



**Advocate December 2010  
Center for Independent Living  
for Western Wisconsin, Inc.**



**Happy Holidays!!**

**Once again the Holiday Season is here! The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin would like to wish all a safe and happy Holiday!**



***30 Years***

**The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin celebrated their 30th year anniversary at the beautiful Florian Gardens on September 16, 2010.**

**Activities of the night included; a photo montage of the last 30 years, a singer, Billy Alton the Executive Director of APRIL (Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living) , an adult comedian Michael Beers from Summit Independent Living Center in Missoula MT, a raffle of wonderfully donated items.**

**Many laughs, memories and even tears were shared on this evening and we would like to thank all who attended this event and helped us celebrate in this joyous occasion. We would also like to give a special thanks to all of the sponsors.**

Thank You for the  
Donations

Kado Gallery  
Rogers & Holland  
Designs by Georgette

## **WELCOME TO NEW STAFF AND BOARD MEMBERS**

**Sara Carlson** joins us as a Resource Counselor; working out of the Rice Lake Office. She has a degree in Vocational Rehabilitation from UW Stout. She worked in the special education setting as well as employment and residential settings; doing direct care and managing a home. She is passionate about helping people. In her free she enjoys spending time with her family and friends.

### **Board members:**

**Brad Beckman:** I am presently the Manager of the Aging and Disability Resource Center (ADRC) of St. Croix County. I also act as Chair of the Greater Wisconsin Chapter for the Alzheimer's Association and as an advisory member to the IRIS Program for consumers. Prior to my tenure in St. Croix County, I was Director of the Office on Aging of Douglas County. I look forward to serving on the CILWW Board of Directors and working with the Executive Director and staff

**Kari DeLorge:** I am the Community Relations Coordinator for Heritage Court Memory Care and Heritage Assisted Living in Eau Claire. Originally from the Twin Cities, I moved to Wisconsin in 2004 and live in Eau Claire. I graduated from college with a degree in Business and have an extensive background in Marketing, Sales, and New Business Development. I am enjoying being a Board Member for the Center for Independent Living.

**Gene Anderson:** I am active in several community boards and groups, including being a Chippewa Aging and Disability Resource Center board member, on the Wisconsin Supreme court lawyer referral board, a representative for Coalition of Wisconsin Aging Groups (CWAG) and am certified as an AARP Driver Safety Instructor. I strive to make a difference in people's lives and help them in all possible ways.


## **SUPPORT THE NEED FOR ASSISTIVE EQUIPMENT!**

*Many of the Center's for Independent Living (CIL) services involve Assistive Technology devices. Assistive technology devices can range from weighted forks, spoons, and knives for persons with tremors to bathtub transfers to computer adaptive equipment.*

*Start your New Year by enjoying a night out and supporting this cause. Donations will be used to purchase and support assistive equipment for not only our Main office in Menomonie, but also our branch offices in Eau Claire and Rice Lake.*


*Flyer must be presented at TEXAS Roadhouse for 10% donation to be applied. Thanks for your support!!!* →

*See page 8 for more information our CIL's Assistive Loan and Demonstration program or visit our website at [www.cilww.com](http://www.cilww.com).*



**FUNDRAISING NIGHT!**

**TEXAS ROADHOUSE**



Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin Inc.

**Tuesday, February 22, 2011 4-10 p.m.**

**10% Donation Night**

Support this cause by presenting this invitation to the listed Texas Roadhouse® location and Texas Roadhouse® will donate 10% of your total food purchases to the fundraiser!

**Call AHEAD SEATING**

**715-838-0035**  
5019 Keystone Crossing  
Eau Claire, WI 54701

## **BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED**

*The Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin, Inc. (CILWW), located in Menomonie, Wisconsin is looking for energetic, dynamic, committed persons with disabilities to become members of a governing Board of Directors for a Consumer Controlled organization serving people of any disability in 10 counties in Western Wisconsin. CILWW's mission is to advocate for and with persons with a disability to exercise their right to full participation in society. Board meets six times per year. To inquire or apply, please contact Tammy at 715-233-1070 or email at [popple@cilww.com](mailto:popple@cilww.com).*

## **Hearing Aid Batteries from the VA**

Hi ya'll, if you got your hearing aids from the VA you can get replacement batteries from the VA free. They will need to have a current means test form 10-10 EZ/ R (renewal) completed. The batteries will be sent by mail after the paperwork is completed.  
David A Koch, Resource Counselor

<http://www.prosthetics.va.gov/HISA2.asp>

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

**Greetings from the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin!**

We are developing a grassroots advocacy network called The CILWW Community Action Team (CCAT) in our communities. We are inviting you to be a part of this group to discuss issues that are important to you and how we as a group can make change happen in our world. Are these issues important to you?

