away a huge amount of donations, which allowed us to have more items available to our clients for our August 25th client meeting. What a gift of love!.



**Pictured in Front:** Christopher, Morgan, Kaitlin, Karley, Mikayle. **In Back:** George, WNC Asst. Store Manager, Valorie, Helena, Sarah H., Sarah K., Kristi , Hank , and Colleen , WNC Store Manager..

## Client Meeting Success

Monday, August 25th, WNC held their first annual client meeting, and it was a great day to help old and new friends alike. The meeting consisted of a short presentation during which we reviewed our services, shared new procedures for the store, and provided clients with a resource list to help them find services WNC does not provide (this list is being translated into Spanish by one of our clients). Clients updated their contact information, and shopped. We registered 10 new clients at the meeting, and were excited to see clients thrilled with the wonderful donations you have provided. If you would like a copy of our resource list, please email us.

## A WNC BIRTHDAY SURPRISE!

Don't they look like they are having fun! Madison Eaton (far right) had a bowling party and sleepover for her 9th birthday. In lieu of gifts, the girls brought laundry soap, diapers and pull-ups (**ALL THINGS DESPERATELY NEEDED RIGHT NOW**) to be donated to WNC. Girls, what a great gift to give! Thanks!



## THANK YOU AUGUST PARTNERS!

For being our "month of rest", we sure were busy! THANK YOU to all of the volunteers and partners who helped us in August, especially:

- **Waunakee Police Department and Sgt. Roger Bartel** for inviting us to participate in National Night Out. We had a great time connecting with our community and those in need .
- **MoJo's Sports Pub & Grill** for sponsoring the 1st annual Family Safety Awareness week-end, with proceeds benefiting WNC.
- **WaunaFest Committee** for the generous gift of \$150 for winning first prize for our float!
- **School Supply Donors and Volunteers** who donated tons of supplies and put in hundreds of hours stuffing supplies for 250 students! Thank you **Madison Mission Groups** for your time sorting, counting, and boxing inventory. If you still have supplies to donate, drop them off at the store. We can use them year-round or store them for next year.
- **Pat Durden and Gene Smith** from Rotary for fixing donated bicycles for clients.



WNC Volunteers having fun sharing information at National Night Out and MoJo's. Invite us to your next meeting or event to share information about WNC, or discuss ways to your group can help!





## DONORS GIVING IN TRYING TIMES

WNC would like to introduce you to **Diana and Bernie Long**, two of our extraordinary donors. Diana and Bernie have lived in Waunakee since 1967, and have always spent their time working with and for other people. Wishing not to be visibly

involved in the community, Bernie and Diana have preferred to work through local organizations to help "other folks" in this community. We are very thankful that one of the many organizations the Long's work through in Waunakee is WNC.

No matter what the donation drive Bernie and Diana are always there. Whether donating new items requested on our needs list, donating many big bags of school supplies or giving to WNC with their generous monetary donations, the Longs are always contributing.

In addition to their time and donations that support WNC, Diana and Bernie are also active in providing care and attention to family members, doing research and writing on family history/genealogy for numerous families, and even volunteer at church, the Lioness Club, and the Friendship Force.

Their donations and service are amazing in of themselves, but that is not all. Diana and Bernie are giving even during trying personal circumstances. Recently Diana has endured surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer. Although everyone would have understood their need to take a break in their service and volunteering, Diana and Bernie just kept on going, doing what they could, when they could. **What an example of loving, self-less, and passionate service!**

## Thoughts to Refresh & Inspire

In our hectic, overscheduled world, it would do all of us some good to say:

"God, I don't know why You want me to carry this load. I can see no good in it and it's awfully heavy. But, if You want me to carry it, I will."

**Just remember, God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called!**

Yes, I do love God. He is my source of existence and my Savior. He keeps me functioning each and every day. Without Him, I am nothing, but with Him... I can do all things through Christ which strengthens me. (Phil. 4:13)

## COLLEEN'S CONTEMPLATIONS



Ever feel like you're walking a narrow line? It could be the line between happy and sad, or caring and uncaring, or in control and out of control. Or it could just be those last few days before school finally starts again. No matter the reason I've been thinking about how easy it is to fall on the negative side of the line. To let the stressors build up. My stressors are kids, kids, and housework. August was a very long month. My kids were constantly in need. "Feed me, play with me, take me somewhere, read with me, and give me clean clothes." None of the requests was out of line (except perhaps the clothes), but we have all been on that edge. At least once a day someone's feelings have been hurt and tempers have flared. So how do I stay on the positive side? A spoonful of sugar? A jumbo margarita? Maybe, but I'm also counting my blessings lately and that is taking me further from the edge than any of the treats I might indulge in. When I work at the WNC store I'm reminded of how fortunate I really am. My family is healthy, my husband has a great job, my home is safe, and my kids really do get along about 75% of the time. When I take the time to be thankful, my perspective improves and my ability to stay on the positive side increases. School will start soon and I'll miss the time I got to spend with my kids; funny how the bad parts fade in the light of perspective. (Still, don't ask me for clean clothes.)

*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 Set
- Dressers (large or small)
- Couch
- Sturdy Bookshelf
- Crib Mattress
- Toddler Bed
- 2 new Full mattress sets for children with allergies

## BIRTHDAY GIFTS

- **New Teenage Girls/Boys**

## CLOTHING

- Size 4-16 boy/girl
- Winter (esp. 5T)
- 1/2 Sizes in Children's Shoes
- Women's Business Clothes (esp. 2XL)
- Men's pants size 34x34 & 31x32
- Boys Pants 14-16
- White Tennis Shoes (size 7)

## MONETARY DONATIONS

## APPLIANCES

- Dryer
- Small Heaters (2)
- Sm. chest freezer
- Fans
- Coffee Maker & Filters
- De-Humidifiers
- TV (2)
- Vacuums
- Blender

## KIDS TOYS

- Basketball
- Skateboard

- Art Supplies (sketch pad, pencils, pastels)

## LINENS & TEXTILES

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

Please place clean linens in containers or wrapping and mark sizes.

## BABY ITEMS

- Pack-n-Plays
- Baby Swing
- Car Seat

## HOUSEHOLD

- Kitchenware
- Plastic Plates
- Dishes

## MONTHLY SUPPLIES

- Diapers/Pull-ups
- Laundry Soap
- Toiletries

# September 2008

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 <b>Labor Day</b>	2 <b>First Day of School</b>	3	4	5 <b>8am-Noon TouchDown Tailgate Garage Sales</b>	6 <b>Garage Sales</b>
7	8 <b>Volunteer or Drop-Off 8-11am</b>	9 <b>Don't Forget to Vote!</b>	10	11	12 <b>Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon</b>	13
14	15 <b>Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon</b>	16	17	18	19 <b>Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon</b>	20
21	22 <b>Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon &amp; 5-7pm</b>	23	24	25	26 <b>Volunteer or Drop-Off 8am-Noon</b>	27
28	29	30	31	<b>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.</b>		