

Hope Haven Area Development Center Corporation



It was getting close to Christmas.....
and we were checking our list,
What do we buy
for our great Aunt Di?



Scarves, mugs, n' fruit basket made do in years past,
but we need a fresh concept and we need it fast!

Then what to our wandering thoughts should appear,
but a gift to Hope Haven filled with good cheer.
A novel idea, that's deductible too,
A gift in Aunt Di's name that will promote good will.

Gifts of property, securities, or cash.
It will be appreciated and you'll be thanked in a flash!



Let's do it today, we'll give Aunt Di the call,
The gift search is over, Happy Holiday to all!



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Hope Haven Area Development Center's "News & Views".

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City, State, Zip _____

YOUR SUPPORT IS GREATLY APPRECIATED!

Winter 2006

(Please use the enclosed envelope for your convenience.)

WE NEED YOUR HELP

We just want to take a moment to update you on our Redemption Center. We opened our doors to the general public in February 2005, when Hy-Vee asked us to become their designated redemption center. Prior to that we primarily processed cans for businesses.

The bottle bill was first enacted in 1972, and regulated the payment of one cent per container to accept and process cans and bottles. As we are all aware, the cost of living and doing business has increased significantly since then. Minimum wage alone has increase from \$1.60 to \$5.15. But the state has not increased the payment Redemption Centers receive. This penny is no longer sufficient to cover our costs to operate as a redemption center.

So far in 2006 we have paid consumers for approximately 881,000 cans and bottles, an average of 88,100 per month. This does not include the cans and bottles that come from our commercial customers. For these cans and bottles we received payment of \$52,860.00 from the distributors. After deducting the nickel refund we paid to our customers, we were left with only \$8,810 to help cover the costs to operate the redemption center during this time period.

Our Redemption Center provides ongoing paid work opportunities to our clients - an average of 30-40 a day depending on the season - which supports the mission of Hope Haven

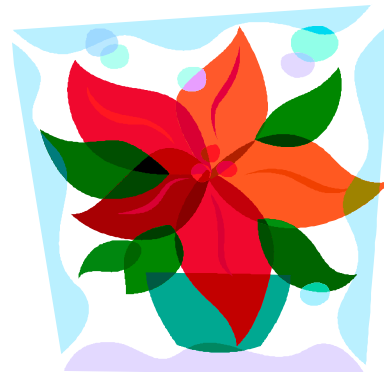
to assist persons with disabilities to live a life of opportunity and well-being. It also provides a valuable service to our community and surrounding areas.

We have no plans to close our Redemption Center, but we could use your help:

- Contact your legislators to increase the penny per container to redemption centers
- Tell your friends and neighbors about our Redemption Center
- Donate your cans - by doing this you'll be giving us an extra nickel per container to supplement the penny. (We do get the nickel deposit refunded to us by the distributor along with the mandated penny, and instead of giving that nickel to you when you bring your containers to us we would like to use it to help pay our clients' wages and other operating costs.)

The Redemption Center is open Monday through Thursday 9:00am to 7:00pm, and Friday 9:00am to 6:00pm. We will be closed for the upcoming holidays on December 22nd, 25th, 29th and January 1st. We will also be closed this year on December 28th so that we can conduct our end of year inventory of all cans and bottles on hand.

On behalf of our clients and staff, we want to thank everyone for their continued support of our Redemption Center and wish you all a safe and happy holiday season.



"The spirit of the season is always near; It shines like a beacon throughout the year. Don't look in a store or high on a shelf, For sharing and giving are found in yourself."

~Unknown

SIXTH STREET SITE OPENS

The Sixth Street Site has been up and running since July 14th, 2006. The new site houses three clients and they enjoy doing many activities. A weekly trip to the library, where they pick out movies and books, is a much anticipated activity for the ladies! The ladies also have a craft night; they had fun in October making Halloween necklaces, greeting cards, and decorating pumpkins!

The ladies especially enjoy working out in the yard; they have added their own personal touch to the site by landscaping. They dug right in and helped put in mulch and planted mums in the yard. Decorating the yard is something they took great pride in doing! Many weekly activities are planned and the girls have

an active lifestyle. Upcoming news... the site is planning to have a monthly outing with the Mt. Pleasant Street site. Recently they had an ice cream social and a hot dog roast together. The ladies love going out and socializing with others!

Thanks to all that have helped make this a wonderful home!

