

News from....*Spring Meadow Resources*

Winter, 2009

"...discovering abilities"

10 Year Master Plan Moves Forward

Four years ago, SMR implemented a 10 year master plan guiding SMRs' growth and improving service delivery. Please learn about our efforts in the photos and captions below.



Behind the new entry this spring, the beginning of Discovery Park begins with a large water feature. The funds were a gift of an anonymous donor.



Paddle boating on the Pond each summer gives our folks a chance to get on the water, making it a first for many of them.



Our major fundraiser, the annual Cardboard Cup Regatta, co-hosted with FWP, brings the community out to watch and learn more about SMR.



The annual Music at the Meadow Festival held on the patio behind the new 2006 SMR addition draws clients and staff to hear all kinds of music.

You may read the Spring Meadow Resources' 2008 Annual Report by going to our website (listed on the bottom of page 2) and pulling up "2008 Annual Report". In a PDF format. Just download Adobe reader.

SMR is green. We can send all pertinent information and news to you by e-mail. To be a part of the green revolution, and save us postage, please send an e-mail to:
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Spring Meadow Resources, leading Montana in the developmental disabilities field

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Donors to SMR This Past Quarter:

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Rosella Feller and Mary Ulrich share a special moment, at right, at the Broadwater pool one February afternoon. Rosella hadn't been swimming since she was a child, so Mary and Logon Brown, a staff from Tamarack, took her swimming. Need we say, she had a ball!



If you wish to make a donation to the Endowment, the Pond, or Discovery Park, you may complete the form below and return it to us at the address at the bottom.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Amount/type of donation _____

This donation is to be used specifically for _____

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Frances Dwyer Endowment Pond fund Discovery Park fund Other

Please make your check to Spring Meadow Resources, and mail it to: Spring Meadow Resources, 2850 Broadwater AVE, Helena MT, 59602. Thank you for your support.

www.springmeadowresources.org



Through a Montana Dept. of Transportation grant, Spring Meadow Resources just received delivery of a new Ford F450 bus from Intermountain Coach Leasing, Inc., Colorado Springs, Colorado. Set up to seat 11 passengers in seats and 2 in wheelchairs, the diesel bus offers safety features not present in earlier models. While everyone is anxious to get this bus into service, every SMR employee will receive special training before driving it.

Mix a rock & roll Valentine's party and games with a chili cook-off and video game night, and you have all the fixings for a good time. Saturday, February 14, about 75 folks came to SMR for an afternoon of fun. Winners in the chili cook-off were Waukesha and Oregon Homes taking 1st and 2nd respectively, and Heather Ring winning third place. Folks went after several pinatas, hitting them and enjoying the treats inside. It was a great way to fight cabin fever. (Please see photo at right.)



In spite of an injury and his right arm in a sling, Don Warfield goes after a heart shaped piñata with a broom stick. While he didn't break the piñata, he sure gave it all he had.

Legacy Building to Fit Your Life

As we head into the new year, many of us are looking over our financial status, especially with the economy in its current state. Even though many of our 401s, stocks, and other retirement accounts have taken huge hits, we need to realize that the folks that SMR serves continue to need things not paid for by Medicaid. These might include assistive or adaptive equipment, a vacation for someone who has no disposable income, tuition for a course that an individual might want to take—there are many places the interest from the Endowment can go. If you are planning the affairs for your estate, please remember SMR and our Endowment.

Spring Meadow Resources' website has been updated by our own IT/IS tech, Matt Goldsworthy. Take a look at who we are and what we do, follow the development and growth of new projects such as Discovery Park, keep up with community and SMR events that find our clients and staff actively involved, and see other news of interest.

Matt is doing a wonderful job of entering lots of new information, and it changes constantly, so why not check out this new site? Our website address is:

www.springmeadowresources.org

Find out all the latest news right there!!

Please remember Spring Meadow Resources in your will.

SMR Calendar of Events, 2009

- 4-8 & 9 Annual Retreat**
- 5- 9 Pond Opening/Fishing Derby**
- 5-26 SMR Board of Directors Mtg.**
- 6-17 Funders & Friends Picnic**
- 6-20 Music at the Meadow Festival**
- 7-11 Cardboard Cup Regatta**
- 7-18 *SMR Staff Picnic & Campout??***
- 8-25 SMR Board of Directors Mtg.**
- 11-24 SMR Board of Directors Mtg.**
- 12- 5 SMR Staff Christmas Party**
- 12-12 SMR Children's Christmas Party**



Rosella Feller and Laurie Fritts run the SMR Munchies Cart, and give folks something different for breaks, breakfast, and lunch.

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