SHARE FUN WALK ’97 PROMISES GREAT FUN FOR EVERYONE

When we say “Fun Walk,” we really mean it! Join us on Sunday, October 19, 1997 for a daylong event jam-packed with games, entertainment and prizes perfect for the whole family. The walk’s official start time from UMass Dartmouth’s Dion Building is 9 a.m., but come early—coffee and donuts will be waiting for you at 8. Walkers may begin the walk any time between 9 a.m. and 1 p.m., and walkers may choose from several different routes covering distances between 2 and 10 kilometers.

And back on campus, don’t miss all the festivities:
- Sand Art
- Side Walk Drawing Contest
- Pumpkin Painting
- Map Reading Competition
- Music, Food & Much More!

As always, the Fun Walk is SHARE’s major fundraising event of the year, and we really need your support. 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!

Clients on Waiting List Will Benefit from SHARE Fall Fundraisers

At the beginning of the summer, there were 97 people on SHARE’s waiting list for equipment. Engineering students who worked on the summer internship program provided equipment and services for 77 of these individuals. The remaining 20 are people who need equipment that is either very expensive to purchase or very labor intensive to fabricate. Eye gaze systems, which cost about $20,000 each to produce, top the list of needed equipment. SHARE’s short-term goal is to find a way to finance the development of one eye gaze computer to be placed in a central location to be shared among 12 or more users.

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Cape Cod Train Trip Filling Fast!

What better way to celebrate autumn than with a tour through the Cape Cod countryside? Then get your tickets and come aboard SHARE’s Second Annual Foliage Train Ride. The train departs Buzzards Bay Station at 10 a.m. sharp on Saturday, October 11, 1997. 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 one-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 and they are going fast. We anticipate a sellout again this year, so call SHARE at 999-8482 for tickets now!
TIME TO UPGRADE

As newer equipment comes into our inventory, we are attempting to retire many of our older computer systems and replace them with newer ones.

- Clients with an Apple 2 Plus should contact SHARE for a replacement model.
- Clients with an IBM PC, AT, or XT should also talk to SHARE about replacements.
- SHARE has a quantity of HP Laser Printers available—they don’t work with Windows, but are compatible with Word Perfect for DOS. Interested clients should call SHARE.

Update from the
UMD REHABILITATION ENGINEERING CENTER LAB

One of SHARE’s technical volunteers has developed a new system which enables single switch users to operate commercially available software on a standard computer.

For some time now, many SHARE clients have operated single switch systems using SHARE Key software. But because the computer was already running the SHARE Key program, it was impossible to run a second program simultaneously.

The new hardware/software package converts an inexpensive computer into a keyboard emulator, enabling a second, linked computer to run the commercial software of the individual’s choice.

One major advantage of the system is that it allows single switch users full access to the Internet, when many have been limited to email use alone on their current systems. Another benefit is the affordability of the package, which costs under $300 compared to keyboard emulators sold commercially for up to several thousand dollars each. The system is currently in trial use by a SHARE client, with hopes to make the package available to a test group of five others by the end of October.

SHARE Clients

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In the last several months, 35 additional disabled individuals have been added to the list, bringing today’s total to 55.

- Ten of these are individuals with Cerebral Palsy. SHARE has provided adaptive technology for more than 350 people with CP. Several of these people could benefit from eye gaze systems since they are best able to control the movement of their eyes.
- Eleven are people who are blind for whom we will supply talking word processing equipment in cooperation with the Massachusetts Commission for the Blind.
- One is a man with Machado’s Disease who has lost the ability to speak and can no longer use his hands. He is interested in learning more about his disability through research on the Internet.
- Two people on the waiting list have Lou Gehrig’s Disease (ALS) and are in need of adaptive equipment to enable them to communicate their basic wants and needs.
- Seven people are in the advanced stages of Multiple Sclerosis and six are youngsters with Muscular Dystrophy.
- Several people are recovering from the effects of strokes, and one man is unable to speak due to a head injury from a gunshot wound.
- Other conditions include Dystonia, Parkinson’s Disease, Echolalia, Fibromyalgia, Bulbar Palsy, spinal cord injuries, several multiple amputees and several individuals who are unable to express their basic wants and needs due to trauma associated with head injuries.
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FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Sunday, October 19, 1997
UMass Dartmouth
Official Start Time – 9 AM

PRIZES

* Hundreds of Dollars Worth of Gift Certificates
* Best Poker Hand Wins $100

HERE'S HOW...
Every walker who turns in $20 or more on the day of the walk will receive 5 tokens. At each of the first 5 check stations, tokens will be exchanged for playing cards. Walkers may exchange cards with one another to improve their hands, but the winning hand must contain one card from each check station. The walker who turns in the best poker hand by 2 p.m. will receive $100!

GAMES

* Map Reading Competition * Sand Art
* Side Walk Drawing * Pumpkin Painting

ENTERTAINMENT

* PLANE RIDES for Top 6 Walkers
* Turn in $50 or more the day of the Fun Walk, and Receive a KEY to our Prize-Filled TREASURE CHEST!

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

Refreshments provided by Claflin Home Health Center
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SHARE FUN WALK '97 Registration Form

☐ Yes, I will walk on October 19th. 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 ____________________________
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Mail to: SHARE Foundation, UMASS Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA 02747
or CALL (508) 999-8482 to Register
Golf Tournament
A Summer Success

Now in its 14th year, the annual Ben Boyle Golf Classic is going as strong as ever! The July tournament, held at the Richmond Country Club in Hope Valley, Rhode Island, raised more than $3,700 for SHARE. Again this year, we extend hearty thanks to SHARE Board member Ron Kostyla, the Sunday Morning Golfers and the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club for another outstanding event. Thanks also to all those who donated the great prizes and the individuals and companies that sponsored the tees. Golfers who want to be reminded of next year's date should call Ron or the SHARE office.

Hundreds Enjoy Classic Car Show and Flea Market to Benefit SHARE

Thanks to a wonderful turnout, the Third Annual Classic Car Show to benefit SHARE was a terrific fundraising success again this year! Sponsored by the Bristol County Street Rod Association, the September 14th show spotlighted over 150 antique and classic cars on display at the UMass Dartmouth campus. More than 800 people attended the event, which also featured a 30-vendor flea market, food, fun and prizes. All told, the fundraiser generated over $4,000 to support the work of the Rehabilitation Engineering Center. Our deep thanks go out to Joe Rebeiro, who organized and promoted the show!

Every SHARE Pledge Helps

Fall marks the launch of the 1997 giving campaign sponsored by the United Way as well as related state and federal drives. If you do not find SHARE listed by name or code number in the campaign brochures for your campaign or the United Way, please write in the “SHARE Foundation at UMass Dartmouth” or contact our office for pledge designation information at 508-999-8482.

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