- Do you have concerns with public accessibility?
- Do you understand and have concerns with long term health care in Wisconsin?
- Do you feel our communities need to be more educated on what it is like to live with a disability?
- Do you want to learn how to contact legislators?
- Do you want to learn how to write an effective letter? Learn where to get the facts



CCAT wants to focus on issues important to you. We want you to be a part of directing what issues to focus on and what steps need to be taken to start making positive change in our communities. We are hoping you will join us to learn more about this group and other legislative advocacy options we have at the Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin (CILWW)

For more information please contact:

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CCAT coordinator  
715-233-1070 v/tty  
1-800-228-3287  
[johnsonn@cilww.com](mailto:johnsonn@cilww.com)

## The 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act

On October 8, 2010, President Obama signed The 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (S.3304) into law. The following statement can be attributed to Federal Communications Commission Chairman Julius Genachowski:

"The 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act is the most significant disability law in two decades. The law's provisions were endorsed in the FCC's National Broadband Plan. They will bring communication laws into the 21st Century, providing people with disabilities access to new broadband technologies and promoting new opportunities for innovation.

"Most importantly, the new law will ensure that people with disabilities are not left behind and can share fully in the economic and social benefits of broadband. The law will enable people with disabilities to participate in our 21st century economy.

"It is thanks to the bipartisan efforts of the legislation's sponsors Representative Markey and Senator Pryor and the bipartisan commitment of Chairmen Representative Waxman and Senator Rockefeller and ranking members Representative Barton and Senator Hutchison that this update to our nation's disability laws has become a reality. Subcommittee Chairmen Representative Boucher and Senator Kerry and ranking members Representative Stearns and Senator Ensign are also to be commended for their tireless work.

"The FCC, with the tremendous leadership of longtime advocate Karen Peltz Strauss, looks forward to working with consumer, industry, and government stakeholders as we assume the responsibility of ensuring the effective implementation of this landmark legislation."

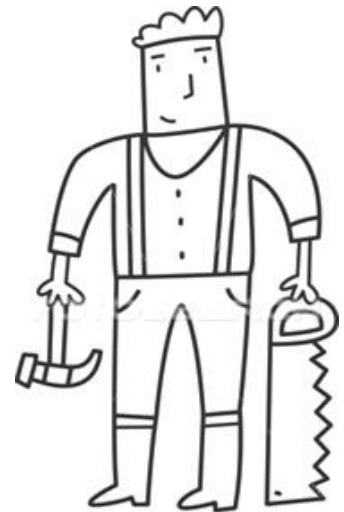


Custom design/sewing for people with disabilities or special needs.

[kathysewsforyou@yahoo.com](mailto:kathysewsforyou@yahoo.com)

Custom furniture design and alterations for special needs.

Bob: 715-410-5011



### For Sale:

2002 Town & Country **Van**, 83,000 miles, drive-in lock. Good condition! Asking \$16,000. For more information, call Kevin Schultz 715-456-2457.

**Optelec Eye Machine** in original 3 boxes. Clear TFT 17" monitor, 60 HZ Color, and base unit.

5 years old, used 3 years (works well on a card table) originally \$3,000.00 dollars, call and make an offer.  
Rita at 715-878-4521

**Electric full size bed**, with mattress, Cherry head and footboard. (bed is in Eau Claire) \$350 (was \$2400). Ask for Connie 920-655-2849

**Roho Wheel chair Cushion**, new in box, fits chair size 18" X 16". Asking \$100  
Call Michael at 715-344-4496

**Easy Pivot Transfer** \$350, **Motorized wheel chair**, new/hardly used \$700.  
Call Janelle 715-637-1325 1

New Aluminum **wheelchair ramp**, boxed and on pallet, retail price about \$4000. Asking \$1400. Call Terri at Wheelchair Recycling Program 608-243-1785

