SHARE FUN WALK '96 SEEKING WALKERS!

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unday, October 20, 1996 is the day to put on your walking shoes and join us for a few fun-filled hours on the UMass Dartmouth campus. The official starting time is 9 a.m., but the coffee and donuts will be ready for you at 8. You and your friends may begin the walk any time of your choosing between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m.

This year you may choose from several different routes covering distances between 2 and 10 kilometers. There will be a number of optional fun things to do including sand art, sidewalk drawing and more. Whether you watch or participate, it should be a lot of fun. We expect a showing of classic cars, and there will be other things to see and do.

The Fun Walk is SHARE’s major fundraising event of the year and we really need your support. This year, our waiting list for computer equipment is longer than ever. Funds raised during this event will go directly to providing equipment and services for people who are disabled. Call SHARE now at 999-8482 to register!

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ast call for tickets for the First Annual Foliage Train Ride. The train departs Buzzards Bay Station at 10 a.m. sharp on Saturday, October 12, 1996.

After a run to Middleboro, we will return to Buzzards Bay, cross the canal on the big white rail bridge and head for Hyannis. There will be a two-hour layover in Hyannis for lunch and shopping, and then we will whistle-stop our way back, arriving late afternoon in Buzzards Bay.

Tickets are $20 for adults and $10 for children under 12 accompanied by a fare-paying adult. The first car is full, and we are taking reservations for the second one. Bring your camera. Tell your friends. Call Dawn at 999-8482 for tickets.

SHARE Now Serving 998th Client

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ince 1981, SHARE has been the place to turn for people who are severely disabled, particularly those who need adaptive computer equipment to enable them to communicate. In that time, from a modest beginning in Les Cory's living room, a thriving Center has developed, and people from all over the United States and beyond have found their way to our door.

SHARE has actually funded several thousand computer systems and high tech adaptations, but the number of different individuals and organizations we have served is just under 1,000. Many of the youngsters we have worked with have received two, three or even four different systems because their needs have changed as the years passed. A critically disabled 5-year-old has very different needs than the same youngster will have several years later. As needs and abilities change, we have always been ready to make adaptations to equipment or even to replace entire systems in an effort to continue to meet the needs of those who turn to us for help.

Your support and encouragement have made possible everything that we have done, and we hope you feel the same sense of pride in accomplishment as we do.
SHARE Waiting List Grows and Grows

For years, it seemed that there were always about two dozen disabled people on our waiting list for equipment or services. Generally, these were people who needed some sort of custom-designed equipment or something else (a speech synthesizer, for example) that we didn’t have in house. As we purchased or designed and delivered new equipment, people were replaced on the waiting list by other individuals, but the number always seemed to be about 25.

Today, SHARE’s waiting list is nearing 100 people, and despite our best efforts the list is growing longer every week. There are several reasons for this, but the main reason is that we are now providing ongoing service for more than 500 people, and that leaves precious little time to provide service for those new individuals who are coming to us for help.

Today, we have lots of donated equipment on hand, but work space is tight and manpower is short to conduct client evaluations, design interface equipment, deliver systems, provide instruction and make necessary modifications. We are making plans right now to enable us to provide faster service for new clients, but the bottom line is—more service will require more resources.

SHARE has undertaken a number of initiatives to uncover new sources of funding, including client co-payments, outside grants and new fundraising strategies. Look for SHARE to continue to provide quality service as we wrestle with these new initiatives. And look for SHARE to continue to fund the services you will be proud to support. We appreciate all that you have enabled SHARE to do.

Top Ten On SHARE’s Waiting List

Here are a few of the needs we hope to meet with proceeds from this year’s Fun Walk.

- Bill has Cerebral Palsy and can’t use his hands. He needs a head-controlled mouse so that he can move up to Windows and eventually get on the Internet.
- Carol is looking for a speech synthesizer and lap top computer to go on her wheelchair. This young mother and former teacher is nonvocal as a result of a severe stroke.
- Danny has Multiple Sclerosis and can no longer use his hands. He needs a bedside remote control for his TV, lights and radio that he can operate by tilting his head.
- Elaine is mentally retarded, but she enjoys watching TV and is learning to select her favorite programs by herself. She needs a very simple remote control with extra big buttons.
- Pam has Cerebral Palsy but lives a very active life. She writes a lot using an antiquated word processor. She needs a key guard to be able to use the new computer we have for her.
- Andrew is severely spastic and has learning difficulties due to an undiagnosed birth defect. He showed us that he can use a Big Keys keyboard with the keys arranged in alphabetical order.
- Eddy is 15 and is losing his sight. He built his own computer from parts that he picked up here and there. He has asked SHARE for a speech synthesizer so he can hear the computer screen he can no longer see.
- Also 15, Becky is paralyzed on the right side and spastic on the left due to an auto accident last year. Her teacher wants something to help her to write and do her math.
- Jack is in a Veteran’s hospital. He can neither speak nor use his hands. He wants to communicate with his wife and daughter, both of whom are disabled and can’t visit him. The women communicate with each other using telecommunication devices for the deaf (TDDs).
- Steve has been accepted at a local community college, but he can’t take notes or participate in classroom discussions because he can’t speak or hold a pen. He needs a lap top computer for school, and he wants to upgrade his home computer so he can access the Internet.

