Your Walk-A-Thon Support Brings Promise to Others

As word of SHARE's work has spread throughout the years, more and more individuals have turned to us with increasingly diverse needs and requests for help. Your support of Walk-A-Thon '94 can help us reach the many children and adults currently awaiting SHARE's services.

Susan (not her real name) is one of the many SHARE clients who will benefit from your fundraising efforts. Susan has a rare condition with symptoms very much like severe chronic fatigue syndrome. Even the simplest physical exertion leaves her debilitingly exhausted within minutes, greatly limiting the types of activities she can perform. Before her illness, Susan worked and led a full, busy life. But now even writing with a pencil or typing on a keyboard is physically impossible.

In recent months, SHARE provided her with a speech-controlled computer system, but other factors make using the system difficult for Susan. Because her vision is impaired, she is unable to read the standard-sized print on the monitor. She also has limited experience using computers, making sessions slow-going and frustrating for her.

Susan needs a 17-inch or larger VGA color monitor with sharp resolution and word processing software that features screen magnification. These would allow her to use her system more easily, but she also needs the services of a computer-literate assistant who can help her sharpen her word processing skills. Susan's aim is to research medical data related to her condition by accessing the information superhighway. Her first challenge is to find a knowledgeable tutor who can teach her how to navigate the highway and search out the information efficiently.

SHARE welcomes donations of hardware and software needed for her system, as well as inquiries from individuals in the vicinity of Newton, Mass., who are interested in becoming a volunteer computer assistant for Susan. And of course, we thank you for your generous support of Walk-A-Thon '94. Money raised will help us bring productivity and promise to Susan and others who have placed their hopes in SHARE.
SHARE's summer workshop program helped teach a number of disabled system users to access the information superhighway. That wonderful learning opportunity has sparked creative new developments at SHARE as well.

A new computer bulletin board system has been set up for these users. It shares the Foundation's daytime phone (508-999-8214), and can be accessed from 5pm to 8am daily and all day Saturday and Sunday.

Another plan is to expand the workshop program so that tutors can visit users unable to attend classroom sessions to teach them how to use E-MAIL and other electronic services, including Internet.

If you are interested in volunteering your time to help disabled users develop skills in using the information superhighway, please contact SHARE at (508) 999-8482.

SHARE Wish List

In recent months, SHARE has found itself in need of equipment which individuals in our support network may have available for donation.

At present SHARE needs:
- Apple IIe Computers
- VGA Monochrome Monitors
- AT Keyboards
- Hard Disk Drives and Controllers
- 286 & 386 Motherboards

Anyone wishing to donate these or other pieces of equipment may make arrangements by contacting SHARE at (508) 999-8482.

The Gift of Remembrance

SHARE recently received numerous donations from the caring family and friends of SHARE client Muriel Motta upon her death from Lou Gehrig's disease. Through her thoughtful request, she has given a lasting gift to those whose needs she understood so well.

If your contribution to SHARE is made in memory or in honor of a loved one, please let us know so that we may include your donation on a Gift Listing we will be preparing for an upcoming issue of SHARE Notes.

A Warm Thank You

This comes with warmest thanks to everyone who helped make this summer's 11th Annual Ben Boyle Golf Classic such a success. The long-standing fundraiser generated $3,500 to support SHARE's work and has raised $40,000 for the Foundation since the tournament's inception.

The Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club, The Sunday Morning Golfers and avid SHARE supporter Ron Kostyla deserve special words of appreciation for their dedication to the project again this year!
S.H.A.R.E. Foundation
WALK-A-THON '94
Sunday, October 23, 1994 • UMass Dartmouth • Official Start Time – 9 AM

PRIZES
- Get-Away Weekend — Westport Travel Agency
- $500 Gift Certificate — Karten’s Jewelers
- Studio Portrait — J. Thomas Darmody, Photographer
- $150 Gift Certificate — LensCrafters
- $135 Gift Certificate — Dr. Earle U. Scharff III & Associates
- $100 Gift Certificate — Westport Apothecary
- $75 Gift Certificate — Grundy’s Lumber
- Free Gutter Cleaning ($75 value) — K. A. Encarnacao, Carpenter/Builder
- $69 Gift Certificate for Luxury Facial — Elizabeth Grady Face First
- One Month’s Membership ($65 value) — New England Health & Racquet Club at Charlton Wellness Center
- $50 Gift Certificate — Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery
- $50 Gift Certificate — Kate Cary’s Restaurant
- $25 Gift Certificate — Caddy Shack
- $25 Gift Certificate — Silas Brown
- Gift Basket — Fieldstones - Sweet & Savory Foods
- Other Great Prizes!

FREE Refreshments
FREE T-Shirts for Every Walker

ENTERTAINMENT
Music by Couto & Mulligan
★ FREE Drawing for HOT AIR BALLOON RIDES from Balloon Adventures of New Bedford
★ Turn in $50 or more the day of the Walk-A-Thon, and Receive a KEY to our prize-filled TREASURE CHEST!

S.H.A.R.E. WALK-A-THON '94 Registration Form
☐ Yes, I will walk on October 23rd. Please send me a Walk-A-Thon Kit.
☐ I can help find walkers. Send me _______ more Walker’s Kits.
☐ I would like to sponsor a disabled walker. Here’s $___________.

Name __________________________________________ Phone # ______________________________
Street __________________________________________
City, Town __________________ State __ Zip __

MAIL TO: S.H.A.R.E. Foundation, UMass Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA 02747
or CALL (508) 999-8482 to Register
ATTENTION

In November, Combined Federal Campaign and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Employee Campaign brochures will be distributed at your workplace.

This year, we ask that you please consider designating the SHARE Foundation to receive a portion of your 1994/1995 contribution. To do so, just find our name in your brochure and write our number on your contribution card.

Your contribution through your local Combined Federal Campaign will help SHARE provide people with disabilities with the equipment and services they truly need.

Also, for the first time this year, SHARE will be listed as an affiliate member in both the Fall River and New Bedford United Way campaigns. Under affiliate status, SHARE will only receive contributions pledged specifically to SHARE.

If you wish to give a portion of your pledge to the SHARE Foundation, please remember to check SHARE on your pledge form.

If you have any questions, call us at (508) 999-8482.

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ADDRESS CORRECTION REQUESTED

CD-ROM PROJECT TO BRING UNLIMITED OPPORTUNITIES TO SHARE SYSTEM USERS

Current CD-ROM technology holds exciting educational and entertainment possibilities for many of SHARE's clients. While the majority of the people we serve are physically unable to lift a book from a shelf or turn a page, a single CD-ROM can allow a disabled system user to access hundreds of books with the touch of a switch. CD-ROM drives first sold for well over $500, but prices have dropped markedly in recent months, making them an attractive and smart addition to many of our clients' existing systems.

SHARE would like to obtain six CD-ROM drives and place them with waiting clients, but the project doesn't end there. The UMass Dartmouth Rehabilitation Engineering Center will first have to upgrade clients' existing computers to enable them to run the drives, a task that requires installing new motherboards. Each client also will need a new piece of single-switch software designed by Mike McCarrick, which will allow them to select documents from the CD-ROM drive and turn pages electronically without touching the computer keyboard.

Donations of CD-ROM drives and motherboards are welcome, as is any financial help you can give to help us get the project under way. For more information, call Mike McCarrick at SHARE.