



family footnotes NEWSLETTER

fall 2017



Dear Friends of FSRC,

It has been a good, and very busy, year at the Family Support and Resource Center (FSRC). Throughout 2017 we provided direct support to over 550 families in Dane County (WI) who are raising children with significant disabilities, as well as offering them many fun activities. Some of these events include, Exploring Art classes, Country Pumpkin Halloween party, and our annual FSRC picnic, as well as special projects such as Holiday Giving to over 170 children and Back to School backpacks for 55 students.

Our work is supported largely by funds administered through Dane County, generous donors who contribute to our annual fundraising campaign, and United Way. **December starts our annual fundraising campaign and we are looking to raise \$50,000.00, which will allow FSRC to continue providing much needed services to those in our community who are in need of assistance.** We need your support to make sure these needs are met. Can we count on your assistance and generosity to make a donation? By making a tax deductible contribution in the self-addressed envelope, you will be directly supporting Dane County families who are raising a child with a significant disability within their home. Additionally, you'll be recognized (if desired) for your generosity as an FSRC supporter in the FSRC newsletter and in our 2017 annual report.

Thank you for your consideration and continued support.

Joe Herr, Board President

Heidi Rossiter, Executive Director

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO YOU AND YOUR FAMILY!



FSRC HOLIDAY HOURS

**FSRC will be closed on
December 25 and 26, and
January 1 and 2.**

**We will do our best to meet family
needs over the holidays.**



FAMILY CARE/IRIS UPDATE

We are working with families who have children 18 and older to ensure they are enrolled in Family Care, Partnership or IRIS starting in February 2018. Many of you have attended the various community trainings during the past year to learn about options and what the different choices mean. Enrollment Counseling is facilitated through the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC), and they can be reached at 608-240-7480 to schedule an appointment or 608-240-7400, ADRC@countyofdane.com, to get answers to your questions.

The IRIS agencies available to families in Dane County include:

1. The Management Group (TMG), tmgwisconsin.com
2. Connections, connections.wis.org
3. Progressive Community Services (PCS), pcsdane.org
4. First Person Care Consultants, firstpersoncare.com

Family Care agencies include:

1. My Choice Family Care, mychoicefamilycare.org
2. Care Wisconsin Family Care, care.wisc.org/familycare

Partnership agencies includes:

1. Care Wisconsin Partnership, carewisc.org/partnership
2. iCare Partnership, icare-wi.org

For more information on related resources contact:

- ◆ Arcdaneconomy.org - - - Family Care/IRIS Transition
- ◆ Lovdane.org
- ◆ DHS.wisconsin.gov/familycare

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What is Stimmi?

Stimmi is a new Caregiver App and website designed to support children and adults with autism and other disabilities. Stimmi lets you create a safe and secure online Care Center completely customized for your child. To learn more go to their website, www.stimmi.org to sign up for a free account today. Each account and each user will create a password for protected access. Account owners can decide who sees the data by inviting caregivers into the site. The information is hosted on a secure server.



WHAT WERE YOU DOING ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 26?

If you weren't at the Family Support and Resource Annual Picnic on August 26, you missed a very fun time. On August 26, 250 families, agency staff, Board members, and others came together at McKee Farms Park in Fitchburg to enjoy great food, enthusiastic entertainment, and plenty of time to socialize with both old and new friends. Special thanks to Culligan Water, Gaylord's Catering, UW Madison Bucky Badger, the Allison Smith Foundation, Ladybug the Clown, MetamorFace painting, and the many other individuals who helped make our picnic another tremendous success. Make sure to join us in 2018 if you missed us this year!





**WE WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBER
ALBERTA HAGAN**

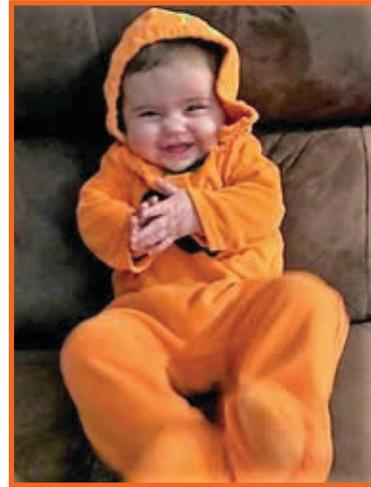
I became interested in disability issues after my son was diagnosed with cerebral palsy. As a volunteer for the Junior Achievement program of Chicago I taught and mentored disadvantaged children, and also serve as an independent business consultant advising account teams in the rail industry and energy practice. I earned a Master of Business Administration degree from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management, and completed my undergraduate degree at the University of Science and Technology. I live in Madison, WI, with my husband and my three children, and enjoy keeping up with the latest technology trends for kids with disabilities, as well as reading and volunteering.





