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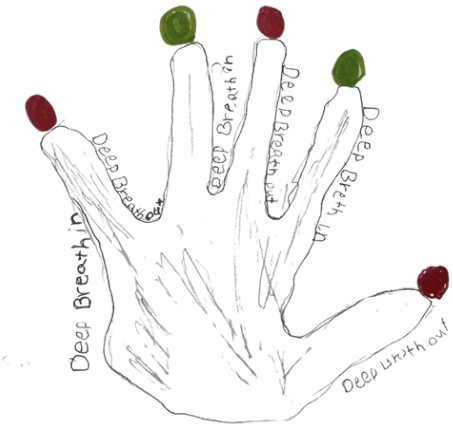


How are you doing, friend?

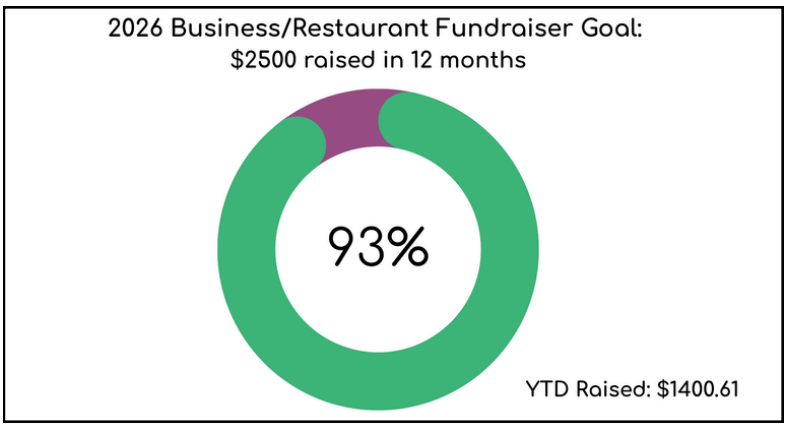
As our calendars flip to May, there is a sense of excitement in the air. Warmer weather is coming; flowers are blooming. The days feel brighter, and there is something refreshing about the reset a new season can bring.

At the same time, this transition can also bring pressure or uncertainty. Many schedules change pace, and extra effort goes in to planning moments that feel meaningful for you or your loved ones. Perhaps that pressure is real for you. One of our staff members' sons created the visual above as a reminder to take five slow, deep breaths. He showed his mom how to trace each finger, breathing in (tracing up) and breathing out (tracing down). What a wonderful exercise to re-focus on the fundamental act of breathing!

As you move through the excitement and pressure of this season, we hope this simple visual has value for you as you move forward through the joys and pressures of your situation.

In that same spirit, we invite you to pause with us for a few moments and enjoy this month's updates. You'll find staff milestones worth celebrating, program stories that highlight the growth and joy of our youth participants, and upcoming events and fundraisers that help keep our mission moving forward. Thank you for being part of this remarkable community!

Fundraising Story: Year to Date Progress



We are approaching the half way point of the year, and we are well on our way to meeting our goal of raising $1500 towards our programs through monthly restaurant/business fundraisers. **We have raised $1400.61 through April: 93 percent of the way there!**

Supporter Shoutout: Many of these events require volunteers from our organization to help them run smoothly. We are so thankful for our staff members who show up to work -many times following a full days' work. We truly appreciate the ways you give back!

Krystal, Allan & Beth at Pizza Ranch, Appleton

Staff and Associate Milestones

After many years of dedication, leadership, and meaningful impact, Mark is retiring! While we are excited for him as he begins this next chapter, we know his presence at Remarkable will be deeply missed. Mark has made a lasting difference in our organization, our teams, and the lives of the participants we serve. Wishing you all the best, Mark!

Please join us in congratulating Luke on his promotion to a full-time role at Remarkable! Luke will continue serving as a Day Service Mentor in Neenah, while also stepping into the new role of **Volunteer Coordinator.** In this position, Luke will help create a more welcoming, organized, and meaningful volunteer experience for community members who want to support our mission. His work will strengthen our programs, events, and opportunities for participants by helping more people share their time, talents, and care with Remarkable. Congratulations, Luke!

Robert and Tate are winners of April's Participant Excellence Award! Robert was nominated for always watching out for other people. He's a good friend to everyone, making people feel welcome and comfortable.

Tate was nominated for being a hard worker and volunteering at Feeding America. Thanks for making a great impact on your community, Tate!

Youth Services Story

Pure imagination was in full swing at Youth Services for our Willy Wonka Day! Students got crafty making colorful lollipop art with Ona, went on a "good egg" hunt full of surprises, dipped all the treats in our chocolate fountain, and ended the day cozying up to watch Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. What a sweet way to celebrate spring break!

Now enrolling for summer!

Still figuring out summer plans?

Our Youth Program is a great option for families looking for a safe, structured, and engaging program where teens can staf active, build confidence, and connect with others.

We combine community outings, hands-on activities, and opportunities to build real-life skills in our program. We still have space - especially in Oshkosh. Contact us to learn more about summer enrollment!

Day Services Story

Pictured at right: In Oshkosh, our participants celebrated Earth Day by heading outside, getting their hands dirty, all to keep our neighborhood beautiful. There's nothing like soaking up the sunshine while working together to care for our community. Great work!

Left: Our Neenah group, led by Kate, had a lively game of spring Bingo! Our participants brought the rock and roll spirit to this fun activity!

Volunteer Updates

In April, our friends at Hoffmaster volunteered their time at Remarkable Oshkosh, giving our break room a fresh coat of paint. The new color palette is refreshing and calming! Thanks to our friends at Hoffmaster, we made huge progress in a short amount of time on this project, reducing disruption to staff and participants.

We are so grateful for Hoffmaster's generosity and the care they showed in helping make our space more welcoming for everyone at Remarkable.

Before....

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Interested in Volunteering?

We are always looking for helpers at Remarkable! Whether you like office work, leading art projects or musical activities, playing games, or have a different passion you'd like to share, we'd love to hear your ideas!

Please reach out to Luke Kiefer at lkiefer@remarkablewi.org to chat more.

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