



**GREEN VALLEY
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Growing the Potential in People Since 1968

Visions from the Valley

June, 2017

Production Growth Important to GVE's Mission

The Green Valley Manufacturing area has been busy the first part of 2017. However, GVE can always produce more projects for area businesses so please refer potential customers to GVE. The added business will not only assist GVE in meeting its revenue goals, but it will also assist GVE in achieving its mission to train people as they grow their independence. A special thank you to Nancy Balgie, Gerett Kratz, Andrea Wilcox, Tracy Borkowski, Sara Zimmerman, and Katie Brooks for coordinating the multitude of customer projects while providing training to the participants. It takes special people to balance the quality and deadlines demanded by customers while training people to meet those customer requirements.

GVE Manufacturing has been hard at work following the new Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) mandates. The regulation states that every participant on GVE's production floor must receive Career Counseling sessions through



the University of Wisconsin – White-water. In addition, those same participants need to be exposed to Self-Advocacy training provided by the Aging & Disability Resource Center (ADRC). Almost 84 participants have received both aspects of the training programs which is no small task to organize, but Sara Zimmerman and Rebecca Kratz have done a wonderful job of coordinating the complex schedule.

Due to some new customer relationships GVE has a need for some part-

time production employees. If you know anyone that wants to earn some extra money please have them fill out a GVE application. These are great positions for students on summer break, people that just want to earn extra money, or retired people that want to remain active. The positions are flexible, and they are Monday through Friday with no weekends.



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Thank you for Another Successful Ham 'N Jam!

A successful Ham 'N Jam fundraiser is so important to Green Valley's mission. Without donations and fundraising events, Green Valley would not be able to provide the variety and quality of programming for participants. We sincerely thank all of our sponsors, donors, buyers of raffles, attendees and volunteers who supported this important fundraiser! *More on page 4 and 5!*

The Work Day of a Birth to 3 Program Early Intervention Educator

~Kathy Clark

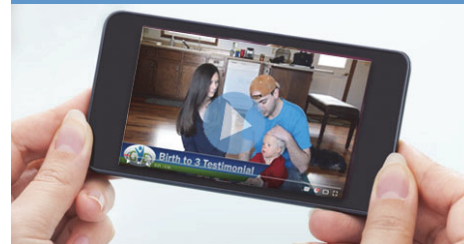
The Birth-to-3 Program would like to recognize our outstanding Early Intervention Educators and Service Coordinators and provide some insight as to what a small part of their day looks like. Our Birth-to-3 Program has three staff that have a dual role as Early Intervention Educators and Service Coordinators. These individuals are Maribeth Weissenborn, Amy Doman and Cynamon Reynolds. These ladies are on the front lines and are the first to go to the home of a new referral.

While at the home, the Early Intervention Educator administers and scores the Developmental Assessment of Young Children (DAYC-2). They have the important task of determining if the child has a 25% delay in any area of their development including cognition, communication, gross motor and fine motor skills and social-emotional skills. If a 25% delay is documented, they pass the referral on to the appropriate team member for further evaluation by a pediatric speech therapist, occupational therapist or physical therapist before qualifying the child and writing an Individual Family Service Plan (IFSP).



In April our Early Intervention Educators / Service Coordinators received 30 new referrals. Seventeen of these referrals came directly from pediatricians/physicians, six were from concerned parents, four were from social workers, one was from the Head Start Program, one was from the Public Health Department and one moved from another county where they were receiving Birth-to-3 programming. Ten of the new referrals were screened out and found not to qualify for Birth-to-3 services at this time. These children are usually followed up in three months to determine if their development has progressed age appropriately or if they are in need of further evaluation.

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Comfort, Cleanliness and Climate in Check

Green Valley Enterprises recently had new heating and air conditioning units installed throughout the facility. Along with the new units we also installed new thermostats and dampers. This upgrade will provide a more efficient way to control and distribute air flow throughout the facility. It will also make the facility more comfortable for our clients and staff.

