

A Fall Full of FUN!



The fall of 2016 was a busy one for Citizen Advocates. Our Annual Dinner helped us celebrate our program, volunteers and donors. We dressed up for our Fall Festival at Kettlebrook Church and ushered in the Christmas season with the River City Brass Band. About 25 friends of CA had a great time at a preview of The Christmas Carol at the Masonic Lodge. This along with our Respite events and school based programs kept the staff of CA busy this fall! Can't wait to see you in 2017!

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ANNUAL REPORT 2016

Upper Left: Our 2016 Shooting For a Difference event saw a 25% increase over 2014. **Left:** We presented four awards at our Annual Dinner at the Wisconsin Auto Museum in Hartford this past October. Picture is the presentation to Laufer Trucking. **Lower Left:** Another award was made at the dinner to John Gates, Fred Astaire Studios, for Volunteer of the Year. **Bottom Left:** We ended the year with a number of Fall activities. This picture shows a Kettlebrook Advocate group at the Kettlebrook Community Center in West Bend. **Below:** CA relies on business investments. Pictured are two representatives from Modern Woodmen presenting a \$1000 matching check for our 2017 Calendar fundraising event. **Bottom:** During the year we managed to make a number of community presentations to educate the community and promote the advocacy concept. Pictured is the Divorced, Widowed and Single Group from West Bend at a presentation in early December.



2016 was our 38th year as a program and we continued to maintain a two-pronged approach: **Adult Connections** and **Youth Connections**.

This was also our second year providing advocacy opportunities to parents of children with disabilities through our **Respite Program** at Silverbrook Middle School in West Bend. Our

Program Coordinator, Jessica Frederick will be completing her 10th year as *Program Coordinator* in 2017 and in 2016 became the second longest serving Program Coordinator in our nearly 40 year history. Jessica reports that our program made over 450 touches in 2016 between both program segments with the majority of these in our growing, monthly Respite Program. Another growth factor in 2016 was our Board of Directors. We reached ten directors by the end of the year with the addition of four new directors. Net gain was three as we had one director leave the Board in 2016. We received two new program grants last year and continued our relationship with five sustaining support

foundations. We ended the year with a balanced budget and within \$20 of our projected income budget. Our expenses were minimally over budget. (See our 2016 B&L at www.cawash.org.)



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Welcome New

Board Members

Please join me in welcoming three new members to our Board of Directors.



Amy Schultz joined our Board in December. She is currently working as the Communication Director for the Lutheran Special School and Education at Milwaukee Lutheran High School in Milwaukee. A graduate of Wisconsin Lutheran College, Amy lives in Milwaukee and has two children.



Attorney **Eileen Evans**, Richfield, has been practicing law in West Bend since graduating from Marquette University Law School in 2003. She joined our Board in September and is a member of the State Bar of Wisconsin, United States District Court, Eastern District of Wisconsin, Washington County Bar Association, Wisconsin



Attorney **Margaret G. Zickuhr Zolp** joined our Board in October and is a member of the Wisconsin State Bar. She is a member of the Ozaukee and Washington County Bar Associations and a past member of the Waukesha and Milwaukee Bar Associations. She is also currently a member of the Leander J. Foley Matrimonial Inns of Court, Society of Family Lawyers and of the Wisconsin Association of Mediators, Association of Family and Conciliatory Courts, National Association of Counsel for Children and National Association of Professional Women.



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It wouldn't be Christmas if there wasn't food, drink, song and, yes, even Santa Claus! On December 9th **(2006)** Citizen Advocacy of Washington County celebrated its third annual Christmas Open House at our offices in downtown West Bend. Over 80 guests from the community visited over the course of the afternoon and evening, including Santa Claus. The Synergy Singers from Synergy St. Joseph's Hospital provided Christmas carols and the whole Centrum Building witnessed a memorable community Christmas celebration.



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Creating relationships
that make a positive
difference in
the lives of those with
disabilities.



We are currently looking for Advocates. Advocates can be individuals or groups, students or retired, male or female, who enjoy spending time with other people and have a desire to build a relationship with someone new. You can be an advocate!

An advocate is matched with an individual of any age with developmental disabilities who need advocates to: prevent isolation from the community, encourage community friendships and enhance meaningful personal relationships, mentor and assist with life decisions.



Interested in learning more about the advocates that we are looking for? Please go to our website to see a list of advocates that we are currently looking for. <http://cawash.org/advocates-needed>.

Coming Events

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| • January Respite | January 28 |
| • February Respite | February 18 |
| • March Respite | March 18 |
| • April Respite | April 22 |
| • Dancing For a Difference | May 12 |

To order tickets to the 2016 Annual Meeting, detach and Send to CA, PO Box 582, West Bend, WI 53095



Dancing For a Difference

Our 8th Annual Gala will be taking place at the Hartford Chandelier Ballroom, Hartford, Wisconsin, on Friday, May 12th. If you would like to attend, please call Mark at 414-412-1820 or go to www.cawash.org and sign up online.

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