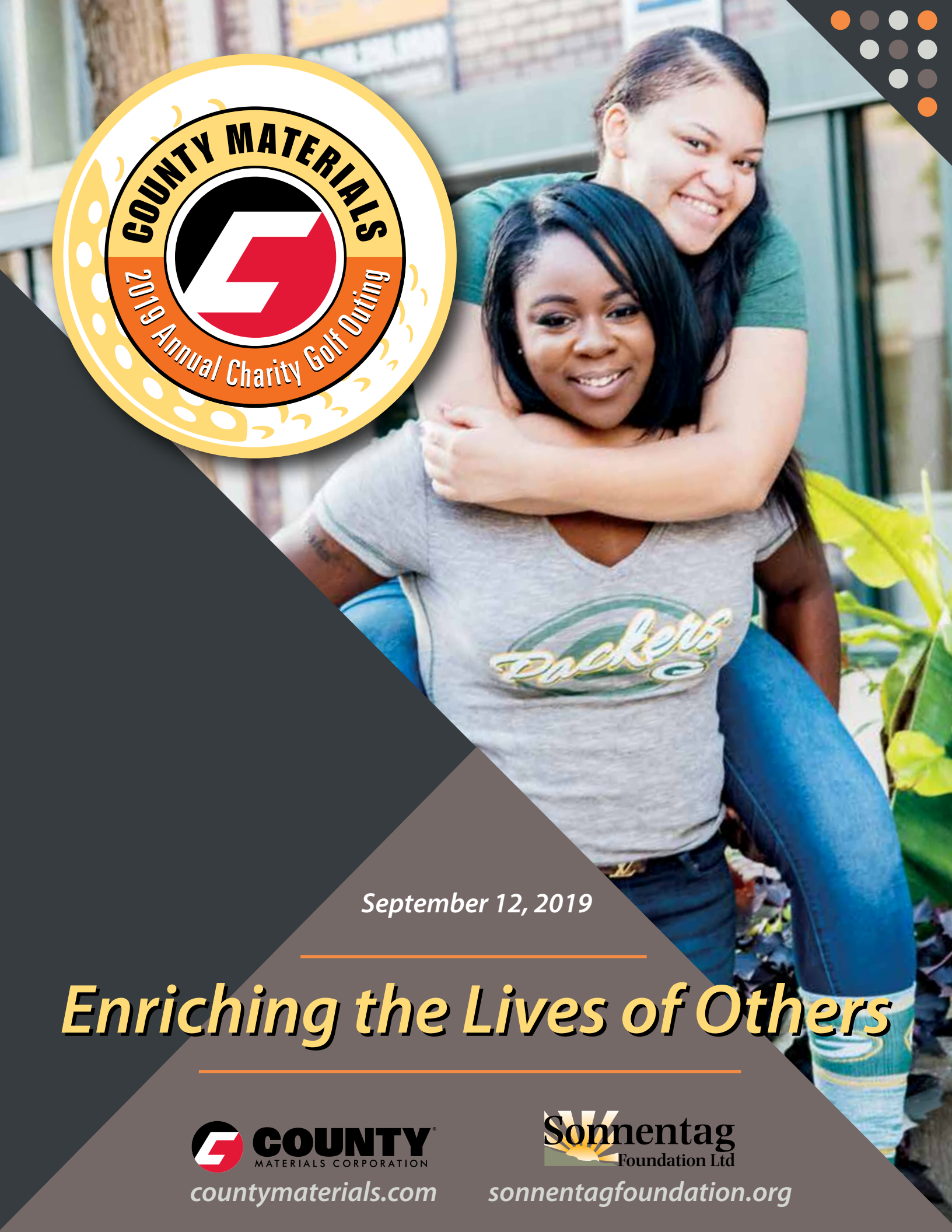

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Dear Friends,

Inside these pages, we are proud to share very touching and personal stories from people who are benefiting from contributions made to County Materials' Charity Golf Outing. Your donations and sponsorships really do matter because these funds are helping to change people's lives for the better and build stronger communities.

Your gift has made it possible for the Sonnentag Foundation to expand our support to 33 organizations in cities where County Materials has operations. Because of your generosity, funding has helped individuals in four key service areas: Hunger & Homelessness, Military Personnel & Veteran Support, Sexual Abuse & Domestic Assault Services, and Youth Mentoring & Skills Building.

We hope you see from the stories and photos inside this booklet how your participation in our outing is truly enriching the lives of others!

We greatly appreciate your help; we want you to know how important your commitment is to the overall success of our charity golf event. On behalf of the many recipient organizations and the families they touch, we express our deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks for your generosity!

The Sonnentag Foundation

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Enriching the Lives of Others

Salvation Army Grace Place

sagraceplace.org

New Richmond, WI

Moving Toward a Secure Future

Grace Place is a homeless shelter for families and single individuals. When a family or individual comes to stay at Grace Place, case managers work directly with them to make a plan to help them become permanently housed and regain their independence. The goal is that they leave the shelter stronger and better equipped to move forward toward a secure future. Grace Place has tutoring programs for the children who stay there and case managers work with moms, dads and single individuals to seek employment, get needed medical care, sign up for services they qualify for, find housing or get accepted into a housing program. Grace Place has led to 76% of families and individuals leaving the shelter and finding permanent housing.

Your Giving in Action!

Eric was a homeless dad who came to stay at Grace Place with his disabled son. Eric found himself homeless many times in his adult life for many reasons including trying to care for his son and maintain employment. He and his son needed help and Grace Place was able to do that. When the two of them came into the shelter, Eric got connected with their case managers and learned he qualified for one of their housing programs. While on this program, Eric was able to complete the WITC-Welding program and graduated last year. Eric said he would never have been able to concentrate on school and care for his son without the help of this program through Grace Place. The staff working with Eric was able to help get disability benefits and other services for Eric's son. Eric is now connected to the resources he needs and has a degree that helped him find solid employment. Eric is currently working and now has the ability to secure housing on his own. Residents, like Eric and others at Grace Place, are being encouraged to get connected to resources that will help them be strong long into the future.

