REMARKABLE
Elevating Diverse Abilities

E-Newsletter
August 2026

Dear Remarkable Friends,

August has arrived after a month that brought both the familiar heat of summer and some unexpected challenges to communities across our area. As we prepare this newsletter, our thoughts are with the individuals, families, businesses, and organizations affected by the recent storms and tornadoes—including many of the communities where our participants, staff, donors, and friends live and work.

At Remarkable, we believe strong communities support one another during difficult times. We are collecting essential items and monetary donations to help individuals and families affected by the storm. Please consider making a monetary donation here, or see our flyer at the end of this newsletter to learn more about our efforts.

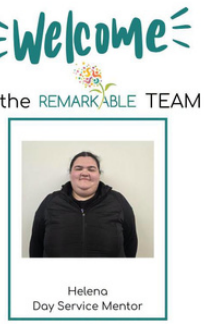
Even amid the heat and unpredictable weather, our participants have continued finding ways to stay active, connected, and engaged. We invite you to read on and see some of the meaningful milestones, experiences, partnerships, and summer memories they have shared over the past month.

Staff and Associate Milestones

July marked an impressive milestone for one of our dedicated leaders. Heidi Vargas celebrated her 30th anniversary with Remarkable. We are so thankful for Heidi's leadership, compassion, and integrity. Congratulations on this milestone, Heidi!

We also welcomed two new Mentors to Remarkable this past month. Hendrikus, as a Production Mentor, will work alongside participants on our production floor, heling them build valuable work skills, gain confidence, and achieve their goals.

As a Day Services Mentor, Helena will create fun, engaging, and meaningful experiences for the individuals in our Day Services Program. Welcome!



Come work with us! We are currently hiring for the role of Employment Specialist. If you or someone you know is interested in providing coaching on skills related to interviewing, job searching, etc., we'd love to talk with you. Click the image at left to see all our job openings, or contact achierl@remarkablewi.org for more information.

Day Services Story

Participants in our Oshkosh Day Services Program learned all about turtles this month. Did you know that sea turtles typically hold their breath for 20-40 minutes, but the longest time on record is a whopping 7 hours??

Our participants capped off their learning with a real live turtle visit and a corresponding craft. Check out their colorful masterpiece!

Youth Story

Beaming Visit

Our Youth Participants took a trip to Beaming, Inc., a nonprofit that supports and celebrates individuals with diverse abilities through equine therapy. Did you know that interacting with horses can improve mental, physical, and emotional health? Judging by the pictures, it's safe to say that our participants experienced these benefits!

Pre-Employment Story

Thank you to the Oshkosh YMCA for being such an incredible partner in our community! Through this partnership, our community-based pre-vocational groups have the opportunity to build real-world skills, gain confidence, and take meaningful steps toward their goals of working in the community. Opportunities like this truly make a difference—and we couldn't do it without supportive partners like the YMCA!

Are you a business or organization looking to make an impact?

We are always looking to partner with local businesses willing to host volunteer or work groups. It's a rewarding way to support individuals in developing skills while also strengthening our community. Please contact our Prevocational Director, Kyra Churchill. Thank you!

Fundraising Updates

Dustin Lee Barge Party

This past July 4, longtime Remarkable supporter, Dustin Lee was the featured musical guest at the Barge Party in Fremont, Wisconsin. Dustin reached out to us and asked if he could direct all donations from this event to Remarkable. As a result of Dustin's generosity, $955 was donated to our programs at Remarkable. We plan to use the funds to support our Day Services programs, where Justin is a regular musical guest/volunteer. Thank you, Dustin Lee, for all you do for our participants!

Restaurant Fundraisers - Update

Beth, Luke, Rita, Kathy, Krystal, and Allan serving up sweet treats at Culver's Neenah!

NEW GOAL ALERT! We've already surpassed our original goal to raise $3000 through one monthly fundraiser. Our next goal is to raise $5000 to support our programs. Thank you again to everyone who has volunteered, made a purchase, or spread the word about these fundraisers. Every little effort is a contribution to our overall progress. To date, we've raised $3,340.30. That means were 67% of the way there! Next up: Tsunami Car Wash. Check the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter for more information.

Operational Calendar: Days Off

Here is a preview of the scheduled closures for the rest of the year. Please mark your calendars and plan accordingly for these days we will be closed:

- Monday, September 7: Closed for Labor Day
- Thursday/Friday, November 26-27: Closed for Thanksgiving
- Thursday/Friday, December 24-25: Closed for Christmas Eve/Day
- Friday, January 1: Clsed for New Year's Day

You can also stay in the know by following us on Facebook. In addition to finding updates on client activities, we also post reminders about days off. We'd love for you to follow us and get the most up to date information.

Menasha Tornado Relief Fund & Drive

Help local families recover.

At Remarkable, we believe strong communities support one another during difficult times. In response to the recent Menasha tornado, we are collecting essential items and monetary donations to help individuals and families affected by the storm.

Every contribution—big or small—makes a difference.
Thank you for joining us in bringing hope, comfort, and support to our neighbors when they need it most.

To donate essential items, please bring them to the front office at either Remarkable location:

1040 Breezewood Ln, Neenah, WI
100 W Fernau Ave, Oshkosh, WI

Items officials need most: heavy-duty trash bags, coolers, ice, non-perishable food, electrolytes, protein drinks, disposable plates and utensils, garbage grabbers, work gloves, safety glasses, hearing protection, safety vests, and hygeine products

To donate monetarily, please click or scan this barcode:

100%of fundswill go directlyto affected families topayforfood, cleaning supplies, gas, general emergency needs, and recovery.

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Saturday, August 15th 2026

12:00 PM - 4:00 PM

1335 Oneida St, Menasha, WI 54952