Green Valley's maintenance staff has been busy working at our newest facility at 110 East Burnett Street in Beaver Dam. We've been working along with construction workers to get the facility up and running. The renovation of that facility has been completed and the facility is now open. Our maintenance and janitorial staff will continue to maintain and clean that property.

Green Valley is anxiously awaiting the arrival of our two new mid buses. The two mid buses are scheduled to arrive this fall. The mid buses will help to better serve our existing programs and our newest programs now and in the future.

Strides Continue in Community Employment

The Community Integration Department continues to make big strides in adding community employment opportunities for individuals that team up with Green Valley.

We appreciate our newest employer business partnerships with Schumann Printers and Grace Presbyterian Church. These organizations have hired individuals, Robert Berthiaume and Ed Berenski to their teams! Congratulations!

We are pleased that for a second consecutive year one of our employer partners has been honored at the annual Rehabilitation for Wisconsin (RFW) Conference in WI Dells. During the past three years G&W Vending has hired five individuals of varying abilities to productive part-time and full-time positions. Manager, Jim Braker, has figured out ways to maximize each individual hire's potential and how to make each person feel like a part of the team in their own way. Thank you G&W Vending!

Green Valley's Life Academy program moved to a new location mid-May in order to continue to help Dodge County students focus on learning employment readiness and independent living skills. Life Academy teachers continue to add curricula and real-life community experiences to prepare area students for community employment. Our youth transition program teams with students, families, communities and vocational rehabilitation to facilitate a plan to bridge



high school students to future career opportunities in the following ways:

- Individualized planning, focused on post school goals and self-determination, and help to coordinate school plans with relevant community agencies
- Instruction in academic, vocational, independent living, and personal social skills
- Career development services including goal setting, career exploration, job search skills, and self-advocacy
- Emphasis on paid employment such as connections with local employers, development of school-based businesses, on the job assessment and training
- Support services such as individualized mentoring and support or referrals for additional specific interventions

If you have any questions regarding community employment please contact Meredith Winning at 920-887-4282.



Life Academy Ribbon Cutting

Phil Fritsche, President of the Beaver Dam Chamber of Commerce and many chamber ambassadors visited Green Valley's new Life Academy on June 14th for the official ribbon cutting ceremony. Mayor Becky Glewen, GVE board Vice President, Dave Luepke, Meredith Winning, Employment / Outreach Coordinator and Brian Jacobson, Executive Director helped to cut the ribbon. Summer programming has already begun, helping youth learn life skills.

A Beautiful Day for Ham 'N Jam!

~ Mary VoglRauscher

Did you make it to this year's Ham 'n Jam? We hope so!!

It was a BEAUTIFUL day; great people, great food, great music, great raffles, and you might even have been able to see Miss Piggy!!!



Hosting the event in downtown Beaver Dam at the Watermark, was a lot of fun. People downtown hearing the music could just stop by to see what was going on.

We were able to streamline many things which made the event more enjoyable for our staff. We would be remiss if we did not take this opportunity to thank our sponsors and cash donors of over \$100.00.

This includes: Recheks Food Pride for donating the Pulled Pork and helping with the beverages, Culver's



of Beaver Dam for donating the Custard as well as condiments, paper products and financial support, Frito Lay, Pan-o-Gold Baking Co. for donating the buns, Inspire Magazine, the Green Valley Enterprises Board of Directors for both their financial support as well as working the event, American National Bank for volunteering and working the event as well as financial support, Hupf's Repair Center, WDS Construction, Beaver Dam Chiropractic, Horicon Bank, Kwik Trip, Neuman Pools, R&R Insurance, Northwoods Paper Converting, Inc., Transportation Connection, United Cooperative, John Deere Horicon Works,

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Summer Program Offers Up Variety in SNAP

~ Meg McKnight

SNAP is a busy place every day of the year. Now that the weather is starting to get nice, our programming takes on a new dimension. Activities, which in the cold and dreary months have to take place inside, can be moved to the patio or our gated park area. We can now range far and wide in search of outing destinations. The world is our oyster and some of our favorite adventures happen in the summer months. It is a great time of the year and spirits soar as we are free to sit in the sun and have adventures in the great outdoors!

