SHARE FUN WALK 2002 NEEDS YOU!!!

Come one, come all — join us as we take to the streets once again in support of a great cause! Don’t miss SHARE Fun Walk 2002 on Sunday, October 20, 2002 — this festive autumn event has plenty of games, entertainment and prizes 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.!

Over the past 20 years, your support has enabled SHARE to provide the gift of communication to more than 2,000 children and adults with disabilities. Today SHARE is facing unprecedented financial challenges in the wake of severe cuts in state funding. Funds raised during Fun Walk 2002 are critically needed to allow us to continue providing adaptive computer equipment and related services to people who are disabled. Last year’s Fun Walk raised more than $20,000 to support this important work. This year your help is needed more than ever.

So many SHARE clients are still waiting for our help. Please register for Fun Walk 2002 today and keep us all moving in the direction of their dreams!

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

Cuts in State Funding Jeopardize Ongoing Service Delivery for SHARE Clients

Severe cuts in the Massachusetts state budget for fiscal year 2003 are threatening the many vital services the Center for Rehabilitation Engineering provides to children and adults with disabilities.

"Because of vetoes in the Massachusetts budget, we have lost virtually all our state funding for the next year," says Les Cory, the Center’s director. "Without more financial support, we will be faced with cutting services to our clients at a time when requests for help are at an all-time high."

As other service providers cut back their services, SHARE and the Center for Rehabilitation Engineering are faced with a corresponding increase in requests.

At the same time, Professor Cory says the Center is being forced to reduce the range of services it provides in order to trim the program’s operating expenses. Much to the dismay of Rehab Engineering Center staff, volunteers and clients alike, SHARE has been forced to suspend its in-home

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tutoring program for clients and most other in-home services, including delivery and set-up of equipment, until adequate funding can be restored to support the programs.

Professor Cory says the Center will also have to be "very selective" about the other services it continues to offer, weighing its clients' many needs against the total funding available to cover the Center's operations.

As always, we at SHARE and the Center for Rehabilitation Engineering acknowledge the generosity and commitment of our many friends and supporters, whose contributions have made our ongoing work possible. With your continued support, we trust that our mission of helping children and adults with disabilities live richer, fuller lives will not only survive, but flourish.

New Building #19 Program Offers Fundraising Opportunity for SHARE

WANTED: KIND, OUTGOING PEOPLE WILLING TO MIX AND MINGLE FOR THE BENEFIT OF OTHERS. That’s how an innovative volunteer program being offered by area Building #19s works, and it could mean a creative new source of financial support for SHARE and the work of the Center for Rehabilitation Engineering.

Building #19 is looking for volunteers to work 3 hours per week as greeters at the entrances of their stores. In exchange, the store will donate $10 per hour worked to the charity of the volunteer’s choice.

“Given our difficult financial situation, we feel the Building #19 program could go a long way toward ensuring that children and adults with disabilities continue to receive the equipment and services they need,” says SHARE president Les Cory. “The volunteer efforts of one person alone could amount to a gift of over $1,500 a year for SHARE.”

Individuals interested in learning more about how to help SHARE through this volunteer program are invited to call SHARE at 508-999-8482 for more details.

CALLING ALL CARS!

You can help support the work of the Center for Rehabilitation Engineering through your donation of a used vehicle to SHARE. SHARE will arrange for the vehicle’s pick-up at your convenience and provide you with documentation for tax purposes. Proceeds from the sale of these vehicles help fund the provision of adaptive computer equipment and related services to children and adults with disabilities. Go the distance with that old car—call SHARE today at 508-999-8482!

Heartfelt Thanks

We salute event organizers Joe Ribero and the Bristol County Street Rod Association for their dedication and hard work again this year in sponsoring the Eighth Annual Auto Show and Fun Day for SHARE. Held at UMass Dartmouth on August 18, the event was a resounding success, raising nearly $5,000 to support the work of the Center for Rehabilitation Engineering.

Hats off to SHARE Board member emeritus Ron Kostyla, the Sunday Morning Golfers and the Pawtuxet Valley Rotary Club for their longstanding tradition of going the extra mile in support of SHARE. As organizers and sponsors of the 19th Annual Ben Boyle Golf Classic, held on July 28 at the Richmond Country Club in Hope Valley, Rhode Island, this team of good sports has been the driving force behind this yearly fundraiser, which has raised a total of more than $65,000 for SHARE over the past 19 years.

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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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FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

Sunday, October 20, 2002
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PRIZES

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

HERE’S HOW...
Every walker who turns in $50 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 1 p.m. will receive a great prize!

GAMES

★ Sand Art ★ Pumpkin Painting

ENTERTAINMENT

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

Here’s a partial list of our sponsors and those who have provided gift certificates:
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Outback Restaurant, Frigate Steakhouse and many, many others.

See the complete list at the Fun Walk.

Join us from
11 a.m. to 1 p.m.
for the last cookout
of the season!
Thank you to each individual, family, business or organization that has donated to SHARE's mission of providing communication opportunities to children and adults with disabilities. Your unfailing generosity truly is changing people's lives.

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Cory Receives Alumni Service Award

Chancellor Professor Les Cory was presented with the first annual Alumni Employee Award by the UMass Dartmouth Alumni Association at their Homecoming Weekend Awards Brunch on October 6. Cory, who is the most senior faculty member on the UMass Dartmouth campus, is a previous recipient of the UMD Professional Achievement Award, as well as the UMass President’s Award for Public Service.

Supporting SHARE through Charitable Campaigns

SHARE continues to welcome donations made through your local United Way or other charitable campaigns. In order for SHARE to receive your gift, you must specifically designate SHARE as your choice. We do not receive a share of your gift unless you use our name and number.

If you can’t find SHARE’s listing in your campaign booklet, please call us at 508-999-8482. We’ll be happy to give you our United Way numbers so that you can earmark your donation to SHARE.

E-mail SHARE

Readers can e-mail SHARE by writing to SHARE@UMASSD.edu. We are in the process of collecting e-mail addresses for a new electronic update letter that we plan to e-mail about four times a year to keep our readers posted on our happenings.

To join the list, send an e-mail with the words SHARE News in the subject line and we will send you the first edition as soon as it is ready.

Van Lift Available

SHARE has access to a used but useful van lift. For details, call Stan at 508-999-8482.

Volunteer Wanted

SHARE is looking for a volunteer to coordinate a spring fundraising event, possibly a silent auction and hors d’oeuvres party. Call us at 508-999-8482 if interested!

IN MEMORIAM

It is with deep regret that we note the passing of Louise Wilcox of Westport, a valiant lady with whom it was our privilege to work for several years. Louise was very active with the ALS Association of Rhode Island. She also was renowned for her culinary skills.

We also would like to note the passing of William McCusker with deepest sympathy. A longtime user of SHARE’s equipment and services, Bill was a joy to work with and an inspiration to all who knew him.

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