Lake Cares Food Pantry

Mount Dora, Eustis, Tavares, and Paisley, FL

Providing Peace, Compassion and Understanding

Lake Cares is an independent community food pantry governed by a Board of Directors comprised of representatives from local businesses and residents who care about their mission. They provide food and other necessary items directly to the people who need assistance in Lake County, Florida. In 2018 they served 48,904 individuals, with approximately 65% being senior and disabled clients. They also distributed over 15,000 pounds of food each week. On average it takes 60 pounds of food to serve one family of four for three days three meals per day. Lake Cares Food Pantry strives to help all individuals through food assistance and education while treating them with dignity. They strive to do all they can to lift the spirits for all they serve!

There are all kinds of reasons why people need assistance, and whatever the reason is, Lake Cares is here to help.

Your Giving in Action!

Janet's Story

Sometimes life deals us tragic and unexpected events. Such is the case of one of Lake Cares clients by the name of Janet, who at 75 years old received custody of her 5 great grandchildren.

"We went from just my husband Larry and myself to getting my great grandchildren due to their parents dying within days of each other," Janet said. "Then, we were not only dealing with heartache, but how to feed and clothe all of them on our fixed income."

Food was scarce for the now family of seven. Each night the children would go to bed hungry. They would wake up hungry. They would go to school hungry. It was during a conversation with a neighbor that Janet found out about Lake Cares Food Pantry.

"I had no idea something like this existed," Janet said. "Our prayers were answered. I immediately picked up the phone and called them."

Janet tells everyone from the moment she walked in the door at Lake Cares she has found wonderful, caring individuals. She uses the words "peaceful and comfortable, compassionate and understanding" to describe the volunteers.

"The first question they asked me was what help I needed," she said. "And from these volunteers with angels in their hearts, my worry about food was eased. They gave us such good healthy food. That night and since, my kids eat good food and have a snack of peanut butter and crackers before bed. They go to bed with full tummies."

Camp Hope

Farmington, MO

Honor the Fallen by Helping the Wounded

Camp Hope is a retreat for military veterans wounded in the Global War on Terror. Camp Hope covers all expenses for combat-wounded veterans, including travel, and provides ADA-compliant cabins, food and supplies, and an attentive all-volunteer staff to support veterans with almost any disability. Situated in rural Farmington, Missouri, approximately 80 miles south of St. Louis, Camp Hope is in the heartland of America.

William "Mike" and Galia White founded Camp Hope after their son Christopher paid the ultimate price for our freedoms and was killed while serving in Iraq in 2006. Chris's family has chosen to keep his spirit alive by helping disabled veterans and sharing with them his passion for hunting and fishing. They treat every guest of Camp Hope as members of their own family. Their love, compassion and selflessness is the secret sauce that makes Camp Hope such a special place.

With cool streams, winding creeks, granite boulders, gravel paths, tall trees and an abundance of wildlife there is plenty of open space for hiking, four-wheeling, hunting, fishing and exploring. Visits by honored guests often center around deer and turkey seasons.

Your Giving in Action!

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Joe was one of the very first combat-wounded veterans to visit Camp Hope. Since that visit back in 2007, Joe has remained a loyal supporter and now volunteers to help others. Joe's combat service left him legally blind. He is still on active-duty and serves on the Camp Hope Board of Directors.

"I got a new sense of independence down here; I got part of my old self back. I healed in ways I didn't know I needed to... I advocate for Camp Hope because it heals." - Joe Bogart

Custom Canines Service Dog Academy

customcanines.org

Sun Prairie, WI

CUSTOM CANINES
SERVICE DOG ACADEMY

Each Dog Becomes Someone's Hero

Custom Canines is a non-profit organization powered by wonderful volunteers who are dedicated to raising, training, and giving service dogs to individuals with disabilities, free of charge. In so doing, they enable people to live fuller lives of courage and passion with their canine partners at their side.

Custom Canines works with all types of disabilities from children with autism, people who use a wheelchair, people who are visually impaired, to military veterans needing help with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder.

Service animal means any guide dog, signal dog, or other animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of an individual with a disability, including, but not limited to, guiding individuals with impaired vision, alerting individuals with impaired hearing to intruders or sounds, providing minimal protection or rescue work, pulling a wheelchair, or fetching dropped items.

Your Giving in Action!

Titan Helps a Veteran

Mary was a medic and a truck driver in the US Army for four years and worked at Joint Force Headquarters in Madison. Mary suffers from balance issues and severe back pain problems. Her partnership with Titan was funded by the Sonnentag Foundation.

The partnership between Wisconsin National Guard veteran, Mary, and her service dog, Titan, has been a wonderful companionship.

She and Titan were certified as a working team just this summer. She is now retired and is enjoying her new-found freedom and independence that Titan gives her.

Easterseals Crossroads

eastersealscrossroads.org

Indianapolis, IN

Changing the Way the World Defines and Views Disability

Easterseals Crossroads helps to make positive outcomes for the many people who use their services. Each year they serve over 7,250 individuals with disabilities or special needs including injured military personnel and veterans. Community support greatly enhances their ability to assist individuals with disabilities, special needs and challenges to realize their goals and achievements.

Your Giving in Action!

Ms. P.C. grew up in Central Indiana and after graduating from high school she enlisted in the Marine Corp. Although she was always interested in joining the Marines, facing limited job opportunities and a strained relationship with her family provided just the right amount of motivation to enlist. Being a female in the Marines was a positive experience. She worked as an electrician and grew to believe she was both smart enough and determined enough to be successful both in the Marines and as a civilian.

