



A Fortunate Connection

In 2011 Citizen Advocacy had a new name (Citizen Advocates), new logo, updated mission statement and we began to look for ways that we could have a greater impact in our community. The idea of group advocacy came from this desire to create more opportunities for people in the community to learn about who we were and to see that they could be advocates for someone with disabilities.

We were fortunate to connect with a small group of people from Kettlebrook Church who were interested in being the first to on this new idea. We matched them with a group of people with disabilities that were living mostly independently in one apartment building.

We all went into the first gathering in the fall of 2011

with a lot of questions and few answers. No one knew what to expect or what the outcome would be. The small Kettlebrook group began to set up monthly outings and offer them to the residents of the apartment building. Some outings were well received, a few others were met with little interest. But the group persisted and made a commitment to continue for another year.

This past month I was invited to dinner with two of the couples from the Kettlebrook small group. They were each interested in talking about becoming one on one advocates for residents in the apartment building. As they told stories of their group outings over the last 5 years, it was very evident that advocacy is already taking place. They already considered the individuals that lived in the apartment building as a part of circle of friends and they value each person in the group for what they bring to the group.

Moving towards a one on one match just seems like a natural next step for them.

A few days after this dinner, I was invited to attend a Baptism Service with Kettlebrook Church. Many of the residents of the apartment building have been attending Kettlebrook services and 4 had chosen to be baptized.(Attending church and being baptized was never a goal of the group match, but was a choice many have made because of the relationships they have made.) The service and baptism were very cool to be there to see, but to me the greatest part was seeing the members of the small group supporting, encouraging and standing beside each other as people who care deeply for each other.

When we started this new idea in 2011, we didn't know what the outcome would be. Five years later, it is so much better than we could have imagined!



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Upper Left: Each gun or station sponsor merited a field, marketing sign. **Upper middle:** A team of shooters posing with two CA Volunteers, Cheryl Starling on left and Rachel Maas right. **Upper:** Gerry Kruschka, Wild Wings owner, poses with Jayson Maas, winner of the Clubhouse Gun Raffle. **Lower Left:** Volunteer Megan helped man the outside gun raffle at Station 7. **Left:** Many families turn out to shoot as a team. We saw all ages over the week.

SHOOTING FOR A DIFFERENCE 2016



Over 250 shooters participated in this year's *Shooting For A Difference* fundraising event at Wild Wings Sportsman's Club in Campbellsport the weekend of August 19-21. We set a goal to raise \$17,000 this year to support our *Youth Connections* advocacy programs and came very close to realizing that very liberal goal. We raised over \$16,000—\$7,000 more than our 2015 event and \$10,000 more than the inaugural even in 2014. Many thanks to the families and groups of area shooters who showed up on a very hot, humid and rainy weekend, as well as to the area individual and business sponsors who sponsored the raffles and the shooting stations. Kudos as well to the many CA volunteers who braved the elements to make sure that our independently funded program remains funded without funding from state, federal or local community resources.

This year's sponsors included: Laufer Trucking, Commerce State Bank, Gerry & Heidi Lofy, Delta Defense, C2S Solutions, David Lefeber, Dr. Eric Sonesson, Peter & Dawn Aisbet, Germantown Mutual Insurance, KM Tours, MEC, Dr. Mark O'Meara, A&W Iron & Metal, Bob Fish Buick & GMC, Schmidt Funeral Home, SEEK Employment, Edward Jones Financial, Reis Financial Services, Pointer Marketing, Ron Albiero Heating & Air Conditioning, Mayer Law Offices, and Choice Ingredients. We also received a very generous matching investment from GZ Consulting Services.

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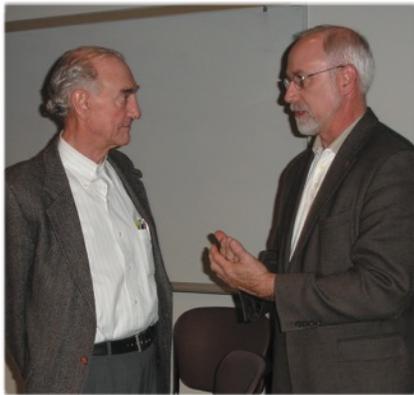
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We invite you to attend the 38th annual Citizen Advocates dinner

We invite you to attend the 38th annual Citizen Advocates dinner at the Wisconsin Automotive Museum in Hartford on Thursday, October 13, 2016. This is the third time that we have held our Annual Dinner at the museum and the venue has always drawn a large crowd. We invite you to come and share an informal dinner with staff, Board, advocates and partners; enjoy the cars and help us honor these CA donors: Al and Carolyn Laufer, Gerry and Heidi Lofy, and John Gates from Fred Astaire Studios. We will also be honoring this year’s Community Partnership Match—Joe LaBudde and Daniel Brunner. We look forward to seeing you on October 13. You may also call 262-334-3384 or see our website at: www.cawash.org. **Please see the registration form on page 4.**

Thank you David and Marilyn Lefeber!

This year’s Annual Meeting is sponsored by David and Marilyn Lefeber. David and Marilyn have been generous donors to Citizen Advocates for many years and we are indebted to them for making it possible for us to rent this beautiful facility for the evening. David is also an advocate in our program and was honored at last year’s Annual Meeting with a Heritage Match award. David has also graciously agreed to display his Detroit Electric car at this year’s meeting, and we are grateful to the Wisconsin Automotive Museum for making that possible. Thank you David and Marilyn for making it possible that this year’s 38th Annual Meeting is really something very special.



10TH ANNIVERSARY WOLFENSBERGER VISIT 2006-2016

October 2016 marks the 10th anniversary of the October 13-14, 2006 visit by Dr. Wolf Wolfensberger to the campus of UW-Washington County in West Bend, WI. The title of the workshop, “*An Introduction To The Concept Of ‘Social Advocacies: What They Are And Why They Are Needed,’*” drew over fifty attendees and marked the one and only time the founder of Citizen Advocacy nationally visited West Bend. Advocacy programs from all over the state of Wisconsin sent representatives to the Citizen Advocacy of Washington County sponsored workshop. It was a rare and memorable event for our program and we were honored to meet Dr. Wolfensberger.

Wolfensberger on left speaks with Executive Director Mark Brunner after the workshop’s conclusion the afternoon of October 13, 2006.



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This event was especially useful, as Dr. Wolfensberger advertised it, “To people who wanted to be advocates for societally devalued persons, to parents and other family members of such persons, and to leaders of voluntary associations on behalf of devalued groups which often act as collective advocates for the groups they represent.” After the two hour workshop was concluded we hosted Dr. Wolfensberger to a night out on the town, stopping at the Riverside Brewery, per his request, for a growler of beer. The workshop was held on October 13 and Wolfensberger stayed overnight to speak at our Annual Dinner on October 14. We were indeed fortunate to have Dr. Wolfensberger here, as it turned out he passed away in February of 2009, making his 2006 visit a one-time opportunity for us.

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