



**KANDU creates, promotes and provides diverse opportunities within the community that offer persons with disabilities or disadvantages the opportunity to pursue greater independence and meet their full potential.**

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## KANDU Needs Your Help!



KANDU was fortunate to welcome Representative Paul Ryan to our Barberrry location on Wednesday, September 3rd. He toured the facility and spoke with concerned families and loved ones regarding the possible end of the subminimum wage certificate. This current law allows KANDU to employ adults with significant barriers to community employment at a fair wage, equal to their individual abilities. Without the continuation of this important piece of legislation, KANDU and similar organizations would be unable to provide services and employment vital to community members with disabilities.

An Advisory Committee on Increasing Competitive, Integrated Employment for Individuals with Disabilities (ACICIEID) was put in place by President Obama to recommend guidelines and actions to improve the outcomes for individuals with significant disabilities within community employment.

According to a recent update, ACICIEID plans to recommend that Congress, the President and the Department of Labor drastically reduce or eliminate subminimum wage jobs within Community Rehabilitation Programs, like KANDU. If Congress acts on this recommendation, individuals with significant disabilities would lose the option to work in the setting and structure of their choice.

The passing of this bill would put all organizations like KANDU out of business. Within the next six to eight weeks, we will begin a letter-writing campaign to our congressmen in Washington DC. You can help us in this effort to save the many jobs for clients at KANDU.

PLEASE JOIN US FOR AN EXCITING BEGINNING

We are proud to announce that KANDU and Riverfront are joining forces to create an A TEAM!

**Learn how to customize a strategy that will guide grassroots advocacy, create community awareness and provide advisement for service agencies, policy makers and government to ensure options and opportunities for our clients.**

October 22nd, 2015 from 5:00-7:00PM  
Pontiac Convention Center  
2809 N Pontiac Drive, Janesville



**Dinner will be provided.**

RSVP REQUIRED BY MONDAY, OCTOBER 19TH  
Call Cindy at KANDU: (608) 755-4123

### What KANDU Clients Do = Millions!



As always, we are incredibly proud of the dedication and performance of the KANDU production team. Here are just a few of the impressive feats achieved by Client Workers over the past year:

5.6 million bottles labeled (4000 bottles per hour) = over 210 semi loads, both inbound and outbound! **If you were to line up that many bottles end to end, they would reach 795 miles! 420 semis would reach 5 miles in length!**

1,164,000 cans labeled = 97,000 cases

2.2 million clamshell packages labeled (3,000-3,500 parts per hour)

1.2 million hangers cleaned and recycled, which previously went to our landfills

**Congratulations for another phenomenal year of successful project completion, continuously exceeding our expectations as well as those of our customers.**



**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 1ST • 6-9PM**  
**PONTIAC CONVENTION CENTER**  
PREPARE TO BE WOWED BY THE  
GERMAN VILLAGE DECOR & CUISINE BY:  **BEST EVENTS**  
ENJOY THE AUTHENTIC BEER GARDEN  
FEATURING OVER 20 DIFFERENT BEERS!  
LIVE POLKA MUSIC BY THE MIKE SCHNEIDER BAND  
CALL (608) 755-4123 FOR TICKETS



### Aktion Club of Janesville Member Wins Speech Contest



Congratulations to Nicole B. for earning first place in the Wisconsin-Upper Michigan Aktion Club Speech Contest! The panel of judges were impressed by her original content and presentation. We wish Nicole luck as her speech has now been sent to Kiwanis International to compete against other Aktion Club District winners.

### Camp Rotamer Excursions



On September 15th and 17th, KANDU's Increased Support Program and Day Services/Memory Care each celebrated the end of summer with a trip to the beautiful Camp Rotamer. Clients enjoyed a slew of various activities including arts and crafts, trivia, horseshoes, and fun around the campfire sharing stories and participating in sing-a-longs lead by seasoned guitarist/Program Director Julie Smith. Executive Director Gary Bersell served as Grill Master, preparing delicious cookout favorites such as chicken and burgers. Everyone in attendance had a wonderful time, as laughter and smiles were plentiful. Thank you to KANDU's program staff for making these memorable events possible and to Best Events for providing the food.

**Evening  
Fall Bridal Show**

BROUGHT  
TO YOU BY

**BEST EVENTS**  
And Special Event Productions

Thursday, October 8th, 2015 • 6:00 - 9:00pm  
Pontiac Convention Center

### Client Recognition



On September 15th, KANDU clients received recognition for their hard work with an awards ceremony and dinner at Camp Rotamer. Certificates were awarded for excellence in the following categories: Attitude, Improvement, Efficiency, Reliability, Dedication and Accuracy. Best Events provided a delicious cookout dinner, which was grilled to perfection by Executive Director Gary Bersell. Clients and staff participated in playing horseshoes, as well as an impromptu game of volleyball. Congratulations to all of our valued clients for another phenomenal year! Regardless of whether or not an award was received, every one of KANDU's clients provides an integral role in maintaining a record of excellence among our customers and within the community.



**CONGRATULATIONS  
TO OUR**



## VOLUNTEER OF THE MONTH: LuAnn Kane

*KANDU greatly appreciates  
your time and talents!*

### Upcoming Events

#### Fall Evening Bridal Show

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 8  
6:00 - 9:00 PM  
PONTIAC CONVENTION  
CENTER  
2809 N PONTIAC DR  
JANESVILLE, WI

Best Events presents a wide array of local wedding vendors, cash giveaways and prizes. FREE wine, beer and appetizers included in each \$7.00 admission.

#### KANDU Fish Fry & Harvest Buffet

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 16 &  
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 13  
5:00 - 7:30 PM  
BEST EVENTS  
BANQUET HALL  
1741 ADEL ST  
JANESVILLE, WI

Celebrate the harvest season with an all-you-can-eat buffet, featuring a mouth-watering fish fry and a cornucopia of seasonal favorites.

#### Halloween Spooktacular

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23  
6:30 - 8:30 PM  
BEST EVENTS  
BANQUET HALL  
1741 ADEL ST  
JANESVILLE, WI

*\*An invitation only event*  
KANDU clients and staff are invited to a Halloween-themed costume party and dance. Prizes awarded for best costumes.

### Senior Fairs

#### Beloit Senior Fair

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 6  
10:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
THE ECLIPSE CENTER  
100 ECLIPSE CTR  
BELOIT, WI

#### Rock County Senior Fair

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23  
9:00 AM - 2:00 PM  
HOLIDAY INN EXPRESS  
3100 WELLINGTON PL  
JANESVILLE, WI

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