However, when Easterseals Veterans Services staff met Ms. P.C., she was living in her car and parking in public locations across a three-county area to sleep. Although she was able to tap into a small network of family and friends that allowed her to shower and do laundry weekly, she wanted and needed to build a better life. Depending on others was just not working. Luckily, one community partner referred Ms. P.C. to Easterseals Crossroads for employment assistance while they began working to find housing for her.

Shortly after the referral and with some assistance and encouragement, Ms. P.C. was in temporary housing and feeling more confident and actively searching for a job. Once engaged with staff she was able to pursue mental health counseling which helped her change her circumstances. As Ms. P.C. began to feel better and take more control of her life, she felt more motivated and willing to talk with potential employers. As a former instructor at a Cosmetology school, she still had contacts in the industry. After some interview practice and references, Ms. P.C. was soon employed. One success lead to another and soon Ms. P.C. hoped to once again become an instructor at the best-known Cosmetology School in the metro area. Ms. P.C. is also working to improve the relationship with her family and friends as she becomes more secure and independent.

Ketchum's Got Your Six

ketchumsgotyoursix.com

Madison, WI

Watching Your Back

Ketchum's Got Your Six, the non-profit organization sponsoring Ketchum's Ride, does fundraising to assist veterans with training of service dogs for those in need. Ketchum's Ride is a bicycle ride benefitting Wisconsin veterans suffering from PTSD, Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder, in honor of the late Sergeant Ketchum. The 22-mile ride on the beautiful 400 State Trail is bringing people together to recognize our veterans, raise funds and create awareness.

Sergeant Brandon Ketchum was a veteran of the Marines and Army National Guard who suffered from PTSD. Unfortunately, he was unable to overcome the disease and eventually took his own life. Brandon was a Wisconsin Dells High School graduate.

Said Kristine Arsenault, President of Ketchum's Got Your Six, "My passion for our veterans is overwhelming at times. I feel their pain to the core. I want to do everything in my power to help and that's how Ketchum's Got Your Six evolved. I feel that my passion for the veterans may help save a life. We're here to raise awareness to the 20-22 suicides that are committed daily by our veterans and to raise funds to help make a difference."

Your Giving in Action!

Several of the veterans who received life-enhancing services from Custom Canines from 2018-2019 thanks to a grant from Ketchum's Got Your Six:

- **Terry,** a U.S. Army veteran was paired with his Custom Canines service dog, Roscoe. Roscoe serves as Terry's PTS service dog and is giving him independence and freedom to leave his home, continue his schooling and work independently outside of his living environment. (Harshaw, WI)
- **Jacob,** a Marine Corps veteran has been paired with Custom Canines service dog, Stitches. Stitches will serve as Jacob's PTS and mobility service dog. They are just starting their placement training together. (Menominee Falls, WI)
- **Linda,** a U. S. Air Force veteran has enrolled in the Owner Training academy with her canine hero in training, Baldur. Linda is just starting her service dog training thanks to the generosity of the Sonnentag Foundation. (Sun Prairie, WI)

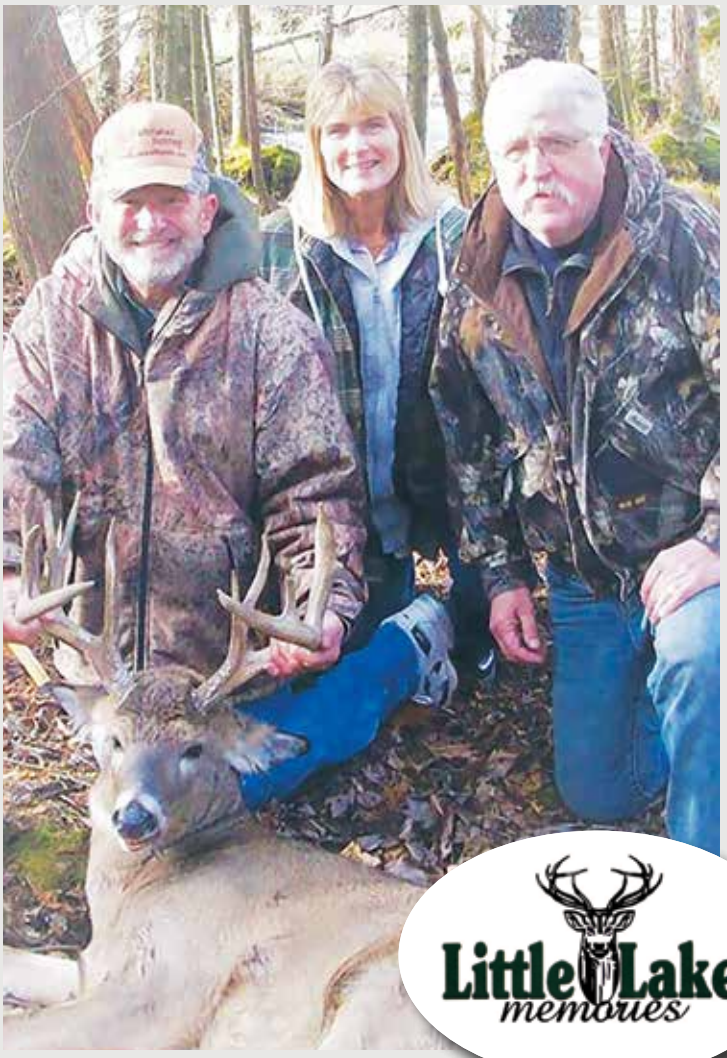
The meaning of the phrase "Got your six" –

"I am watching your back, making sure you stay safe. I will warn you of incoming threats and I will help you deal with the problem."

Little Lakes Memories

littlelakesmemories.org

Irma, WI



Lifetime Memories Created Here

Little Lakes Memories facilitate hunts and outdoor experiences for those with disabilities. Located in Irma, Wisconsin this non-profit has provided lasting memories for many families from all over the United States. In 2016, Little Lakes Memories offered 242 nights of respite stays at their Little Lakes Ranch.