**Electric wheel chair**, 2 yrs old (used 8 months) \$1600 OBO (was \$5200), **electric wheel chair** about 10 years old, without batteries \$400 OBO or With batteries \$600 OBO, Bruno **manual lift** for cart to larger van \$150 OBO, **manual wheel chair** \$250 OBO, **Bed Cane** \$50, almost new.  
Call William at 715-726-0157

**Magic enlargement software** with speech \$400, Olympus **digital voice recorder**, was \$110 now \$75, **medcenter** your minder personal recording alarm clock \$20, **atomic wrist watch** \$5. Call Monty at 715-514-1619

**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:**

Hill-rom electric **hospital bed with mattress**. Equipped with electronic scale. Located in Chetek area. Contact Terry at 715-790-6328

**Electric Wheelchair**, please leave a message for Mary Barnes, First Congregational Church, 715-834-2668

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

**Older hospital bed**, (head no longer rolls up, but foot does), set of extra long sheets included. Frame measures about 36 X 88 inches.  
Call Ardith at 715-832-2324

Electric **hospital bed** with rails, head and footboard, **NO mattress**.  
Best to call Karen mornings at 715-234-1376

**3 wheel walker** with hand brakes, **another walker** (old style), **2 shower seats**, **blood pressure cuff** that is quite new. Call William at 715-726-0157



# Used Medical Equipment Resources- Lower Cost or Free

Eau Claire, WI area by Kari Ann Nelson

Craig's List: <http://eauclaire.craigslist.org/> (beauty & health section?)

Tradin' Post Buyer's Guide: <http://www.witradinpost.com/> (health & medical section)

Ebay: [www.ebay.com](http://www.ebay.com)

Freecycle: <http://www.freecycle.net/>

Center for Independent Living for Western Wisconsin (CILWW) Newsletter, "Advocate" - For Sale list. Updates are available by request. Call 1-800-228-3287 or (715) 233-1070 or email [cilww@cilww.com](mailto:cilww@cilww.com) If you are looking for a specific item, you can also place a short "Wanted" ad free.

United Cerebral Palsy (UCP) - (715)832-1782 [ucp1ruth@sbcglobal.net](mailto:ucp1ruth@sbcglobal.net)  
Have various used medical items to people with disabilities.

Hope Gospel Mission- <http://www.hopegospelmission.org/contact.php>  
Building Hope Store-(715)838-2084 or Bargain Center Store-(715)839-9498

Wheelchair Recycling Program (WRP) - <http://www.wrp.org/fag.html>  
Located in Madison (608) 243-1785, Milwaukee (262) 439-8248

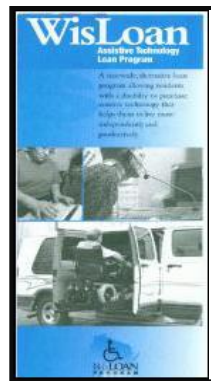
Goodwill & Savers- Second hand retail stores



## 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 6.5% 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.

# WisTech Loan and Demonstration Program

By Kay Sommerfeld



## New items in the loan and demonstration program!

**Foot Flush:** Foot Pedal Toilet Flusher: Hands free toilet flushing

**Tower Fruit and Vegetable Slicer:** Cuts 11 slices in one motion. Large 6 cup capacity

**Grippable Utensils:** Light weight, soft, easy to grip notched handles. Helps individuals who have difficulty grasping utensils.

**Clip and Pull Dressing Aid:** Attach clips to garment from a seated position. Clips hold the garment as you pull. Helps avoid bending and reaching

**Bright ID'er:** Jumbo Caller ID with a Large, Bright Display. Screen size is 8 ½ " by 1 1/8". Red letters on black screen are similar to a digital alarm clock. Has line/station busy indicator LED that reports extensions left off the hook, in use or if your basic telephone service has been interrupted.

**Telestick™ Portable Reacher:** AD 300 features washable adhesive disk that allows you to pick up items as heavy as one pound, yet delicate enough to pick up a piece of paper. MA4000 features a powerful magnet that allows you to pick up most metal items up to one pound. Both reachers come with the hook feature which enables you to hook, pull, or drag items up to one pound. The soft slip resistant PVC grip is approximately ½" in diameter.

**iPod Touch:** This hand held devices has many capabilities. Many young adults use the touch to surf the World Wide Web and to listen to music. Besides being a music player, it can be a communications system, an aid for remember appointments, an organizational tool, and provide hours of recreational fun. The user purchases "apps" for the touch, some are free and some cost money. The touch is the size of a cell phone and uses wireless technology for some of the apps to work.