Your support of Fun Walk ’96 as a walker, sponsor or donor will enable us to provide help for these and, if the day is a success, as many as 90 other individuals.

Grant Money Available for Disabled Rhode Island Youngsters

The SHARE Foundation has been encouraged to submit a grant proposal aimed at meeting the needs of disabled children in Rhode Island for access to computers, environmental controllers and alternative speech systems.

If you are involved with a child who lives in Rhode Island and is in need of this kind of technology, please call the SHARE office at (508) 999-8482 and speak with Professor Les Cory.
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FUN WALK '96
FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Sunday, October 20, 1996
UMass Dartmouth
Official Start Time – 9 AM

PRIZES

Hundreds of Dollars Worth of Gift Certificates
donated by:
- Old Country Buffet
- LensCrafters
- Grundy's Lumber
- New England Health & Racquet Club
- Westport Apothecary
- Westport Rivers Vineyard and Winery
- Sakonnet Vineyards
- Silas Brown
- New York Bagel
- Welty's Jewelers
- J. Thomas Darmody Photography
- Leisure Travel

GAMES

FREE T-Shirts
for Every Walker
who Turns in $20 or More!

Refreshments provided by
Claflin Home Health Center
Sponsored by UMass Dartmouth
Center for Rehabilitation Engineering

ENTERTAINMENT

★ PLANE RIDES for Top 6 Walkers
★ FREE Drawing for HOT AIR BALLOON RIDE
from Balloon Adventures of New Bedford
★ Turn in $50 or more the day of the Fun Walk,
and Receive a KEY to our Prize-Filled TREASURE CHEST!

SHARE FUN WALK '96 Registration Form

☐ Yes, I will walk on October 20th. Please send me a Fun Walk Kit.
☐ I can help find walkers. Send me _____ more walker's kits.
☐ I would like to sponsor a disabled walker. Here's $___________________.

Name ____________________________
Street ____________________________ Phone ________________
City, Town ________________________ State ______ Zip ___________

Mail to: SHARE Foundation, UMASS Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA 02747
or CALL (508) 999-8482 to Register
Ben Boyle Golf Classic A Hole in One

Special thanks to SHARE Board member Ron Kostyla, the Sunday Morning Golfers and the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club for another outstanding event.

This year's tournament was the best ever, raising more than $4,000 to support SHARE's work. We continue to hear comments about how this is one of the best-run tournaments in the area. Golfers who want to be reminded of next year's date should call Ron or the SHARE office.

Thanks also to all those who donated the great prizes and the individuals and companies that sponsored the tees. ■

Wormy Apples

Les Cory won't throw anything away, and that's why we still have some ancient Apple Plus and similar computers. He says they can still be used for simple word processing.

Each one has a monitor, keyboard, at least one disk drive and a simple word processing software package. If anyone has any use for them that benefits a disabled child, we will even throw in a printer if you promise to take one away and not bring it back.

All are in perfect working order, but they don't have hard drives, they do not have color monitors, they don't do Windows, they are not IBM-compatible, we don't have software, and don't even ask about a mouse!

While we're on the subject, if anyone would like to start a collection of "antique" computers and has the space to do it, please call Les. Boy, does he have a deal for you! ■

Classical Car Show Attracts Hundreds

The Second Annual Classic Car Show to benefit SHARE was a huge success, attracting more than 125 classic cars and well over 700 spectators to the UMASS Dartmouth campus.

Entries ranged from Model A Fords to Corvettes. Even Elvis Presley showed up in the form of Elvis impersonator Carmine Grima, who looked and sounded every bit like the King himself. The event was sponsored by Bay State Street Rods, under the capable leadership of Joe Rebeiro.

Dash plaques and trophies were awarded to participating drivers, and there were slow-speed precision driving contests. Topping off the day were dancers from Lisa Miranda Dance Studio One in Seekonk and a classic performance from our favorite duo, Mike Couto and Bill Mulligan. Thanks to all who made the day such a resounding success. Look for this to happen again! ■

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