



Advocate June 2010

**Center for Independent Living  
for Western Wisconsin, Inc.**

***The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. (CILWW) is  
CELEBRATING "30" YEARS OF SERVICE***

CILWW-one of the first rural independent living centers in the country-has been providing quality consumer controlled advocacy and other services to people of all disabilities and has been recognized as the front line in the fights to ensure the civil rights for people of all disabilities. Staff and Board members alike are primarily comprised of people with disabilities.

We would like to invite you in joining the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. (CILWW) in celebrating it's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. CILWW's mission is:

‘...to advocate for and with persons  
with a disability to exercise their right  
to full inclusion in society.’

On the evening of September 16, 2010, Thursday, we will be celebrating with entertainment, dinner, awards, prizes, and socializing from 6-9pm. **Michael Beers (comedian)** will be providing colorful adult comedy in the life of a person with a disability. You will find a Celebration Invitation on the back side of this letter that may be returned with your RSVP and/or your support.

We hope you will be able to help us celebrate 30 years of continuing service to and with people with disabilities and look forward to 30 more years of growth.

If you would like more information about the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary or the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc., please call Tammy at 1-800-228-3287 or visit our website at [www.cilww.com](http://www.cilww.com).

Tim Sheehan

Executive Director

# **CELEBRATION INVITATION**

**Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc.**

30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Banquet, Sept. 16, 2010, Thursday

Florian Gardens, Eau Claire, WI

Individual/Business Name:

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Contact Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Tickets for myself/friends      Number of tickets \_\_\_\_\_

Chicken \_\_\_\_\_      Vegetarian \_\_\_\_\_

**If unable to attend please consider making a donation in support of being a sponsor.**

Cash donation in the amount of: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (event support)

Individual Sponsorship: # \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$50 per individual (placement recognition)

***Please return this form with your support by July 31<sup>st</sup>, 2010 to the address below.*** If you are requesting tickets for yourself/friends we will forward your ticket(s) to the above address.

## ***THANKS YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT***

For questions please call CILWW (800) 228-3287 or (715) 233-1070

Mail back to:

Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc.

2920 Schneider Ave. East, Menomonie, WI 54751

*\*CILWW, Inc. is a 501(c)3 organization and donations are tax deductible.*



## ***Adaptive equipment needed.....***

*Fishing Has No Boundaries*®, Inc is an educational, non-profit, volunteer organization dedicated to opening up outdoors to individuals with



the great disabilities  
Adaptive

equipment is an essential piece to providing this opportunity. If you or someone you know have adaptive fishing equipment, ***especially electric reels***, and would like to donate to provide an opportunity for someone else, please contact our National office at 800-243-3462.

### ***NEW OFFICE LOCATION!!!***

Our new office in Eau Claire, located at 202 Eau Claire Street, Suite 102, recently opened and is fully staffed to provide services. On July 28<sup>th</sup>, 2010, we will be celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ADA as well as the opening of the office.

For answers to your disability questions!!!



Save the Date!!  
2nd Annual  
Youth Transition  
Conference  
Thursday, October 28,  
2010  
The Plaza Hotel & Suites  
Eau Claire, WI

Questions? Call the Aging & Disability  
Resource Center of Eau Claire  
County at (715) 839-4735 or 1-888-388-  
4636, TTY Use Relay 7-1-1

# Celebrate the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act! Join the 2010 by 2010 Campaign!



The 2010 by 2010 Campaign's goal is to collect 2010 "Proclamations of Recommitment" to the mission of the ADA by the 20th anniversary of the ADA--July 26, 2010. Join us and become part of a nation-wide effort to proclaim a recommitment to vision and spirit of the Americans with Disabilities Act--full inclusion of people with disabilities into American life!

*In Celebration of the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of  
the Americans with Disabilities Act*

*A Proclamation of Recommitment  
to Full Implementation of the ADA*

On July 26, 1990, President George H. Bush signed into law the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities. This legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities.

The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers, changing perceptions, and increasing full participation in community life. However, the full promise of the ADA will only be reached if public entities remain committed in their efforts to fully implement the ADA.

On the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act, we celebrate and recognize the progress that has been made under the ADA by reaffirming the principles of equality and inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA Compliance.

NOW THEREFORE,

I, \_\_\_\_\_,

on behalf of \_\_\_\_\_,

do hereby reaffirm our commitment to work toward full accessibility and inclusion of people with disabilities,

on this, the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20 \_\_\_\_.