While the SNAP program has many fun elements, it is also very structured. The seasonal summer freedom adds yet another dimension to the duties of the



Enjoying a Timber Rattler game!

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Ham 'N Jam Continued

White Construction, Vertex Systems, Parent, Dott & Company, LTD., Schumann Printers, James and Judith Airaudi, Apache Stainless, Hustisford State Bank, Pivot Point, Debbie Smith, Cornerstone Funeral, Delta Dental, Reed Chrysler, AMVET Post 33, Beaver Companies-Audrey and Mike Gossfeld, Verlo Mattress of Beaver Dam, Larsen Family Dental, Koepsell-Murray Funeral Home and Beaver Dam's Most Wanted Band.

We also need to Thank the Leipsing 4 H for volunteering and working this event, as well as our staff



and clients who volunteered and helped. We could not have done it without you.

*Ham 'N Jam
2018
May 19*



We are also grateful for the many, many sponsors of our raffles. Thank you for your generosity and donating so many beautiful items and gift cards.



SNAP continued

staff that make this program such a great one! From the minute they come in to the time they leave for the day SNAP staff is busy. Our daily activities include: planning, running several simultaneous activities, documenting cares, recording case notes and goals, managing behaviors, and tending to the overall needs of 40+ individual participants and making sure everyone is busy, happy and all their personal needs (eating, toileting, bathing) are met. While days can be exhausting, my staff is here each and every day with a big smile, ready to be of service. They do this job for our participants and they do it with love and compassion. The SNAP staff make this program what it is. My gratitude and respect to each and every one of you. Thanks for all you do!!



May and June Events Honor Mothers and Fathers

~ Mary Weiss

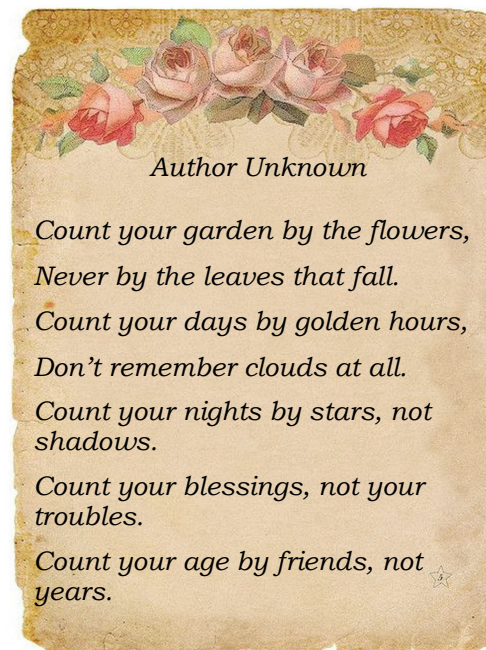
Adult Day staff recently honored all of the mothers, grandmothers, aunts, daughters and sisters who participate in the Adult Day program with a special tea party in May. Participants were treated to an afternoon of flavored teas and sweet treats in honor of Mother's Day.



Jean Natrop organized the afternoon event, calling it, "Tea Time with Flair". Jean set tables with embroidered linens, fresh flowers and decorative plates and tea cups for all who attended. She brought in a variety of flavored teas for participants to try, as well as, decadent treats to share. Lemon bars, chocolate covered strawberries, glazed cookies and gooey brownies were served on antique-floral tea plates.

Participants also had the opportunity to choose from a variety of old-fashioned hats and clip earrings to wear during the party. Jean gifted the participants with a vintage handkerchief to take home as a keepsake from the day.

