



# CHALLENGE CENTER

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Volunteer Newsletter      April 2009

## Volunteers Make it Happen!

**Hello from all of us at the Challenge Center! This year we are celebrating 40 years of service in this community and it is once again time to reflect on all the great people who have helped us accomplish our goals. During the past year 170 individuals have contributed an estimated 1,850 hours throughout the various programs of the Challenge Center. We salute you all! There is no greater gift than the gift of yourself. For all the time you spend giving to others, you are appreciated more than you know!**

## You are a crucial part of the Challenge Center Team!

### **Challenge Center Board of Directors:**

Board members are volunteers who participate in a variety of activities intended to safeguard and promote the well-being of the organization and its participants.

Our current board members are:

John Swanstrom	President
Mary Lou Anderson	Vice President
Sherry Mattson	Sec/Treas
Jann Brill	
Len Campbell	
Robert Gee	
Anita King	
Tom O'Neil	
Mary Sundet	
Gene Chuzles	
Alan Rock	



**Interns**



<i>Interns</i>	<i># of years</i>
Natalie Harris Art Therapy, UWSuperior	1



**Day Service Volunteers**



Alpine skiing volunteers accompany the participants to Spirit Mountain, assisting with equipment, teaching and improving existing skills.

<i>Alpine Skiing</i>	<i># of years</i>
Kelly Johnson	12
Ron Pearson	10
Jacqui Jelinek	9
Jan Simpson	9
Kari Talarico	4

Andrea Mistelske coordinated the 6th annual Spirit Mountain Special Olympic Invitational. Twenty-five participants from 2 states competed in 3 events: Slalom, Giant Slalom, and Downhill.

**6th Annual Spirit Mountain Special Olympic Invitational**

- Andrea Mistelske: coordinator
- Jacqui Jelinek
- Ron Pearson
- Kelly Johnson
- Jeremiah Johnson
- Jan Simpson



**Special Olympic volunteers assist in planning and accompanying the athletes to area, regional, and state meets including overnight trips.**

<i>Special Olympics</i>	<i># of years</i>	<i>continued</i>	
Terri Franson	32	Dany Martineau	7
Jim Borgeson	31	Kari Talarico	6
Doris Anderson	27	Andrea Mistelske	4
Kevin Bolts	22	Brad Nelson	4
Mary Hanchett	20	Marlene Swanson	4
Steve Cadotte	18	Bill Lambert	3
Lori Severson	16	Koey Doering	2
Mary Paquette	15	Jocelyn Holder	2
Jean Watenpahul	14	Hiro Ikeuchi	2
Connie Wuorinen	14	Linda Lajoie	2
Linda Aho	13	Penny Wick	1
Patsy Zimmerman	12	Raeanna Wuorinen	1
Angie Blaisdell	10	Kris McAleese	1
Cheryl Wheatley	8	Rebekah McAlesse	1

**Want to find out more ways to get involved with our Special Olympics? Contact:**

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**or call: (715) 394-2771**





## Residential Volunteers



**Residential volunteers may be guardians for individuals. In this role they may monitor health concerns, financial affairs and assist in person centered planning. Consumer support may include many activities that build bridges with the individual to the community.**

<i>Name</i>	<i>Years of Service</i>	<i>Activity</i>
Jean Hennessy	27	Residential and CCI: consumer support
Pastor & Delores Starseth	26	BP, Missouri Gardens and Co-op Apts; consumer support
Kathy Lintula	18	Billings Park Apartments; consumer support
Chuck & Nancy Culhane	17	Woodview Home: volunteer guardian
Carrie Wallin	15	Deer Haven: consumer support
Village Homemakers	15	Harborview: Adoptive Homemakers
Nancy Klingel	9	East End Apts: Decorating Gardening
Mary McKenzie	9	Independent Living: consumer support
Mary Kay McGill	5	Missouri Gardens: Holiday visits
Kim Bernacki	5	Deer Haven: consumer support
Beth Bernacki	5	Deer Haven: consumer support
Sherrie Piero	5	Mt. View: volunteer guardian
Pastor Dennis Anderson	5	Mt. View: volunteer guardian
Pastor Bill, Pilgrim Lutheran Church	5	Harborview: volunteer guardian
Kelli Klukas	5	Consumer support
Dorothy Bruenner Peterson	3	Missouri Gardens: consumer support, gardening
Sunny Wilson	1	Deer Haven: consumer support
Dulcie Vermillion	1	Deer Haven: art therapy
Pat McCormick	1	McKenzie Manor: volunteer guardian
Ashley Haines	1	Billings Park; I
Katie Smedberg	1	Consumer support; young women's group



## Special Event Volunteers



### **Meatball Dinner Fund Raiser for Special Olympics 2008**

Volunteers for the Meatball Dinner do everything from peel carrots to selling tickets, serving meals and cleaning up. This is an annual October events, so watch for it this fall.