In addition to the hunts and respite stays at the lodge, Little Lakes also conducts numerous other charitable activities, including awarding scholarships, raising money for the Special Olympics, and toy drives. All their funding comes from donations, raffles, fundraisers, benefits and grants from organizations like the Sonnentag Foundation.

Your Giving in Action!

U.S. Army veteran **Tom Goodrich** and his wife, Colleen, came to Little Lakes Lodge for a deer hunt in 2016. Tom was a sniper for the United States Army and had been severely wounded in Afghanistan 10 years prior. A Blackhawk helicopter airlifted him out of the area and he resided in multiple hospitals for months to recover from his injuries. He was on oxygen and legally blind. These considerable disadvantages did not stop him from bagging a rare piebald deer. He truly enjoyed his stay at the lodge.

Herb Reiten is a serviceman who benefited from a cherished visit to Little Lakes Lodge. A Vietnam veteran who served in the Navy on the aircraft carrier U.S.S. Ranger from 1969 to 1970 as a boiler operator, Reiten noticed an unusual stiffness in his legs when he was 35. At first, the condition made it difficult for him to lift his leg and grew increasingly worse. Reiten was eventually diagnosed with hereditary spastic paraplegias (HSP), a relatively rare neurological disorder causing progressive stiffness and contraction in the lower limbs. Due to the relentless progression of the incurable disease, Reiten was no longer able to participate in one of his favorite activities, the annual Wisconsin deer hunt. For several years he was limited to hunting from a vehicle, but even that became impossible. Reiten accepted an invitation to go on a deer hunt at Little Lakes Lodge, where he successfully harvested a 13-point buck. A grateful Reiten has repeatedly said the experience is one he will remember for the rest of his life.

Patriot K9s of Wisconsin

patriotk9s.com

Wausau, WI

Ready for change. Ready for growth. Ready to reclaim their lives.

Each day an average of 20 U.S. military veterans take their own lives. Military veterans and their families often deal with the challenge of post-traumatic stress disorder when loved ones return from deployments. Sadly, our Wisconsin veterans are not immune. Patriot K9s of Wisconsin is trying to change these statistics.

Since 2017, Patriot K9s has trained qualified military veterans and shelter dogs, at no cost to veterans, to create certified service dog teams, specifically addressing the effects of PTSD, Traumatic Brain Injury & Military Sexual Trauma.

Your Giving in Action!

Patriot K9s works with veterans and shelter dogs to change lives every day. One of the many veteran spouses wrote explaining her experience this way:

"You have brought my husband back to me and a father back to my kids. Every day I see more and more changes that I didn't know were possible. I was hoping time would heal his suffering.… Thank you from the bottom of my heart!"

U.S. Army Veteran **Jorge**: "It was kinda hard to talk to people for a long time. Because I was just so angry with everybody. After 11 years of therapy and anger management groups, honestly, this is like a miracle. I can do the things they talked about in therapy but never thought I could. He (his service canine) can tell when I'm starting to get anxious or having a flashback. He automatically comes closer to me and puts his paws on me."

"Anyone who has a chance to do this – do it! The truth is you're not broken. You have a lot to offer."

Patriot K9s is devoted to helping disabled veterans and shelter dogs get a second chance at life. Patriot K9s has created more than 35 service dog teams. Upon graduation from the program, the veteran and canine become a highly trained certified service dog team.

Patriot K9s would not be able to fulfill its mission to train society's cast-away shelter dogs and our honorable disabled military veterans without assistance from organizations like ours.

Alternatives, Inc.

alternativesdv.org

Anderson, IN

Turning Victims Into Survivors

Alternatives, Inc. helped 339 individuals last year because of support from the Sonnentag Foundation. Additionally, their Play for Family Peace golf outing raised $38,000 for Alternatives, Inc. The organization provided emergency shelter for 192 adults and 146 children in the last 12 months. They answered over 2,500 crisis hotline calls and provided outreach (non-shelter) services for an additional 209 survivors. Their work is vital in turning victims into survivors.

Your Giving in Action!

"Lacy" came to the shelter with a shattered self-esteem and spirit. She had been in an abusive relationship for many years. She had turned to drugs and alcohol to numb her pain. When she first came to the shelter she was nervous and afraid of the unknown. The future was unclear and she knew her past was not healthy or safe for her children; not knowing what the future would hold caused great anxiety. The next morning, she told staff she slept peacefully for the first time in years!

From there she started working on a plan. She helped her daughter settle in to life in a shelter and encouraged her to participate in the children's programming. Staff helped with securing doctor's appointments and gathering the necessary items for her newborn. She secured a job, started saving money, began her sobriety journey, and was accepted into our Transitional Housing program. Lacy and her children are thriving today! She has been sober for nearly a year, her daughter's grades have improved, and both have restored their self-confidence!

The Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center

amycenter.mvn.net/

Mount Vernon, IL

Finding Their Voice and Reaching Out

The Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center and their partners are the front-line responders to reports of sexual abuse, as well as reports of severe physical abuse of children. They provide children with a safe place to share their story in their own words with experts who will listen to them, protect them and help them heal.

The Amy Center 1990

The Amy Schulz Child Advocacy Center was founded in 1990 by Dennis Schulz in memory of his daughter Amy after her abduction, sexual assault, and murder in 1987. After Amy's death, Dennis learned that nearly half a million children are reported as victims of sexual abuse each year. His goal was to help with the pain of child sexual abuse victims and to prevent other children from experiencing sexual abuse.

Amy Rachelle Schulz

Your Giving in Action!

In 2013, The Amy Center developed the program "Body Boundaries". This is a comprehensive, ongoing, sexual abuse prevention program offered to preschool through High School students during the school year. The program has seen incredible growth in 2019, that they've been able to serve over 2000 more students than they could last year. This leads to more reporting and more families and children helped. Children and their adult role models are becoming more aware of where to turn when an abuse crisis is upon them. They are finding their voice and reaching out for help.