Updates and Changes in Social Security Work Incentives (Changes effective January 2007)

- Substantial Gainful Activity Amount (SGA) is \$900
- Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA) for Blind is \$1,500
- Trial Work Period (TWP) monthly amount is \$640
- For self-employed SGA will be \$900/month and/or if the individual worked more than 80 hours per month.
- Student Earned Income Exclusion for SSI is \$1,510 per month not to exceed \$6,100 per year.

Changes in Social Security Payments (These changes are effective January 2007)

- Supplemental Security Income (SSI) is \$623 single/\$934 couple
- Social Security Disability Insurance increase is 3.3%
- Break Even Point (point where SSI payment becomes \$0) \$1,331
- Medicare for Part B monthly premium increases to \$93.50

Did You Know??

Facts to consider for 2007

- The Average Monthly Income of an Unemployed Disabled Worker is only \$979
- The Average Monthly Family Income (includes spouse with children under age 16) of an Unemployed Disabled Worker is \$1,646
- People with Disabilities can work and still receive benefits including health care coverage and residential placement costs - we can help you understand the rules.
- 70% of people applying for Social Security are turned down the first time they apply - we can help you with this process.

Information courtesy of Frank A Vavaris - Disability Life Planning & Consulting

MORNING SUN WAIVER SITE

Hello, everyone! We moved into our site home January 5, 2006. We had been living at the Odessa RCF Care for several years and we're really excited about our move to the site house after we toured!!

Our family is made up of a brother and sister and a another male consumer, in which all three have known each other for a very long time. Our site manager, Leah Cowles, has taken care of our family for a very long time since working at Odessa.

Our move has been a positive change in our lives. We have learned the joy of living in a home, getting acquainted and meeting new friends in a small community. This last spring, you could find us on a short bike ride, or walking to the park only one block from our home, or just sitting in our swing under our shade tree. The three of us have learned to recycle, take care of the trash for city pickup days, keep our home clean, and learn to do dishes!! We all enjoy going to the post office to check our mail box or learning how to pay our bills by taking the envelope to the drop box at the places of business. Monday through Friday the three of us ride the RTA bus to and from home to spend our day at the Hope Haven's Work Services and the day program. We also look forward to pay day, when we sign our paychecks and take them to the bank for them to be deposited in our own accounts!

Among several learning areas, we have learned to welcome friends into our home for a visit. We love

company and enjoy showing off our home. We extend a welcome to anyone who would like to come visit us at 408 NE 1st Street in Morning Sun. Please call first before making the drive up, as we wouldn't want you folks to find us not home. We love to go on outings!

NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

by Greg Oriano

We have a lot of fun playing games, doing activities, community training, and a lot of talking!

We could use new members in the following programs: Wednesday night group respite, Respite on Wheels, and REC club. For more information on how to get involved call: Kerry Robertson (319) 237-1026 or Carolyn Wagner (319) 754-5774, ext. 266.



Pictured at the Market Street Respite Center are (starting on left going clockwise): Ron Schmieg, Kelly Lee, Jim Jackson, Julie Butler, Levi Hartzell, Hillary Gentry, and Krista Christiansen.

2006 HOLIDAY CALENDAR

(Days Vocational Programs are closed.)

- December 22 - Christmas Holiday
- December 25 - Christmas Holiday
- December 29 - New Year's Eve

Hopefully Yours...

a thrift and gift shop



Check out the Thrift Shop for all your wardrobe, household, and decorative needs.

Tuesday and Friday

9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

Saturday

9:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

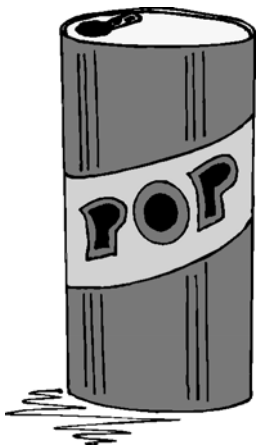
Hope Haven Area Development Center
2001 Douglas, Burlington, Iowa

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(Days Vocational Programs are closed.)

- January 1st - New Year's Day
- April 6th - Easter
- May 28th - Memorial Day
- July 4th - Fourth of July
- September 3th - Labor Day
- November 22nd - Thanksgiving
- November 23rd - Thanksgiving
- December 24th - Christmas Holiday
- December 25th - Christmas Holiday
- December 31st - New Year's Eve

Redeem Your Cans and Bottles!