City/State: \_\_\_\_\_

## Three Easy Ways to Submit Your Proclamation.

Log on to:

<http://www.2010anniversary.org/submit.html>

Complete this form and submit it to the 2010 by 2010 Campaign to indicate you want to join the list of entities on the website.

Print a copy of this proclamation, fill in the blanks, and FAX to: 573-884-4925

E-mail a copy of this proclamation to:  
[edwardsmic@missouri.edu](mailto:edwardsmic@missouri.edu)

Mail to: 2010 by 2010 Campaign,  
100 Corporate Lake Drive,  
Columbia, MO  
65203

# Assistive Technology Resource Fair

Thursday Aug 5, 2010

10am-4pm

WITC- Rice Lake  
Conference Center  
1900 College Drive  
Rice Lake, WI 54868

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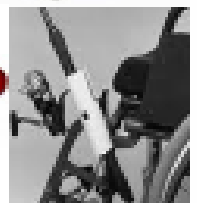
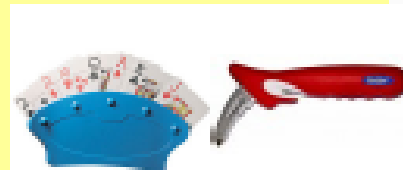
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Call 1-866-419-1260 for  
registration materials or  
with questions



## Training Sessions

- Come Fly with Me
- Wisloan and Telework
- Accessible Gardening
- iPods, Smart Phones & Other Digital Technology
- I Can Hear You Now
- Outdoor Recreation
- Magnifiers and More
- Adaptive Transportation
- Home Safety and Easy to Make AT
- Educational Assistive Technology



This training is funded in part by the Medicaid Infrastructure Grant (MIG) through the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services to the Wisconsin Department of Health and Family Services-Pathways to Independence.

# *Fishing Has No Boundaries*



## *Chippewa Valley Chapter*



**Who :** *Persons with disabilities, friends, family, guests, attendants*

**What :** *Two day event **PACKED** with fun, fishing, boating, eating!*



**When :** *August 20<sup>th</sup> & 21<sup>st</sup>, 2010*



**Where :** *Paradise Shores, Lake Holcombe, Holcombe WI*



**Why:** *To open the world of fishing to people of all abilities!*

**Provided:** *Rods, reels, life vests, adaptive fishing equipment, bait, fish cleaning, boats, pontoons, guides, Saturday evening dinner, and Sunday cookout!*



*Join us for a weekend of fun, fishing and camaraderie!*

***No Fishing license or experience needed!***



***Volunteers with Boats & Pontoons needed!!!***

## Welcome To CILWW Staff and Board Members

**Desi Grotzinger/Hutsell** joins us as Transportation Program Support. She loves animals and has recently recruited her new husband and several of us at CILWW into helping her feed the baby kittens she is foster mom for 😊

**Bobbi Craig** was hired as part time Transportation Specialist. Her previous work experience includes systems advocacy in domestic abuse, office/customer service and dispatch. Bobbi enjoys the outdoors and riding her Harley.

**Cliff Tickler** was hired as the full time Transportation Program Assistant. Cliff has 22 years in the mental health – residential services, including direct care, staff recruitment/training, program coordination/management. He likes outdoor activities: sand volley ball, hunting, fishing, biking as well as live music.

**Kit Trinko** is the voice you hear in the morning. She is our part time administrative assistant. She stays busy with her children, grandchildren, parents and her dogs! Her previous work experience includes being a veterinary assistant.

**Board Members:** Tim Solfest: Neal Bennett, Burton Yardley, Rebecca Vance, Brad Beckman, Kari DeLorge, and Gene Anderson ( more intros in future newsletters)

**Neal Bennett:** My life's road leading to the CILWW began in Minnesota, several years in Iowa, down to Mississippi, a nine year stop in Tennessee and finally to Eau Claire in 2000. I am a consultant with A&J Mobility covering western Wisconsin. Currently I serve on two other committees; Western Wisconsin Cares and the Department of Transportation. It is an honor to serve with the many talented board members of The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin.