More help is always needed and that's where The Amy Center comes in. The Amy Center offers their services free of charge but they're never free of expenses. The Center holds many events that are crucial fundraisers in continuing their mission. Their volunteers and board members work tirelessly to continue the success of the events. With 7 counties to serve, the work is never-ending.

HOPE of East Central Illinois

hope-eci.org

Charleston, IL

The Road to Independence and Non-violence

The mission of HOPE of East Central Illinois is to empower persons to live independent, non-violent lives through the provisions of Housing, Outreach, Prevention, and Education. Their service area includes Coles, Clark, Cumberland, Douglas, Edgar, Moultrie, and Shelby Counties in Illinois. Last year, more than 400 victims of domestic violence and their children received support services from HOPE.

HOPE is proud to maintain two housing programs: a domestic violence emergency shelter as well as eight transitional housing units. In 2018, victims had access to over 10,832 nights of safe housing. Additionally, they host programs aimed at decreasing violence in the local community. These programs range from children's summer and after school programming to counseling services, and an expansive outreach, prevention, and educational effort. Their programs are designed to empower victims to lead self-sufficient, safe, and successful lives.

HOPE also proudly maintains a 24-hour, 7 day a week, 365 day a year toll-free crisis hotline providing support, intervention, information, and referrals to anyone seeking knowledge about domestic violence interventions.

Your Giving in Action!

HOPE
COALITION AGAINST DOMESTIC VIOLENCE

Our funding allows HOPE to provide items or services that are not covered by grant funding. These services may range from purchasing clothing for a victim who comes into the shelter with little more than a suitcase of clothing they gathered in a rush. Other times, it could be purchasing a gas card or train ticket for a victim who for a variety of reasons may be safer at a different emergency shelter and needs assistance getting there.

"Receiving unrestricted funding from a community partner such as County Materials is crucial in our ability to safely meet the needs of our individual clients." *– Kelly Hardy, Executive Director*

Sojourner Family Peace Center

familypeacecenter.org

Milwaukee, WI

Finding Their Voice

Sojourner transforms lives impacted by domestic violence. From crisis safety management to physical and mental health support to life-skills coaching – Sojourner offers a continuum of care and support every step of the way.

Together, we can end domestic violence.

Your Giving in Action!

Selfless, caring and concerned about meeting other people's needs – that's just Sara's way.

It started when she was young. When Sara was 10 years old, her father walked out on the family, shifting his adult-sized responsibilities onto her tiny shoulders. It was a devastating blow. Her siblings turned to drugs and alcohol to cope with their father's absence while Sara put aside her feelings of abandonment to care for her family.

Years later, Sara's struggles compounded when she met Jack. In some relationships, a partner doesn't show their violent side right away, but Jack was violent from the start. Jack used Sara's tendency to put others' needs first as a way to manipulate and control her. To others, Jack was charming and charismatic and could talk his way out of anything, including when the police came to the house.

Sara's calls for help went unanswered and with no support, she endured the abusive relationship. Sara quit trying to leave and eventually learned to follow Jack's manipulative rules in an effort to minimize his abuse. She hoped things would improve when they had children, but unfortunately, his temper worsened.

Eventually, Sara had enough. She was tired of living in fear and wanted a new life – a peaceful life – for her and her children. She reached out to Sojourner and with help from an Advocate was granted a court-ordered domestic violence injunction to keep Jack away from her home, car and workplace for four years.

Though she escaped the abusive relationship, Sara still felt mentally trapped. The trauma she experienced since she was young had left her feeling ashamed and afraid to open up – even in Sojourner's support group. But over time, Sara found her voice. Surrounded by empathetic support from facilitators and group members, Sara challenged herself to confront the trauma she'd buried deep within.

Today, Sara is an active member of Sojouner's Child Witness to Domestic Violence support group. With their encouragement, she and her children have found healthy ways to talk about the abuse they experienced. Sara's days of being a hidden victim are over. These days, she uses her voice to help others find safety and healing.

The Women's Center

twcwaukesha.org

Waukesha, WI

A Place for Safety and Comfort

Established in 1977, The Women's Center remains the only agency of its kind in Waukesha County. In 2018, a total of 18,278 adults and children were served through their network of services, including calls to the 24-Hour Hotline and those reached by Community Education and Violence Prevention programming. Their impact extends beyond Waukesha, as they see clients from throughout the region and also serve as the emergency shelter for two adjoining counties.

Your Giving in Action!

Seeking safety and shelter, **Kay** came to The Women's Center when she was 28 years old. Her abusive partner did not allow her to work, and she had no funds for her own apartment. Working with their counselors and advocates while she stayed in their shelter, she outlined a plan to return to work in the medical field, where she had been licensed prior to the escalation in her relationship. Together, they outlined her resume, reviewed interviewing skills, and applied to renew her drivers and professional licenses. Kay was thrilled to receive two competitive job offers and is now happy in her new job and new apartment, far from her abuser.

Quotes from shelter residents:

"I appreciate everything you all done for me, it motivated me to keep doing what I'm doing for a better outcome."

"I wanted to say thank you to all of the awesome staff for being so caring and such great listeners."

"Thank you all so much. Last night was seriously the best night's sleep I have had in years. I felt so safe."

"When I first arrived with my son things were a little scary but being here has put my mind at ease. I feel safe and comfortable."

THE Womens CENTER
Safety. Shelter. Support.

The Women's Community, Inc.

womenscommunity.org

Wausau, WI

One Mission and One Vision

The mission of The Women's Community, Inc. is to provide specialized services and resources to people in Central Wisconsin affected by domestic violence, sexual assault, and unemployment. Their goal is to help individuals and families attain greater emotional and economic self-sufficiency. Their vision as a model organization empowers communities and individuals who have survived the effects of violence and oppression through the provision of quality programming, advocacy, and education. The ultimate goal is to reduce/eradicate violence.

Your Giving in Action!

