



ROTARY CLUB OF APPLETON GUSTO

Service Above Self

September 13, 2016 Upcoming Programs

September 20th, 2016 FOX BANQUETS

Ethics in Business
Thought of the Day: Mary Downs

September 27th, 2016
FOX BANQUETS
Courtesy Awards
Thought of the Day: Sonia Barham

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CHILDREN WITH DISABILITIES GRANT RECIPIENTS

In 1941, Rotarian William J. Roemer established a trust in the name of his wife, Helen Thom Roemer, to support the work of the Orthopedic Committee of the Rotary Club of Appleton and named the Rotary Club of Appleton the trustee of that trust. Today that committee is called the Children with Disabilities Committee. The income from this fund was set up to be used to benefit disabled children within a radius of 50 miles. The committee approved the following distributions from the Helen Thom Roemer Fund in the Appleton Rotary Foundation:

AASD-EARLY CHILDHOOD SPECIAL EDUCATION (\$500)

Funds provided hands-on professional development and materials (books, CD's, props/tools) for teachers, therapists, and support staff who work with Early Childhood Special Education students in school and community based programs in the Fox Cities Areas on the importance of engagement and skill building through active play to help support language development, self-expressions and creativity, movement, concentration and listening abilities, social interactions, fine and gross motor skills, problem solving, coordination, confidence and self-esteem. Participants receive a take-home bag filled with supporting materials.

CEREBRAL PALSY OF MIDEAST WI (\$540)

With the funds, CPMW will purchase eight wall-mounted desks for each bedroom at the Respite Home. This will allow quiet activity and be able to fold away when not needed. These desks cost \$250/each. We will also purchase 3 TV's and Blue Ray players for certain rooms. This will allow clients to relax and decrease over-stimulation concerns in large group areas.

EASTER SEALS WI (\$3,500)

The Equipment Grants for Outagamie County Children with Disabilities Program provides financial assistance to low income local children with disabilities needing disability-related equipment not covered by insurance or other funding programs.

LUTHERAN SOCIAL SERVICES (\$3,500)

LSS is seeking funds to support PATH (Providing Access to Healing) for Students, a very successful initiative that has been providing school-based mental health counseling services to school-aged youth in the Fox Cities since 2008; services are currently provided in 6 schools. The overall goal of the proposed program is to improve access to mental health services for children and youth experiencing barriers to care in the community by providing counseling services in the school setting.

MAKE-A-WISH WI (\$3,000)

The grant will be used to grant the wishes of local children battling and suffering from life-threatening medical conditions to provide them with the hope, strength and joy that they need. Our funds made Jake, a sweet 10 year old boy from Neenah, wish come true. Jake lives with a condition called ataxia telangiectasia which is a disorder that affects the nervous system and immune system. Jake's wish will provide his entire family with precious quality time to spend together, far away from doctors and hospitals. They will create wonderful lasting memories and form deeper family bonds while on their Alaskan Cruise.

SOAR FOX CITIES (\$2,500)

Funds helped SOAR provide children with disabilities in the Fox Cities areas camps at a reasonable cost for families to afford. Their camp program is uniquely tailored for individuals with differing cognitive abilities and fitness levels. These opportunities are very limited for their participants and can financially be a burden on the families. Funding allowed participants to remain physically and emotionally active, avoid isolation and develop skills to better assimilate in our community.

SPEICAL OLYMPICS WI FOX VALLEY REGION (\$4,207)

Funds will help with the cost associated with Sports Training and Competition program. Costs include gymnasium, field and facility rental for events, awards/ribbons for athletes, athletic equipment, athlete lunches at events, cost of volunteer screenings, t-shirts used to help athletes identify "event volunteers", annual skills training courses for coaches, event supplies such as field paint, floor tape, scorecards, coaches, packets, stopwatches, scoreboards, flagging, field markers, etc.

THE BUILDING FOR KIDS CHILDRENS MUSEUM (\$2,500)

The BFKCM seeks support for their successful Spectrum Saturdays program, a monthly experience tailored to the needs of families impacted by Autism Spectrum Disorder. For children on the autism spectrum, creative play-based learning opportunities at sites like the BFKCM are often too noisy and overstimulating. With lower lights and less music, Spectrum Saturdays deliver the GFKCM's signature programming in ways tailored to the unique needs of kids on the autism spectrum. Funds will be utilized for admission costs for all participants in the programming, facility updates/modifications based on participant feedback and additional programming facilitated by local therapists.

WISCONSIBS (\$2,250)

Funds will be used to host the 13th annual, Santa Celebration on December 3rd, 2015. At this event, children with disabilities and their families enjoy breakfast with Santa and other fun activities designed to involve children with disabilities of all ages with their siblings.

YMCA OF THE FOX CITIES (\$2,500)

Camp Hope requires an additional \$10,000 in funding each year to keep camp affordable for participants and their families and to fulfill requests for financial assistance. Our \$2,500 request will provide financial assistance, removing any financial barrier, for a minimum of 6 children to attend Camp Hope this summer. The average cost per camper is \$460 for the two weeks. Additional funding allows us to keep the camper fees more reasonable than this for families to participate.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Please welcome our newest member to Rotary, Ray Juidici. He was proposed into membership by Ron Altenburg.
- The SAS committee is in need for volunteers for Oktoberfest wristband sales on **Saturday, September 24th**. 2 people for the morning shift (9am-1pm) and 6 people for the afternoon shift (1-5pm). If you are interested please contact Dan Flannery at dfannery@goodwillncw.org or Deborah Wetter at deborahswetter@gmail.com to volunteer for this great opportunity.
- Fox Valley Business in Ethics Summit will take place on **Tuesday, October 4th**. If you are interested in volunteering you can sign up at <http://samaritan-counseling.com/eib/>. If you are interested in attending for a discount use the code: **4waytest**
- Members who recently left the club are: Jeff Van Ekeren, Amy Price, Jay Schumerth, John Pfefferle and Andy Heuer.

SEPTEMBER 20TH – ETHICS IN BUSINESS

The Fox Valley Ethics in Business Summit fosters a culture of integrity at work and in our community. On 9/20, Rosangela Berbert will be here to discuss the summit and advance the conversation around ethical best practices to shape a more vibrant community.

GUESTS, VISITORS AND MAKE-UPS

Visiting Guests this week were Harper Mrak, Amber Nelson, Kris Teofilo, Jill Gretzinger, Jennifer Zachek, Stephanie Dobrenz, Sue Stenz, Nicci Sprangers, Daina Shilts and Jarrod Bittner with the Club.

There Were No Visiting Rotarians this week

There Were No Make ups this week