Linda Aho	MaryAnn Jones	Linda Hunter	Laraine Matushak	Maureen Wester
Gerri Anderson	Diane Grymala	Rose Fagen	Ray Matushak	Russ Wester
Heidi Kadrmas	Jessica Koski	Judy Rivord	Andrea Mistelske	Amos Launderville
Linda Anderson	Whitney Fulda	Terri Franson	Marge Beattie	Erin Smet
Diane Arnold	Kevin Bolts	Barb Gangnon	Sandy LeMieux	Linda Lajoie
Diane Wermter	Patsy Zimmerman	Barb Danielson	Chuck LeMieux	Lynn Penney
Lori Severson	Doris Anderson	Angie Lindberg	Korey Doering	Ron Pearson
Joanne Pearson	Elaine Johnson	Sue Paine	Tom Williams	Arlene Anderson
Sandy Fulda	Joanne Thompson	Mary Paquette	Wally Marlton	Jean Hennessey
Wanda Meinke	Jim Borgeson	Mary Hanchett	Guy Martineau	Tom Michela
Mary Smet	Tonia Borgeson	Daryl Kadrmas	Virgina Michela	Russ Wester
Dennis Smet	Steve Cadotte	Deke Paquette	Todd Miller	Jerry Anderson
Pat Brommer	Elisabeth Brommer			

### **Head of the Lakes Fair Concession 2008**

This July event is a busy one which includes serving customers, stocking products, cleaning the tent and of course, planning the week long fundraiser.

Jeff Johson Construction	SCCU	Dorothy and Steve Fredrickson	Dick Jacobson	Jennifer Christianson
Viking Lounge	Billings Park Friend of Special Olympians	Murphy Oil	Linda Sellard	Andrea Mistelske
Linda Anderson	Kevin Bolts	Kiss and Wally Marlton	Tom Wilkenson	Ken Peters
Jim Borgeson	Terri Franson	Korey Doering	Peggy Minko	Rick Sharte
Steve Cadotte	Arlene Anderson	Elks Club	Jeannette Schuler	Jill Korhonen

**Dick Reder Golf Memorial 2008**

The golf outing is an annual event in late summer. The volunteers assist in organizing the day, registering golfers and watching for winners on “money holes” to name a few jobs.



Linda Aho	Terri Franson	Dan Nichols
Lori Severson	Mary Hanchett	Ann Charbonneau
Russ Wester	Tina Bolts	Maureen Wester
Peggy Minko	Ray Matuchak	Andrea Mistelske
Maureen Wester	Theresa Barton	Cheryl Wheatly
Korey Doering	Matt (Gator) Wihite	Kevin Bolts
Maryann Berg		

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**Consumer Christmas Party 2008 Committee**

A lot of work goes into planning a successful event. With the two chairs, Pat and Peggy, the Committee planned another fun party.

- Peggy Minko: chair
- Andrea Mistelske
- Beth Brannan
- Brooke Jussila
- Evie Gunderson
- Mary Hanchett
- Gary Koski
- Kayla Johnson
- Kevin Bolts
- Tom Williams
- Maxine Greely
- Amanda Crosby

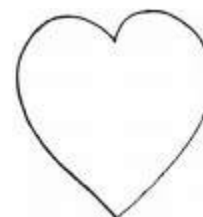


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**Heartwalk on the Lakewalk 2008**

This was the 7th year we have participated in the Heartwalk.

- Kelly Johnson: captain
- Earl Salmi
- Jeremiah Johnson
- Dick Amundson
- Angie Blaisdell
- John Linde
- Dan Wedt
- Steve Depta
- Dean Hawley



## Challenge Center Prom

**Challenge Center had their first youth prom at the Glensheen Mansion. SSHS students were also invited to attend this event.**

Mercedes Moreland  
Amanda Crosby  
Andrea Mistelske

Soren Kasperon  
Korey Doering

*\*A special “Thank you” to Glensheen Mansion for donating their venue for the wonderful event!*



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## Dragon Boat Races

**This year the Challenge Center had their own Dragon Boat Team!**



Don Gitz  
Marlene Swanson  
Mike Pearson  
Josh Noble

Elisa Trettin  
Jon Dillard  
Andrea Mistelske  
Evie Gunderson

Scott Sis  
Danny Wendt  
Adam Herubin  
Steve Depta

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In loving memory of Ray Matushak who was a dedicated volunteer and a strong supporter of Special Olympics over the years. Ray will be missed.

## **Challenge Center Programs & Services**

### **Adult Day Services**

- Life Skills
- Sensory Stimulation Program
- Senior's Day Services
- Evening and Weekend Recreation Program
- Leisure Time Activities

### **Work Services**

- Marathon Industries
- Marathon Confidential Paper Shredding
- Bay Produce

### **Residential Program**

- Residential Group Homes
- Supported Living Services
- Respite Services

### **Professional Training**

- CBRF State Certified Training
- Customized Human Services Training



## **Community Partners & Support**

This year's service and accomplishments were made possible through the support of:

Catholic Charities Bureau; the Douglas Co. Health & Human Services Dept; the City of Superior Parks & Recreation and Community Development Block grants; Superior-Douglas County United Way; Knights of Columbus Councils 499, 7106 and 6586; Indianhead Home Service; Duluth-Superior Area Community Foundation; Knight Foundation Fund; WI Dept of Transportation; the WHEDA Foundation; HUD/WHEDA; Focus on Energy; Badger Builders; National Bank of Commerce; Charter Communications; COMO Oil & Propane; Enbridge Pipelines, LLC; ICECOR Environmental; Intercity Asphalt; the Daily Telegram; The Peltz Group-Recycle America Alliance; Upper Lakes Foods; Super One; Kurtz Catering; The Garden House; Lenroot Funeral Home; Wolff's Flower Shop; Lakehead Constructors; Superior Noon Rotary, Evening Lions, Kiwanis and Noon Optimist Clubs; and the many individual contributors.

The Challenge Center is very grateful for, and must continue to rely on, the support of our communities businesses, clubs and individuals to meet the challenges of today and tomorrow.