If you are interested in trying or learning more about the devices in our program please call:

Menomonie 715-233-1070 v/tty or 800-228-3287

Rice Lake: 715-736- 1800 v/tty or 866-419-1260

Eau Claire: 715-514-4200 v/tty or 877-577-8252

## [www.healthwatchwisconsin.org](http://www.healthwatchwisconsin.org)

*ABC for Health in partnership with HealthWatch Wisconsin, a membership organization that focuses work on maximizing access to care and coverage for the people of Wisconsin, has developed a new feature: "The HealthWatch Wisconsin Reporter" to highlight large scale and important health care*

*coverage issues that require deeper analysis and review. This new publication tackles big issues, providing in-depth analysis and insight into complex questions.*

## Veteran's Outreach:

CILWW has received funding to provide Independent Living services, Assistive Technology

& Home Modification Assessment Services to Veterans with disabilities. Our goal is to provide the following services to veterans with disabilities: assessment of independent living, assistive technology (equipment or devices) and home modification needs (ramps, bathroom remodeling, etc) in order to improve accessibility.

Eligibility: Be a veteran with a disability in our ten county service area of Barron, Dunn, Eau Claire, Chippewa, Clark, Pepin, Pierce, St. Croix, Polk, or Rusk

This is a time-limited project that will conclude by 6/30/2011.

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Funding for this project is provided by the Wisconsin Coalition of Independent Living Centers with funding from Congressional Appropriations funding through the Department of Education

### **Hotline Service and Website Information for the Wisconsin Deaf Community in Need of Services for Abuse**

If you are asking yourself one or any of these questions,

Am I experiencing abuse?

I know someone who is experiencing abuse; what can I do for that person?

I want to know more about abuse, where can I find more information?

What is available in Wisconsin that will help me or for someone I know?

Then there is an answer for you!

Deaf Unity has a hotline that will help you answer your question or questions. All calls and contacts are CONFIDENTIAL and the staff and volunteer advocates are trained to listen, provide information and referral or help with resources. We want to offer hope to you that there is a way to stop the abuse.

To contact the hotline, email [help@deafunitywi.org](mailto:help@deafunitywi.org). We will respond within 20 minutes after your email. Please tell us how to contact you back (Email? Videophone? Text? Instant Messaging?). We want to make sure we can contact or call you back safely.

Deaf Unity Hotline Hours:

Mondays-Fridays 9 am – 5 pm

Mondays-Fridays 6 – 10 pm.

Deaf Unity also has a website: [www.deafunitywi.org](http://www.deafunitywi.org)

## *Fishing Has No Boundaries®*, Inc Annual outing on Lake Holcombe well attended!

The Fishing Has No Boundaries, Chippewa Valley Chapter held their ninth annual event Aug 21<sup>st</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2010. There was a great turn out this year

with 32 participants and 50 volunteers. It was a wonderful warm and sunny weekend where many smiles, memories and fish were caught.



*FHNB 2010 SPONSOR AND DONATION LIST*

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Odies Bait Shop  
Northwest Pathways to Independence  
FHNB Hayward Chapter  
Fishing Has No Boundaries, Inc  
Also many pontoon and boat owners*



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

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

up the great outdoors to individuals with disabilities through the world of fishing. 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.

Help CILWW earn money while improving the future of our world through recycling. CIL participates year round in a fundraising program that promotes a way of being environmentally responsible and to share in the goal of helping to preserve our environment.



Cartridges can be turned into CIL at any time. Please contact for future drop off areas and thanks for your participation. 715-233-1070 or 800-228-3287

# Peer Power

Are you a youth with a disability that is trying to decide what to do after high school? Are you unsure about living on your own, what to do about a job, going to school and all those choices and options? Would you like to meet with other youth that that feel the same way? Are you ready to take a lead in your life and learn how to speak up for yourself? If so you should look into joining the Center for Independent Living's Peer Power group. We currently meet 2 times a month after school to learn about ourselves, our disabilities and our community. If you are interested in joining or want more information please contact Sara Zwiefelhofer by calling 715-514-4200 or emailing her at [szwiefelhofer@cilww.com](mailto:szwiefelhofer@cilww.com). We are looking for members to join our Eau Claire location.



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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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