

# Winona ORC Connection

Summer 2016

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# The Garden Project is a Great Success!

**"Thank you** to **Xcel Energy** and **The United Way!"** Because of you, we are enjoying a wonderful garden again this year! New areas have been developed for an even greater variety of vegetables!

We have been blessed to have **The Winona Master Gardeners** teach us all about raised bed gardening and how to prepare tasty dishes from the vegetables that are harvested. It is so fulfilling to watch our clients grow in knowledge of planting and harvesting a garden. They are taking home skills they will use for a lifetime.

Left to right: Joan Moor, Cindy Welke-Master Gardener, Gail Opatz-Master Gardener, Sue Ann Mullen-Master Gardener, Brenda Mueller (seated), and Danna Frasch.

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# Winona ORC's 17th Annual Golf Tournament



The 17th Annual Golf Tournament was held on July 28th at The Bridges Golf Course. It was a great day and we had 28 teams this year! It was a wonderful afternoon of golf, food, and fun! Most importantly, nearly **\$42,000** was raised to support Winona ORC's mission of providing vocational and employment opportunities for people with disabilities!

Special thanks to our Matching Sponsors Bob Kierlin & Mary Burrichter, and Michael & Joette Gostomski, as well as our Major Sponsors The Slaggie Family Foundation, MBM Logistics, Peerless Chain, Winona National Bank and Fastenal.

Thank you to all of our sponsors and volunteers who show their support year after year. We couldn't do what we do without you!

#### Thank you everyone! We had a GREAT time!

**Photos by Helen Nordby** For more pictures, visit our website at: **www.winonaorc.org** 



# **Thank you to our Matching Sponsors!**

# **Bob Kierlin & Mary Burrichter**

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### **Employee Superstar!**

# Milton Topness is a Superstar!

Thank you Milton for continually being upbeat and happy. You are such a genuinely kind, wonderful person and someone we all love to be around.



Milton started working at Winona ORC on April 30, 1975. With an employee number of 6, you know that he's worked for us for a very long time! Throughout this time he has been a superstar in various jobs such as a gardening attendant, clerical duties at Fastenal, dishwashing at Chartwells, laundry, and various other jobs. Milton is also an advocate for SAM. He was awarded Self Advocate of the Year for this state wide organization in 2010. He continues to participate through this organization in different capacities.

When he is not working he is spending time with family, friends, and participating in activities through Home and Community Options.

Milton has words of wisdom for anyone that he meets: "You have to at least try something or you will never know."

Thank you Milton, for 40 Years of Employment at Winona ORC! We are so lucky to have you! You bring a smile to our face and love to our hearts.

## **Lions Annual Picnic**



Thank You Winona Noon Lions for your continued support of Winona ORC! We appreciated you and the wonderful service you do for us and for our community. The Winona Noon Lions held their annual summer picnic on Tuesday, July 12th, at the Lions Pavilion for the clients of Winona ORC and Winona DAC. Every year our workers look forward to this event and it is very much appreciated. This year more than 150 people were served a picnic lunch of sloppy joes, beans, coleslaw, fresh fruit, potato chips, and an ice cream bar for dessert.

#### "Thank You for the wonderful lunch!"

The Lions Motto is "We serve". With over 1,300,000 members in more than 200 countries, the Lions are the largest service club in the world. Those interested in learning more about the Winona Noon Lions may check out their website

# HOME DELIVERED MEALS



#### DELIVERED BY STAFF AT WORC

For many years Winona ORC has participated in Winona Volunteer Services "Home Delivered Meals" program, delivering meals to those who are homebound. Every Friday, Winona ORC staff pick up and deliver meals to people in the Winona area. Delivering these meals allows Winona ORC to give back to the community that gives to us. Delivering meals also provides a check in and socialization to the home bound. Besides delivering meals, we deliver a friendly face and service to the community.

# RESCUED MONEY

#### FOUND IN ITEMS TO BE SHREDDED

Once again, our workers in our shredding department have found a large sum of cash! Customers can't say enough about how happy they are when money is found and returned. We are grateful to have such a wonderful group of employees who are just as excited when they find money as they are when they return it!



## **Position Filled, Positions Open!**



Ami Sholes has accepted the position of Employment Specialist, working with people to find and secure employment outside of Winona ORC. She has worked for WORC since 2014, first joining our team as a community job coach and later as a DT&H Job Coach working side by side with our clients in our laundry and shredding departments. Congratulations Ami! Do you like to help others succeed? Are you looking for a meaningful job? Then look no further! We have the right fit for you!

Join Winona ORC's team as a Job Coach! Full time or Part time positions are available. This position provides job training for people with disabilities in the community and at our main location. This position requires the ability to work independently and in a team environment. You must be able to work a flexible schedule, possess a valid driver's license, and have a reliable vehicle. Preemployment background and drug testing is conducted. Benefits are available.

## Thank you!

The following people have made donations to our "Building Opportunity Fund" and to our "Bus Fund" from May through July 2016.

- Jerry & Pat Papenfuss Family Gene & Deb Pelowski Stan Ferguson Trucking Lynn & David Theurer Ellsworth Simon Fawcett-Junker Funeral Home
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Grants from United Way & Xcel Energy Employee Superstar 2016 Golf Tournament



#### **Our Mission:**

It is our mission to provide community based employment, vocational training and comprehensive job related skills and services to people with special needs. We will design programs to work harmoniously with other community resources to maximize opportunities to our clients and our community.

We envision a world where all people are uplifted by working. Through pride, dignity, continuous learning and respect for all, we build a healthier community.

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