**Burton Yardley:** I have been a resident of Hudson WI since 2000. I currently work at Associated bank in Hudson as a banker/loan officer. In 2005 I concluded my undergraduate education at the University of St Thomas with a degree in Finance and Economics. I also am perusing a graduate MBA degree at Metro State University. I have done much volunteer work with the United Way of St. Croix Valley and am currently a member of their citizen advisory panel

**Rebecca Vance:** I have been working at National Mutual Benefit, a Fraternal Life Insurance Company, where our motto is "People helping People" for the last 3 years. I am originally from Novi, Michigan and graduated from Northwood University with a Bachelors Degree in Marketing/Management. I look forward to bringing my experience and company motto in being an active board member for the Center for Independent Living.

## ***CILWW Community Action Team (CCAT)***

The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. (CILWW) is starting a grassroots advocacy network called CILWW Community Action Team (CCAT). We are looking for advocates to join the CCAT.

The CCAT is your chance to be a part of a grassroots network, composed of community members who are organized together from the 10 counties that CILWW serves.

### **HOW CAN YOU HELP?**

- Be a part of the Legislative Advocacy Network and receive and respond to local, state and national alerts.
- Assist in building upon existing grassroots advocacy efforts and setting goals for the CCAT group.
- Participate in activities in support of the groups goals. This could include letter writing, public speaking, rallies, press releases, etc.
- Recruit other advocates in your community to join.

### **WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT TO YOU (OR FOR YOU)?**

- The opportunity to collaborate with other independent living centers on issues/legislation important to people with disabilities.
- The opportunity to be trained on a range of advocacy skills and methods and learn from others in the CCAT.

### **HOW TO GET INVOLVED:**

Contact: The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin  
Noelle Johnson – CCAT coordinator  
1-715-233-1070v/tty  
1-800-228-3287  
[johnsonn@cilww.com](mailto:johnsonn@cilww.com)

### **For Sale:**

Hydraulic hooyer lift, electric hooyer lift, hospital bed w/ 4" gel pad, hospital tray table, queen size Kraftmatic adjustable bed, commode chair w/wheels. Call Duane 715-418-9805.

1987 Ford ¾ ton Handicap **van with wheelchair lift**, new tires, cruise control, \$2,800,



**2 electric chairs** from the Scooter Store, a Pronto with new batteries and 4 new tires for \$350,

A Jazzy model, 17 months old with oxygen tank holder on back for \$550,

**Lazy Boy electric lift chair** in very good condition, used by non-smoker, \$700,

Twin size remote control **hospital bed with mattress** \$100.

Call Mike at 715-671-3142 (cell phone)

2001 **Chevrolet Ventura, handicap with lift.** Front passenger seat swings out and moves up and down. 62,000 miles Asking \$16,000 Call Warren at 715-643-5671

**Large Bicycle playing cards**, \$10 per pack, have 4 packs, **Expanding Door hinge sets of two**, adds two inches to most doorways, have 7 packs, \$23.15 per set. Call Della at **CILWW** 715-233-1070 ext. 10, afternoons only.

## DONATIONS:

Electric Invacare hospital **bed w/trapeze bars** to donate. Call Karen 715-924-4838 (work) or 715-458-4295 after 5 (home).

## WisLoan and Telework Programs

The **Wisconsin Telework Loan Program** is a statewide, alternative loan program that allows Wisconsin residents with disabilities to purchase computers and other



equipment needed to work from home or from other remote sites away from the office, such as work on the road or at a Telework center.

The **WisLoan program** offers loans for assistive technology. The loans help people buy equipment such as hearing aids, modified vehicles, wheelchairs and ramps. The program is open to Wisconsin residents of all ages who have a disability. There are no income requirements, and individuals are not required to exhaust personal or public funding. Under the program, banks provide loans at a fixed rate of 5% to qualified



borrowers. Loan amounts depend on the item purchased and the ability to repay the loan.

Staff at the Center for Independent Living can answer your questions and take applications. For either program, contact CILWW at 800-228-3287 or 715-233-1070.

**CENTER FOR INDEPENDENT LIVING  
FOR WESTERN WISCONSIN, INC.  
2920 SCHNEIDER AVENUE E  
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### **CILWW Mission Statement**

The mission of the  
Center for  
Independent Living  
for Western  
Wisconsin, Inc. is to  
empower persons  
with a disability to  
achieve full  
participation in  
society. The mission  
embodies the  
philosophy that this  
may be achieved  
through advocacy  
and provision of  
quality consumer  
controlled service.

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