Anna's Story

Anna was referred to the shelter by the responding officers. This was not their first contact with her, given the 8 years of violence at the hand of her partner. Police had referred her for advocacy services multiple times; so had friends, family, employers and the District Attorney's office after each incident. She thoroughly believed, and he continued to tell her, she was the only one that understood him and could help him. Through long nights talking with advocates, Anna started seeing that the parts of the relationship that were "broken" were not hers alone to fix. He drained their savings account and advocates helped her secure funding to help pay a substantial utility bill that she'd been making payments on. She sought medical attention for stomach pain; but it turned out to be stress and anxiety. She had worked so hard to minimize and justify his behavior, that the level of risk to her started to sink in.

The Path to Freedom

Anna moved into her own apartment that she found and chose and loved. Because her finances were still carefully budgeted with the move, advocates arranged to have The Women's Community cover her copays for 6 sessions of counseling. She started attending support groups, though out of her normal comfort zone. She told us, "It was awesome! I think it's going to be extremely helpful. I even shared, which is usually difficult for me, especially about abuse."

The Path to Success

Anna and her advocate talk about the connection between living in chaos and physical health – and she started to see that taking care of herself and feeling safe was something she deserved, not something selfish she was doing to neglect her partner. Anna commented to her advocate, "I am happy, even on the bad days. I know I will be okay. Baby steps. Thank you for always supporting and encouraging me. It has and continues to mean a lot to me."

Turningpoint

turningpoint-wi.org

River Falls, WI

Advocacy and Shelter from Domestic Violence

One in three women will be a victim of **domestic violence** in her lifetime.

"As the need for emergency shelter, advocacy, and education continues to increase in our service area, we are especially grateful for the support of the Sonnentag Foundation. Thank you for your partnership, which allows Turningpoint to provide quality services, programming, and dignity to those struggling with domestic and sexual violence."

- Amy Berg, Development Director for Turningpoint

Turningpoint FOR VICTIMS OF DOMESTIC AND SEXUAL VIOLENCE

Your Giving in Action!

"It has been three years since we stayed at the shelter. Turningpoint has continued to support us beyond our 90 days there. I've utilized support groups, one-on-one emotional support, and I've received divorce paperwork from legal services. The food shelf has been an awesome resource for us. When we moved out of shelter, I was given a couch from Second Chances. They also gave us a kitchen table so the kids and I can sit together and share a meal. Turningpoint was there for us when nobody else was."

- Anonymous

YWCA of Rock County

ywcarockcounty.org

Janesville, WI

Eliminating Racism, Empowering Women

As a non-profit, YWCA Rock County relies heavily on community donations to support programming offered to people throughout the county.

One of their services, the CARE House, provides a safe space for abused children to be interviewed by law enforcement and other agencies. These interviews can then be used in court, so a child is not forced to face their abuser. The CARE House provides a vital service, as it is the only child advocacy center in Rock County. In 2018, the CARE House staff conducted 183 forensic interviews. Of those interviews, more than half involved some sort of sexual abuse of a child.

In addition, to the CARE House, YWCA Rock County offers The Alternatives to Violence emergency shelter. This is available for women and their children fleeing domestic abuse. Beds, linens, food, clothing, and personal care items are all provided.

Your Giving in Action!

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Sarah came to the Alternatives to Violence Shelter in December of 2016 after fleeing a violent relationship of ten years. Sarah and her five children were accepted into the Transitions for Women Program in March of 2017, moved into their 3-bedroom apartment, and lived in a transitional living apartment for one year. Fortunately, Sarah broke the cycle of abuse and took actions necessary to write a new story for her family. During her time at Transitions for Women, Sarah secured employment and began school at a local college to receive her associates degree in Early Childhood Development. She is currently living independently and attending her last semester to complete her degree. She was recently awarded Student Worker of the Year, and her oldest son was in the audience to cheer her on.

Big Brothers Big Sisters

(Multiple Chapters)

A Year of Changes and a New Mission

Big Brothers Big Sisters chapters experienced a year of changes, including a repositioned brand, new logo and a new mission: To create and support one-to-one mentoring relationships that ignite the power and promise of youth. Several chapters changed offices to improve working space and administrative efficiencies.

Other chapters started a Match Enrichment Fund to help encourage Bigs and Littles to explore other activities and events that may be of interest to them. Events can include visiting an art or science museum, sending their Little to a S.T.E.M. Camp, participating in health and wellness classes, or scholastic needs. With this program, BBBS offers scholarships and academic assistance to Littles that are graduating high school and attending college to help with tuition and supplies that may be needed.

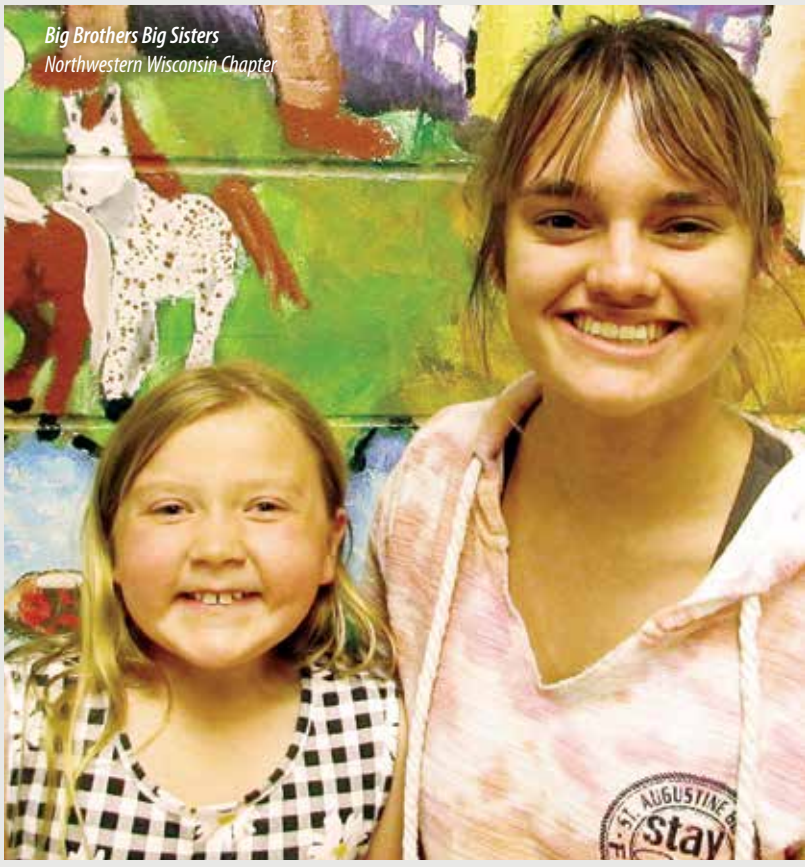
All of these changes came about because of one BIG reason: Mentoring works! It's why the organization continues to grow. Big Brothers Big Sisters is proud to report another record high of children served. Bigs and family members are seeing their Littles do better in school, be more confident, be less likely to be involved with risky behaviors and develop dreams for their futures.

