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Production News.... Above Production staff and program participants are inspecting and assembling cell scrapers for Sarstedt, Inc. In addition to cell scrapers, the Medical Manufacturing Division has had a busy Spring with increased medical contracts utilizing our new controlled environment space from WOI's recent Golden Leaf funded expansion. The Plastic Thermoforming Division has been busy with new plastic tray contracts for Dewey's Baking Company (manufacturer of Old Salem Moravian Cookies) and new Mona Lisa Chocolate trays.

Enabling Self-Reliance

Estimated Community Wages
Earned Since 1994:

\$5,420,635.90

Estimated Community Wages
Earned Year to Date (1/1/11):

\$118,636.04

Job Placements since 1994:

816

Job Placements Year to Date:

24

– OUR MISSION –

Watauga Opportunities, Inc. will enable self-reliance and enhance independence through the provision of vocational, residential, and community opportunities to individuals with barriers to employment and community involvement.

Letter from the President....



With Spring comes growth which WOI is experiencing in many areas: In April, with partial funding from a MARC Z. Smith Reynolds Grant, we launched our new website www.woiworks.org – go take a look. We were able to upgrade our entire site adding a new consumer/staff page. Within this page we have added a photo gallery, displaying photos from our recent participant cruise and other events. There is also a WOI events page for scheduling, an action alerts section for needed legislative advocacy and a new weather announcement page for delays & closings. During Feb. & March, with partial funding from a MARC Appalachian Regional Commission grant, our mgmt. team and dept. heads developed WOI's new Strategic Action Plan with facilitation by NC State. This plan will guide our growth over the next few years as we expand our current building, services & manufacturing. More news to follow on WOI's building expansion plans... Enjoy your summer and don't forget to visit www.woiworks.org!

SE Follow-Along News....The highlight of spring-time for the Supported Employment/Follow-Along Dept. has been enjoying the great outdoors! Hikers have already conquered Strawberry Hill and trails on the Blue Ridge Parkway; and the fishermen in the group have been to Bass Lake with no luck. FA also enjoyed an afternoon at Grandfather Mountain. The Town of Boone sponsored the local NC Litter Sweep, and FA participated in "Adopt-Street" on April 15th. Happy Hearts ECA Club enjoyed the annual Achievement Luncheon for the Watauga County Clubs. The club was recognized for their volunteer efforts in the community. The guest speaker from "Earth Fare" Grocery Store gave many good points on healthy shopping. Happy Hearts sponsored an Easter Party for residents of Mountain Care Facility. The AKTION Club continued to meet at "Bandana's" for a lunch meeting. Guests included Captain Kelly Redmon, Watauga Co. Sheriff's Dept., who spoke on safety in the community, shop-lifting, and following the laws. He also informed club members that law enforcement are in the community to be a support to all its citizens.

ADVP PARTICIPANT OF THE MONTH:

Connor Burleson

Connor has been very dedicated to his work this school year and focusing on increasing his productivity



– OUR Quality Policy –

Watauga Opportunities, Inc. is Mission Driven, Quality Focused, and Committed to Exceeding all Customer Expectations!



Out and About in the Community.... Pictured above, participants from the ADVP & CAP program enjoy a recent outing to Grandfather Mountain. They were able to take advantage of dollar days at Grandfather Mtn. Fortunately, the weather cooperated and fun was had by all.



ADVP News.... Watauga Opportunities has several participants who rely on sign language to communicate which has sparked interest in others to learn the language. Pictured above are several ADVP participants in a community sign language class at the Senior Center. Other news, ADVP sponsored a hotdog fundraiser to raise money for an individual, who used to attend ADVP, who was recently paralyzed from a tornado that hit Mountain City in April.

Community Employment Spotlight Employee



Mitchell Meggs

Mitchell Meggs is moving forward in his life. Recently he attended Watauga Opportunities (WOI) in the Work Adjustment Program. After training at WOI, Mitchell was placed in a job at Boone Ford working in the parts department. Because of his hard work, he has just been asked to pick up extra janitorial tasks. Mitchell states, "I like my job very much, I'm comfortable here and everyone is so nice, and the hours are perfect!"

Mitchell says he is also very thankful to the staff at Watauga Opportunities. "I appreciate all the help the people at Watauga Opportunities gave me and all the skills I learned."

Alfred Glover, owner of Boone Ford, states that Mitchell is doing a good job. One of Mitchell's supervisors says she "Just loves him. You don't have to tell him what to do."



Enabling Self-Reliance Through Employment

Calendar of Events:

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 May 19th– Happy Hearts Mtg.
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 May 26th – WOI BOD Mtg.
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 May 30th – WOI Closed for Memorial Day
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 June 1st – Aktion Club Mtg @ Bandanas
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 June 8th – WOI Staff Mtg
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 June 9th– Happy Hearts Mtg.
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 June 9th – Relay for Life Fundraiser – Italian Lunch
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 June 17th - Relay for Life Celebration
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 July 4th – WOI Closed for 4th of July Holiday



CAP News.... Pictured above, Tiffany with her CAP worker at Brookshire Park. Tiffany was working on her physical therapy walking exercises (utilizing a ball for balance & coordination) and enjoying the spring weather. Watauga Opportunities Community Alternative Program (CAP) provides individuals with assistance working on personal goals in the community. Individuals work on goals such as healthy living, volunteering, exercising, emergency/access signs, socialization skills, budgeting and may participate at various community sites such as Hunger Coalition, the Greenway walking trails, Wellness Center, local restaurants, and the Senior Center.



Pictured Above: Watauga Opportunities Relay for Life – All Star Team: Ronnie, Janet, Donna with Dianne Brown.

Watauga Opportunities Relay for Life Team

Watauga Opportunities Relay for Life Team was recently awarded a plaque honoring them as a 2010 South Atlantic Division -All Star Team. They received this great honor for raising \$1,563.00 for Relay for Life. Each Year WOI has a Relay for Life team that raises money all year for a great cause, then honors our cancer survivors and remembers the folks we have lost at the annual Relay for Life Celebration.

Kiwanis Atkion Club New...

AKTION Club members are pictured below presenting a check for \$250.75 to Katy Sulfridge, Executive Director, of the local American Red Cross. The most recent Service project of the AKTION Club included partnering with American Red Cross to raise money for Japan's Tsunami Relief Project.



Aktion Club Members: Karen, Justin, Linda, Andrew and Jerry are pictured with Katy Sulfridge, Executive Director of Red Cross.



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