



Summer 2020

Dear LCS Friends,

Here we are... summer 2020 has finally arrived, and slowly our lives are getting back to a new normal. Hopefully, the increased sunshine and warmth we are experiencing brings some added joy to everyone's lives. Certainly, waking up to sunshine is a good thing for one's mental health and outlook on life, even during a pandemic. As a community, we continue to be faced with needing to create new ways to stay safely connected as we move through this year... but somehow, we are managing. The adage of "where there's a will - there's a way" seems to apply today as it always has during events in history that have challenged our ability to be in control of most things in our lives. It is, that I celebrate each of you and whatever you are doing to survive and thrive during the current situation.

LCS is happily serving participants - once again (while following CDC guidelines). Services are on a limited basis and some are virtual, but nevertheless... we are making our mission happen. Additionally, and thanks to the village of Pleasant Prairie/RecPlex and our partnership with DVR, a couple of great summer youth service projects have begun. Plus, we will soon be resuming our partnership with Racine and Kenosha Meals on Wheels to deliver meals to seniors living in our area. So... LCS is moving forward while remaining ever respectful and aware of the extra precautions that we need to take to keep (to the best of our ability) everyone safe and healthy. Please take good care everyone.

Best Regards...

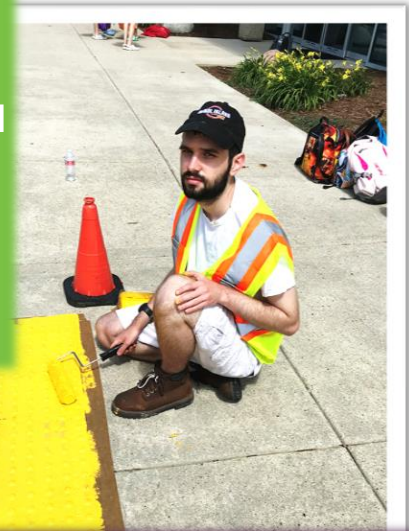
-Mary Beth Popchock, Executive Director

LCS' mission is to provide training and community engagement for youth and adults of varying abilities to enhance their self-esteem and quality of life.

"POTENTIAL IS LIMITLESS"

LCS Helps Teens and Young Adults to Gain Valuable Work Experience Through the Summer Youth Internship Program!

The LCS Summer Youth Internship Program in partnership with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) is an 8-week program that gives youth in Kenosha and Racine communities the opportunity to experience employment and gain necessary skills to be successful in the workplace. This year, the internships we had to offer through the Village of Pleasant Prairie and the RecPlex are positions as Park Maintenance Workers or Housekeepers.



In the picture above, Maurice is painting an area on park grounds near Lake Andrea, and in the picture below, Parker is power washing inside one of the public works buildings.



Featured in the picture above is Trevor in his work attire ready to get back to working on some more park maintenance tasks.



LCS Participants Learn New Ways to Help Prevent the Spread of Covid-19 With DIY Projects!

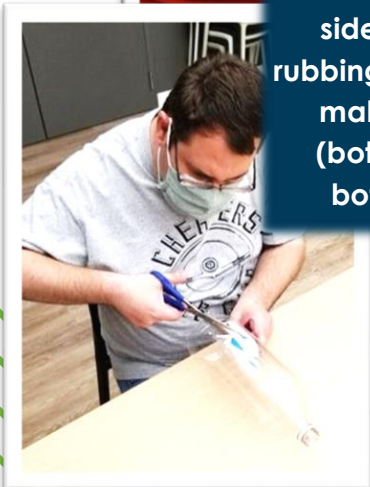
Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, LCS staff and participants have had to make some adjustments to the way we normally work and conduct services at LCS. This means we have taken measures to help keep everyone safe at LCS by wearing masks or face shields, washing hands often, sanitizing surfaces we touch, social distancing, and doing virtual meetings and classes. As part of an effort to keep everyone healthy and safe inside and outside of LCS, LCS Connect recently taught “Life Hacks” classes that involved participants learning how to make face coverings, hand sanitizer, and sanitizing wipes with everyday items you can find around the house.



In the picture above, Sandy is holding up a cloth mask she made, and in the picture below, Natalie is mixing ingredients together to make disinfecting wipes.



In the two pictures on the left-hand side, Steven (top left) is mixing rubbing alcohol and aloe vera gel to make hand sanitizer, and Josh (bottom left) is cutting a plastic bottle to make a face shield.



Featured in the top center picture is Lillian who is wearing the face shield she made, and in the bottom center picture, Cindy (on the right) is showing Natalie (on the left) how the finished DIY disinfecting wipes look.



Important Dates to Remember in 2020!

Save the Date...

Holiday Party – **December 4, 2020... TBD**

LCS Community Food Truck Rally and Flower Sale – **Cancelled**

Holidays/Dates LCS is Closed...

Independence Day – **July 3, 2020**

Labor Day – **September 7, 2020**

Volunteer Day – **September 18, 2020... TBD**

Thanksgiving – **November 26, 2020** and **November 27, 2020**

Christmas – **December 24, 2020** and **December 25, 2020**

New Year's – **December 31, 2020** and **January 1, 2021**



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