Bring your beverage CANS and BOTTLES to **Hope Haven** for your deposit redemption! Located across from 1819 Douglas Avenue.

Our new hours are:

Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Friday 9:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

WHY ME LORD

by Terri Miller

Why do you have to make handicapped people for the one who can't be able to read or write and with learning disability who can't live on their own or go to college to major in anything I want to be when I grow up.

Why Me Lord...

Why did you give me Down's Syndrome?

Why Me...

Giving me a learning disability, not able to catch up with other people to be friends with and do things fun with or having a high school reunion to go to.

At least I have already accepted the way I am at last.

I am perfect the way I am.

I know that God really did something right.

He did make me a special angel...that's me!

Andrea Geyer and her Aunt Phyllis carve pumpkins together.



BRUECK & ERTZ ENJOYING WINTER

This fall we have spent lots of time outside. We have gone to the parks, went on a hay rack ride, and just recently went to the pumpkin patch where everyone got their own pumpkin for Halloween. We decorated our homes inside and out for Halloween and Brueck won first prize in the Halloween decorating contest. We have attended two dances and had a great time at both of them.

With the cold weather coming, we will be going to more movies and have more game nights and craft nights to stay out of the cold. Christmas is just around the corner. We will be baking and making a big meal for the holiday. We look forward to pulling the tree out and the decorations for Christmas. We will be making out our shopping lists for our families and our Secret Santas.

Brueck home is looking forward to the new kitchen cabinets and counter tops and the new living room/dining room floors that will be started in January. We extend our deep appreciation to the Witte Foundation who have made our upcoming "renovations" possible!

Hope you enjoy the winter months as much as we plan on enjoying them!!

GENEROSITY ABOUNDS

Hello from Northwood Group Home! We have had a great summer and fall here. Lots of birthday parties and dances as well as picnics and other outings. It's time to rake up the leaves and get ready for Thanksgiving! We'll be getting the Christmas decorations out before you know it.

We had an ice cream social recently at Gugeler GroupHome sponsored by the Lions Club which was a big success. What a great way to end the day, enjoying a sweet treat and visiting with great friends and neighbors. Thank you so much all who volunteered.

Thank you to the Partners, once again, for the dances we have attended. Everyone at Northwood always has such a great time and look so forward to going to those dances. We especially had a great time getting all dressed up for the Halloween Dance!!!

Thank you as well to the Optimist Club for the parties they have had for us at the Trinity Lutheran Church. You are all so thoughtful and giving and the residents can't wait to go and have fun at those parties!!!

We want to thank the Silver Tomahawks group for working on a project to clear out some of the brush and fallen trees in our backyard. It looks so much BIGGER now. Thank you to all who have helped with that project. You all worked so very hard and your time and energy is greatly appreciated.

CAPITAL & EQUIPMENT NEEDS

Work Services:

new roof

Purchasing:

roof (\$3,000)

Walton Group Home:

new window treatments for office

Administration:

carpet (\$5,000)

WISH LIST

6th Street Site House:

*deep freeze
car/vehicle
laminator*

Ertz Group Home:

8 new dining room chairs (\$1,500)

Walton Group Home:

new van

Work Services:

digital camera

Lee Co. Drop In Center:

*DVD player with program scan
DVD adapter & cables
27" color TV
moveable kitchen counter
hall tree or coat racks
glider for front porch*

Contact Julie Anderson at (319) 754-5774, ext. 222 for more information or if you would like to help with these items.

We want to take this opportunity to express our sincerest thank you for your faithful support of Hope Haven this past year. We are deeply grateful for your help as we continue to fulfill our mission to assist persons with disabilities to live a life of opportunity and well being.

The following individuals, organizations, and businesses have donated cash, goods, services, or the use of their facilities from August 29th through November 10th, 2006. We thank all for their generosity. We sincerely hope that we have not inadvertently left anyone off the list. Please contact us if your name or organization has not been recognized.

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Benefactors \$500 and Over

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Eleanor Long Estate
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*Naked a
 man comes
 into the
 world and
 naked he
 leaves it,
 after all is
 said and
 done he
 leaves
 nothing
 except the
 good deeds
 he leaves
 behind.
 ~Ofi Osin-
 Cohen*

Our mission.....

to assist persons with disabilities to live a life of opportunity and well-being.

Our vision.....

Hope Haven Area Development Center, through it's commitment to excellence in care and services, will set the standard for support to persons with disabilities.

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