BBBS chapters are also fortunate to have many great community partners that help achieve its mission, including public school districts that support school mentoring programs. Other chapters have begun collaborating with the Boys & Girls Clubs and Family Services in their regions.

Big Brothers Big Sisters.

***BBBS Chapters Represented:**

- Central Wisconsin, Stevens Point, WI
- Central Illinois - Champaign County, Champaign, IL
- Central Indiana, Indianapolis, IN
- Dane County, Madison, WI
- Illinois Capital Region, Springfield, IL
- Johnson County, Iowa City, IA
- Mid-Illinois, Charleston, IL
- Northcentral Wisconsin, Wausau, WI
- Northeastern Wisconsin, Green Bay, WI
- Northwestern Wisconsin, Eau Claire, WI
- Richland County, Olney, IL
- Southcentral Wisconsin, Delavan, WI
- 7 Rivers Region, La Crosse, WI



Big Brothers Big Sisters
Central Illinois Chapter

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Richland County, Illinois Chapter

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Central Indiana Chapter

Your Giving in Action!

Big Brothers Big Sisters
Dane County Chapter

Mentoring can have a Ripple Effect

This is especially true with BBBS of Dane County 2019 Big of the Year. Porsha Davis was a "Little" in the early 2000's and returned the favor as soon as she was eligible to become a mentor herself. In 2009, Porsha became a Big Sister and was introduced to Little Sister, Renajah. Over the past 10 years and for many more years to come, Porsha has been and will continue to defend the potential of Renajah because she believes in her bright future. Little Sister Renajah said, "What I've learned from Porsha is to always follow your dreams. Even at your lowest point, she taught me to never stop dreaming & always believe in myself."

Quotes from 'Littles' to their 'Bigs':

"My Big Sister is fun. I wouldn't have the words to thank her enough."

"Thank you to my Big Brother. He encourages me."

"I am thankful for my Big."

Community Action, Inc.

community-action.org

Beloit, WI

Creating Pathways Out of Poverty

The Fresh Start program at Community Action is built around five components that help prepare their graduates to be well-rounded individuals. These components are Academics, Construction, Employability, Life skills, and Leadership Development. Through these initiatives they want to expose youth to various areas of life so that they will be able to graduate ready to take on an ever-changing world.

Your Giving in Action!

DeeDee came to Twin Oaks Shelter for the Homeless after living in her vehicle. While she was living at Twin Oaks, she attended workshops. The Rent Smart series resonated with her since she knew she would need these skills. She secured her own apartment while at the shelter, so she could put her new skills to work.

Pauline and Andy ended up homeless after Pauline had some medical issues that landed her in the hospital. While at Twin Oaks, Pauline grew stronger and healthier. Andy was looking for a job when they moved in and he was able to secure a full-time job. Now that Pauline was feeling better, she was able to secure a job as a CNA.

Maggie is a single mom and was unemployed when she came to Twin Oaks but was applying for many different jobs. Maggie said her biggest struggle getting a job was not knowing where she was going to be staying from night to night. Maggie has a bachelor's degree, and within the first two weeks at Twin Oaks she went on five different interviews. Maggie was offered two different full-time jobs but took the one closer to home!

Compass for Kids

compass4kids.org

Springfield, IL

Empowering Children and Their Families

The mission of Compass for Kids is to provide academic and social-emotional support to empower at-risk children and families. To this end, Compass for Kids has innovative school year and summer programs to support at-risk children in Springfield School District 186 in Springfield, Illinois.

Compass works on educating the children as whole persons, and recognizes that social, emotional, and life skills contribute to overall well-being and academic success.

Camp Compass, described as a summer learning program, is a hybrid between a summer school and a camp. On one hand, Camp Compass is an academic intervention where licensed teachers instruct the students three hours per day, five days per week, for the six weeks of camp. In addition, Camp Compass incorporates enrichment activities and field trips to create a fun camp-like environment. These enrichment experiences address the opportunity gap in addition to the academic achievement gap. Mornings are reserved for math and reading, while afternoons are filled with a wide array of activities.

Your Giving in Action!

Jasmyne was a 5th grader at McClernand Elementary School. When she arrived at Camp Compass 2018, her Developmental Reading Assessment (DRA) was a 40 which is a 4th grade level, so she was one year behind grade level in reading. After the six weeks of Camp Compass, where she received instruction daily from a certified teacher, her DRA was a 60, which is a 6th grade level. Jasmyne not only moved up two grade levels, but additionally, she was ready for middle school in the fall thanks to Camp Compass.

Courage League Sports

courageleaguesports.com

Tiffin, IA

EveryBODY Deserves to PLAY!!