STAFF UPDATES

In August, **Katy Nichols** returned to her job as an FSRC Case Manager from her 3 month maternity leave. She and Paul are now the proud parents of Ellie, 7 months!



Kaela Winter is planning to start her maternity leave in early January and will be returning in 12 weeks. Congratulations Kaela and Patrick!



CONGRATULATIONS TO 2017 GRADUATE VINCENT CLAYBORN

Vince to his parents, "Thank you for all your hard work and helping me achieve so much in life. If it wasn't for you guys I'd be struggling out here."

Message from mom and dad, " We love you son, go take the world by storm. Congratulations on all of your hard work and achievements, we are so very proud of you."



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BACK TO SCHOOL

The AT&T Pioneers did it again! They donated backpacks and supplies for 51 children served by FSRC who were heading back to school this fall. They have supported our families for the past 13 years in making sure all of our kids have a good start to the school year. After her child received a backpack, one parent wrote, "That backpack with school supplies was a Godsend! I honestly felt so blessed to have received it." Thanks again AT&T Pioneers!



Winter Break Activities

Zoo Lights

When: Open Thursdays, Fridays, Saturdays & Sundays 5:30-9pm
Over Winter Break, Dec. 26-31, will be open every night
**Closed for the Holiday Dec. 24 and 25*

Where: Henry Vilas Zoo, 702 S. Randall Avenue, Madison

Admission: \$7 per person (children under 3 are free) **or** \$24 for a family 4-pack **or** \$44 for season passes (2 adults, 2 kids)
**Season passes must be purchased online*



Olbrich's Holiday Express: Flower and Model Train Show

When: Open daily 10am-4pm

**Closing at 2pm Dec. 24 and closed all day Dec. 25*

Where: Olbrich Botanical Gardens, 3330 Atwood Avenue, Madison

Admission: \$5 for adults, \$3 for children ages 3-12, children 2 and under are free



Holiday Fantasy In Lights (Free!)

When: Lights on daily at 4pm through Jan. 2

Where: Olin Park, 1156 Olin-Turville Court, Madison
No admission but donations are greatly appreciated!



Bird & Nature Outing (Free!)

Saturday, Dec. 23: 10-11:30am—Edna Taylor Conservation Park Area
Walk begins at the Aldo Leopold Nature Center,
330 Femrite Drive, Madison

Sunday, Dec. 24: 1:30-3pm—UW's Lakeshore Nature Preserve

Hike begins at Lakeshore Preserve, 2002 University Bay Drive,
Madison—use Picnic Point parking lot.

Afterwards enjoy a campfire with marshmallows and hot chocolate!

Dress appropriately for the weather. **These outings are not wheelchair accessible.*



Wisconsin State Capitol Tour (Free!)

When: Monday-Saturday: 9am, 10am, 11am, 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm
Sundays: 1pm, 2pm, and 3pm

**No tours Dec. 24 and 25*

Where: 2 E. Main Street, Madison



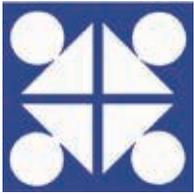
Ice Skating (Free!)

When: Open once there's a consistent ice depth over 5 inches.

Where: 12 outdoor ice rinks at parks throughout Madison, three
with a warming shelter, ice skate rentals, and concessions.

For more details visit: www.CityOfMadison.com/Parks/IceSkating





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Return Service Requested



Yes, I want to support FSRC's mission to keep Dane County families together!

Enclosed is my gift in the amount of: \$10 \$25 \$50 \$100 \$500 Other _____

Specific designation _____

Please charge my Visa or MasterCard:

Card# _____ Expiration date _____

Signature _____

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone (____) _____ Email address _____

May we publish your name in campaign materials? Yes No

The Family Support & Resource Center provides respite care, financial assistance, case management and other family support services that give families hope - that their son or daughter with a disability will thrive with a little extra help.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Keeping Dane County families together by providing resources to support and care for children with significant disabilities at home