GEAR UP FOR SHARE FUN WALK 2001!

Don’t miss a great day in support of a great cause! Take part in SHARE Fun Walk 2001 on Sunday, October 21, 2001— it’s sure to be a festive day of games, entertainment and prizes perfect for the whole family. The walk’s official start time from UMass Dartmouth’s Tripp Athletic Center is 9 a.m., but get there early and warm up on coffee and donuts at 8:30 a.m. Walkers may begin the walk any time between 9 a.m. and 12 noon, and may choose from several different routes covering distances between 2 and 10 kilometers.

Plus, don’t miss all the fun on campus, including sand art, pumpkin painting, a card game, and the last cookout of the season from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.!

Want to really stir up some fun? Pull together a group of friends, family members or co-workers and join our competition for the “Most Spirited Team” Awards. We’ll be giving prizes for anything inventive that puts your team “one step ahead” of the rest—great costumes, creative walk activities, maybe even a team theme. So get creative, get crazy, and get crackin’—Fun Walk 2001 will be here before you know it.

Funds raised during Fun Walk 2001 will go directly to providing equipment and services for people who are disabled. Last year’s Fun Walk raised more than $20,000 to provide adaptive computer equipment and related services to SHARE clients.

Call SHARE at (508) 999-8482 to register today!

UMD Rehabilitation Engineering Center Sets Records for Service Delivery

Judging from last quarter’s client transactions, the Center for Rehabilitation Engineering continues to provide equipment and services to its clients at a record-breaking pace.

From April through June 2001, the Center provided service to 226 people with disabilities, completing 92 client transactions during the month of April alone.

“The number of people we are serving is at an all-time high,” says SHARE president Les Cory.

To put these performance levels in perspective, Cory recalls SHARE’s earliest efforts to serve individuals with disabilities. Its first year in operation, SHARE provided equipment and service to a single person. The following year, a total of three individuals with disabilities received assistance through SHARE.

“Today, our numbers indicate that we are serving an average of four people per workday,” says Cory. “It’s amazing to see how accelerated our rate of service has become. In turn, this has put a severe strain on our finances.”

As always, we at SHARE and the Center for Rehabilitation Engineering applaud the generosity of our many friends and supporters, whose contributions have allowed us to provide this remarkable level of service. We trust that with your ongoing support, we can continue to help many more children and adults enjoy richer, fuller lives through these services.
Plans Under Way for Construction of New Building to House UMD Rehabilitation Engineering Center

If you've ever visited SHARE headquarters at UMass Dartmouth, you know that it's big on work performance, but extremely short on workspace. The 2,000-square foot Center is currently home to a maze of computers, office equipment, demonstration models and work stations, as well as a full staff of 18 employees and volunteers when school is in session.

But, happily, all that is about to change. Plans are now being drawn for construction of a new building on the UMass Dartmouth campus, which will provide SHARE and the UMD Rehab Engineering Center with much needed office, lab and storage space.

"We're looking forward to relocating to this expanded facility," says SHARE president Les Cory. "It will give us the space we need to keep pace with the ever-increasing requests for service we receive."

Cory says the goal for the construction project is to have the new building ready for occupancy by the summer of 2002. Watch for construction updates throughout the coming months.

Supporting SHARE through Charitable Campaigns

SHARE continues to welcome donations made through your local United Way or other charitable campaigns. If you can't find SHARE's listing in your campaign booklet, please call us at 508-999-8482 and we'll let you know how to earmark your donation to SHARE!

Wheelchair Van Available

SHARE recently received a donation of a raised roof van installed with a power wheelchair lift. The van is currently being refurbished; when ready, the vehicle will be given to a deserving individual or organization. For more details, call SHARE at 508-999-8482.

Volunteer Creates Historical Postcard Prints to Benefit SHARE

New Bedford resident Diane Bolton is turning a penchant for the past into a unique fundraiser in support of SHARE. Diane has created reproduction prints of two historical postcards featuring well-known area landmarks, with all proceeds from postcard sales to benefit SHARE.

Sold as commemorative pictorial cancellations, the handsome postcard prints—"Old Fort at Clark's Point" and "New Bedford, Mass. Fort Rodman"—are available for $5 each, and may be purchased by calling SHARE at 508-999-8482 or by contacting Diane directly at 508-994-8421.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE...
to read about SHARE and the UMD Rehabilitation Engineering Center!
http://www.share.umassd.edu or http://www.eet.umassd.edu

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FUN WALK 2001
FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Sunday, October 21, 2001
UMass Dartmouth
Official Start Time – 9 AM

PRIZES
- Hundreds of Dollars Worth of Gift Certificates
- "Most Spirited Team" Awards
- Best Poker Hand Wins $100

HERE'S HOW...
Every walker who turns in $25 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
- Sand Art
- Pumpkin Painting

ENTERTAINMENT
- PLANE RIDES for Top 5 Walkers
- Turn in $50 or more the day of the Fun Walk, and choose a prize from our TREASURE CHEST!

FREE T-Shirts for Every Walker who Turns in $25 or More!

Join us from
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
for the last cookout of the season!

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SHARE FUN WALK 2001 Registration Form

☐ Yes, I will walk on October 21st. 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 ____________________________
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Mail to: SHARE Foundation, UMASS Dartmouth, North Dartmouth, MA 02747
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Your unfailing generosity truly is changing people’s lives.

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Ben Boyle Golf Classic Lends Support to SHARE

Thanks to the unfailing support of friends of Ben Boyle and SHARE alike, the 18th Annual Ben Boyle Golf Classic was a summertime success once again! Organized by SHARE Board member emeritus Ron Kostyla, the Sunday Morning Golfers, Bob Bjorklund and the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club, the benefit attracted 78 players to the Richmond Country Club in Hope Valley, Rhode Island, and raised more than $2,000 for SHARE.

SHARE would like to thank the many individuals and businesses across the community who supported the July event by donating prizes and sponsoring tees, as well as the golf enthusiasts who took part in the tournament! Golfers who would like to be reminded of next year's date should call Ron or the SHARE office.

Seventh Annual Auto Show and Fun Day
A “Classic” Crowd-Pleaser

Over 1,000 classic car lovers gathered on Sunday, August 19 to admire the sleek lines and sparkling chrome of dream mobiles of the past. The Seventh Annual Auto Show and Fun Day for SHARE was a great success again this year, raising more than $6,000 to support the work of the UMass Dartmouth Rehabilitation Engineering Center.

Sponsored by the Bristol County Street Rod Association, the event showcased over 200 antique and classic cars on display at the UMass Dartmouth campus. Other highlights included the SHARE Flea Market, food, games and prizes.

SHARE would like to extend special thanks to all the Auto Show organizers and the Bristol County Street Rod Association for their hard work and dedication to this terrific summer fundraiser.

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