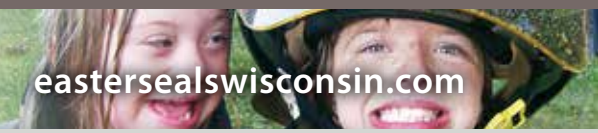
Courage League Sports is a non-profit adaptive sports and recreation organization that offers year-round programming for children and adults who can't go full speed due to a physical, cognitive or emotional disability. By adapting the pace, equipment, or nature of an activity, Courage League Sports provides a safe and accessible environment where participants can go at their own speed.

This past fall, Courage League Sports opened their first licensed location in Iowa City, Iowa with funding help from the County Materials Charity Golf Outing. Courage League Sports Iowa City completed five, 4-week sessions, providing a safe place for 75 children to play and be social outside of school and therapy. University of Iowa Therapeutic Recreation and Physical Therapy students, as well as area educators, therapists and experienced community members, provided volunteer support each evening of adapted play. The goal was for participants to leave sweaty and smiling and that they did!

Your Giving in Action!

One year of regular, adapted play with Courage League Sports helped eight-year-old Lilly, both at home and school. **Lilly** has a mild form of muscular dystrophy that affects her from her neck down to her hips. She fatigues easily and uses a wheelchair to go distances and conserve energy. Lilly had struggled for several years disliking PE class in school. Activities were not adapted and Lilly was often isolated from her peers. Courage League showed Lilly she could enjoy physical fitness and movement when it was adapted to allow her to participate in meaningful ways. CLS became the model for Lilly's IEP (individualized education program) team to adapt the school's PE curriculum to meet her physical needs. Courage League Sports also provided Lilly the opportunity to begin using power assist wheels on her wheelchair, which she had been uncomfortable using for three years prior. Lilly saw a fellow participant using his power assist wheels as he played and knew she finally had a safe place to learn and practice! She now uses her power assist wheels with ease and confidence!

Easter Seals Wisconsin



eastersealswisconsin.com

Madison, WI

Having the Time of Their Lives at a Place They'll Never Forget

Imagine a Place:

... where campers are free to be themselves and are valued for it.

... where campers are able to try new things and meet new people in a fully accessible and fun environment.

... where campers make new friends and reminisce with old ones.

... where campers of all ages and abilities challenge themselves and set goals to make the most of their camp experience.

... where not only the campers have time to relax, but their families and caregivers have a respite as well.

Camp Wawbeek aims to give children and adults with disabilities an opportunity to meet new friends and take on new challenges through a wide variety of recreational and social activities.

The Wisconsin Elks/ Easter Seals Respite Camp is designed to give families a break from the demands of caring for someone with a disability, while providing their loved ones with a safe, nurturing, and fun experience.

Your Giving in Action!

Lexi
Camp: Wawbeek
Favorite Activity: Ropes tower/zip line and singing camp songs
How has camp impacted your family? Lexi laughed when asked this and said "Well, they get rid of me for the week, but the real impact is for me. Camp makes me feel independent and it gives me countless opportunities to be independent"

Bryce
Camp: Wawbeek
Coming to camp for 4 weeks
Favorite Activity: Swimming and playing with friends
How does camp impact you? "I like to have fun!"

Owen
Camp: Respite
This is Owen's first full week at summer camp, he has come to a weekend prior to this.
He loves playing in the water, whether it's the pool, slip 'n slide or the hose. Owen communicates through gestures, cuddles and showing people what he likes.
How has camp impacted Owen's family?
Owen is a twin and his brother Aiden has had the opportunity to spend 1:1 time with his family this week. Aiden has gotten the opportunity to go on boat rides and explore beaches with his family.

County Materials' Charity Golf Outing Fundraising Progress:

Year	Contributions
2018	$183,600
2017	$175,605
2016	$156,500
2015	$140,000
2014	$104,500
2013	$91,650
2012	$76,000
2011	$71,500
2010	$70,000
2009	$25,000
2008	$16,000
2007	$11,000

Far Reaching Results

Since County Materials hosted our first charity golf outing in 2007 to support the Sonnentag Foundation, more than $1.1 million has been donated to deserving programs and charitable organizations serving communities where County Materials has locations.

Last year our charity golf outing raised $183,600, which was distributed to support 33 charitable organizations throughout Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Central Florida, and Wisconsin.

Your donations are enriching the lives of many people.

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Inspiring the Next Generation

The Sonnentag Foundation is a strong advocate for continuing education. Our goal is to inspire the next generation and encourage young people who want to pursue studies and careers, especially in the construction and landscape industry. We believe scholarships are not only helping to change the lives of deserving students and their families, but also local communities by investing in our future workforce, entreprenuers and leaders.

The Sonnentag Foundation established our scholarship program in 2000 to assist graduating high school students who plan to continue their education. Students can apply for one $1,500 scholarship for study at an accredited institution and in a field of study of the student's choice. Since its inception, nearly $461,000 in scholarships have been awarded. The program supports a wide range of educational options, including vocational and technical training, and associate and bachelor's degrees.

Local Impact Areas

The Sonnentag Foundation's philanthropic interests are strategically focused on supporting programs and projects that empower and inspire people.

Preference is given to regional construction and landscape oriented projects that serve the broader community in locations where County Materials has major facilities. The following are just a few examples of the many local and regional community projects our Foundation frequently supports:

- Habitat for Humanity homes
- Youth baseball/softball dugouts and structures
- Community gardens and walking trails
- Masonry apprenticeship and building trades courses
- Veteran monuments
- Playground sand
- Park and recreation landscape materials

Two classes from Kimberly High School learned valuable lessons about the masonry trade by constructing a park shelter with the support of material donations made by County Materials Corporation. Students worked with a local mason to build the shelter at Sunset Park in Kimberly, WI. County Materials donated more than 800 Fullface Split masonry units for the shelter's construction.

COUNTY MATERIALS 2019 Annual Charity Golf Outing

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Ways to Give

Make an impact on people's lives in local communities. 100 percent of your gift goes to support the organizations funded by the Sonnentag Foundation.

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