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Spring



Community Conversations

Ascend is fostering meaningful connections with both prospective and current families and caregivers.

Through our Community Conversations series, we will explore a range of engaging topics designed to deepen these relationships.

Join us for insightful discussions on a variety of topics designed to support and inform our families and caregivers. Each session will be held at 9:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.



Thursday, May 22

Ascend Services 101: Adult Services

Wednesday, June 11

Ascend Services 101: Youth Services

Tuesday, July 22

Life After High School: Exploring Options

Thursday, August 21

Community Employment Opportunities

Tuesday, September 23

Guardianship
Guest Speaker: Alison Petri, Attorney

Monday, October 20

Financial Planning/Wispatch
Guest Speaker: Alison Petri, Attorney

Thursday, November 13

Social and Recreational Opportunities

RSVP: dgenske@ascendservicesinc.org In-person participation or virtual option via TEAMS for those who are unable to attend in person.

From the Heart,
Deanna

Get out and Swing Fore Ascend at their Golf Outing on June 23rd! Sponsorship Spots Open and Team Registration Has Begun!



Join us for a day full of golf, games, friends and fun!

We are excited to announce that the 4th annual Swing Fore Ascend Golf Outing is coming up sooner than you think! This year the event will be Monday, June 23rd at Autumn Ridge Golf Course.

This event will benefit the people we serve and help Ascend to fulfill our mission which is to promote individual growth through community experiences, education, and employment opportunities.

Our golf event will feature a day filled with golf, food, and fun! We are hoping that you will consider golfing with us to make the day a success.

Plenty of fun and games will accompany the main competition! Don't miss the games on the course, make sure to bring a business card, hint hint! We will be having one of a kind, unique raffle baskets and 50/50 raffles and a delicious meal to follow! So let's get ready to Swing Fore Ascend!

The cost is \$300 to register a team of 4 (\$75 per person).

The schedule for the day is:

8 AM - Registration

9:00 AM - Shotgun Start

4:00 PM - Awards



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Thursday May 15
10 a.m. to 9 p.m.

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*Social skills, play, developing personal
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**MAKING MEMORIES
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*Fine motor skills, social skills,
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independence, advocacy, basic life skills*

**YOUTHFUL
LEADERS GROUP**

*Independent living skills, social skills,
personal goals, life transitions,
communication, advocacy, coping, positive
decision-making*

**LIFE CONNECTIONS
GROUP**

*Independent living skills, transitions,
communication, job skills, community
transportation, coping, social skills*



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Another Way to Donate and Help Ascend!



Ascend Services, Inc. is a 501(c)(3) Not-for-Profit Corporation. Ascend accepts donations from individuals, families, area support groups and companies to help us provide the best services possible.

There are a variety of ways to donate to Ascend Services. You can make an unrestricted donation that would be used for the day to day operations and provision of services. You may also designate a donation to be utilized for a specific purpose or for a specific program. The donation could go towards the Client Activity Fund which pays for special activities.

A Preservation Fund was established several years ago to assure that Ascend Services will be able to continue provide high quality services to people with disabilities well into the future. This fund is administered by the Lakeshore Community Foundation which ensures that Ascend Services has a managed and diversified investment portfolio.

All contributions are tax deductible as allowed by law. If you would like to make a donation, or have a question about possible bequests, please call Ascend Services at (920) 682-4663.

100+ Women Who Care Manitowoc County Supports Sensory Innovation at Ascend Services



100+ Women Who Care attendees and Deanna Genske, Ascend Executive Director, gathered for a group photos of the check presentation.

On May 5th, Ascend Services received a generous donation from the 100+ Women Who Care Manitowoc County Giving Circle, a philanthropic group committed to uplifting local nonprofits through collective giving.

Each quarter, members gather to listen to presentations from selected organizations and vote on which one will receive financial support. At the latest meeting, Deanna presented on Ascend's vision to enhance sensory engagement in their Youth and Adult Day Service programs, and the group chose Ascend as the recipient of this quarter's contributions.

The donation will help fund sensory-focused tools, including the Tovertafel Table, an interactive projection system designed to engage individuals with cognitive challenges such as dementia and developmental disabilities. The Tovertafel uses light projections to encourage movement, connection, and mental activity, creating meaningful experiences for participants. Additional sensory tools supported by the donation will provide calming and engaging environments that improve well-being and focus.

Studies show that meeting sensory needs can help individuals learn better, feel more comfortable, and stay engaged. Thanks to the support from 100+ Women Who Care Manitowoc County, Ascend Services can continue its mission of fostering enriching experiences for those it serves.



Deanna Genske, Ascend Executive Director posing with the check Ascend received.



Some images of the Tovertafel Table and the activities that can be done with it.



Ascend's 6th Annual Throw With All Your Heart in the Books!

On April 12th, Ascend hosted their "Throw With All Your Heart" fundraiser at Tapped on the Lakeshore. This was the sixth year for the Axe throwing tournament which once again included local celebrity axe throwers. The day was filled with games, food and fun! This year we had silent auction items, a wine pull and Dominoes pizza. Check out our winners, celebrities, and sponsors!

Mark your calendars for next year, April 11, 2025!



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