She also gifted them with a special poem which read:



Participants reminisced about favorite memories and tea parties shared with moms, grandmothers and aunts in past years. Great fun was had by all.

Staff planned a special outing to honor all of the fathers, grandfathers, uncles, sons and brothers for Father's day.



Having fun at the Pizza Ranch Fundraiser on June 12th!

Children's Radiothon

The Children's Radiothon hosted by Good Karma Brands WXRO/ WBEV raises funds for local non-profit organizations that benefit children in the Dodge County area. Funds are raised throughout the year through various events and on-air auctions.

Green Valley Enterprises and ARC of Dodge County participated in the Elvis Lives Event and the Pizza Ranch Fundraiser.

The entire community generously supports the Children's Radiothon and Green Valley is very grateful to be one of the recipients to help with children's programming.





FROM THE DESK OF THE *Executive Director*

BRIAN JACOBSON

Green Valley's staff, volunteers and our board of directors worked very hard to make this year's Ham 'N Jam the most successful to date. I want to thank everyone who worked on the event, people who bought raffles, our individual and corporate sponsors and everyone who came to enjoy the day! Beyond the very important financial support needed for Green Valley's mission, it is a time when the community can meet the Green Valley family and learn more about our mission while enjoying this family-friendly social event.

You may have wondered at some point why does GVE need volunteers, donations and fund raising events? The answer is that most of GVE's programs have not received an increase in service rates since 2008. Costs have certainly gone up in the last decade, in particular labor and health insurance.

GVE's Production Department, donations and fund raising must fill the gaps in that funding shortage. There have been many fundraisers this spring, including: Benevento's fundraiser night, Elvis & Patsy Cline event, Pizza Ranch fundraiser night, Children's Radiothon and our largest event – Ham 'N Jam.

Another contributing factor to increased costs is the impact that new legislation such as the Workforce Innovation and Opportunities Act (WIOA) and Home and Community Based Services (HCBS) has on costs. WIOA and HCBS promote greater community integration, and more individualized services. In general these goals align well with GVE's Mission to promote maximum independence. One of the great challenges facing GVE at present is how these desirable but more costly services will be funded.

Green Valley's management and staff continue to monitor and learn about the changes brought about by WIOA and HCBS regulations. The management team and I attended a conference last quarter on these changes, and we continue to do our best to



stay abreast of and communicate requirements to participants, families and caregivers.

Last, it is important that I relay information about a major funding threat on the horizon. Both the state and federal government are discussing major reductions to Medicare and Medicaid. Medicare and Medicaid fund not only most of GVE's services but also most of the services that our participants receive outside of the GVE realm. If you would like to help safe guard these important services, contact your state and federal representatives and let your opinions be known.



For more complete information about GVE and the wide array of services that we offer please check out our new 2016 Annual Report. This report highlights program and participant outcomes, future planning, success stories and a list of donors that helped Green Valley with our mission in 2016.

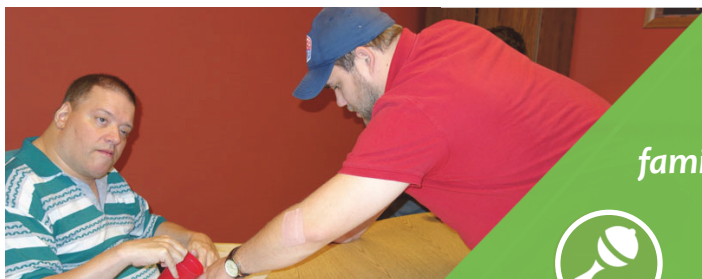
I encourage you to pick up a copy of our annual report at Green Valley Enterprises or go to our website at www.gveinc.org and click on Give to download the report.



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Our Mission:

We help people with special needs, and their families, achieve maximum potential and independence



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**Business After
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**2018 Ham 'N Jam
May 19th!**

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