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# KANDU Connection



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## Aktion Club Presents iPad to Local Student with Autism

On May 1st, the Kiwanis Aktion Club of Janesville presented local student, James Boehlen, with an iPad and a gift card to purchase software that aids in communication for children with Autism. This donation was part of the Wisconsin Upper Michigan Kiwanis 5-year signature Autism Project that provides iPads and funding for children on the Autism spectrum. The goal of the project is to provide 1,000 iPads to families in need. The Aktion Club of Janesville was able to purchase James' iPad and gift card through various fundraising efforts, including bake sales.

iPads are a remarkable tool for children with Autism, who demonstrate tremendous improvement when interacting with programs that support academic concepts, comprehension and direction following. Visually supported iPad apps help motivate the ability to follow a schedule, complete multi-step directions and transition between activities and places. These apps have proven to be mutually beneficial for parents, siblings and other caregivers as well.

MYWORK. MYCHOICE.

MYHOME. MYCHOICE.

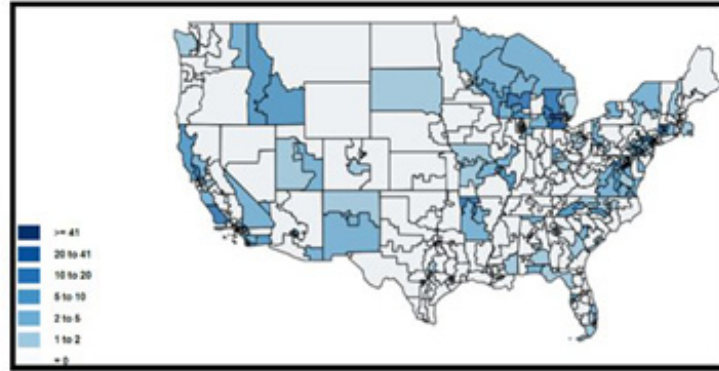
MYLIFE. MYCHOICE.



**Wisconsin's GOAL = 2,000 comments!**

*Let's turn our state the darkest blue!*

The heat map below shows the number of comments sent by Congressional district.



## Federal Legislation for Choice is Here and Your Voice Matters!

Congressman Glenn Grothman (R-WI-06) recently introduced the Workplace Choice and Flexibility for Individuals with Disabilities Act (H.R. 5658). This bill will restore common sense to the definition of competitive integrated employment and provide increased employment opportunities for people with disabilities. People with disabilities across the country have been denied placements in high-paying jobs because of the regulations that implement the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). ACCSES supports expanding opportunities and keeping a full array of options available. They were honored to work with Congressman Grothman and his staff to help draft this legislation. It is now important for us to help advocate for this bill.

### **What can I do? Tell your representative to co-sponsor H.R. 5658!**

1. [Click here](#) to visit the ACCSES Action Center - "Support and Cosponsor H.R. 5658"
2. Tell your Members of Congress to cosponsor and pass this important bill to increase employment opportunities for people with disabilities. The subject and message of the body is already filled in. However, feel free to add your own personal comment.
3. Based on the address you enter, your message will immediately be sent to the appropriate representative.
4. Tell your family and friends to do the same!

It only takes 2 minutes to do. That's it!



## Client Bowling Party

On Wednesday, May 16th, KANDU clients, staff, caregivers and volunteers participated in an after work bowling party at Janesville's RiversEdge Bowl. 75 clients enjoyed some friendly competition and socializing with their friends outside of typical work hours. As usual, clients wowed spectators with their impressive bowling skills! A very special thank you to KANDU's dedicated program staff for planning and executing another successful event that brings so much joy to everyone in attendance. Also, thank you to RiversEdge Bowl for continually hosting this beloved event.





### KANDU 5K Run, Walk & Roll

On Saturday, May 12th, KANDU held the second annual 5K Run, Walk & Roll: A Race Without Limits. Participants of all ages and abilities met in KANDU's Adel Street location parking lot to celebrate healthy living and run, walk or roll up to 5 kilometers. Leading up to the event, KANDU clients participated in a 6-week health and wellness program, including weekly wellness sessions with staff from SSM Health, focusing on the mind, body and spirit. The wellness program concluded with KANDU clients leading off the 5K race, with all participants and attendees cheering them on. It was a great time had by all involved!

A special thanks to our Title Sponsors, Dr. Pat and Terri Sitorius, along with the many other sponsors and volunteers, who's generosity makes this event possible. [Click here](#) to view more photos from the event on KANDU's Facebook page.



## Volunteer of the Month



*Thank you,  
Volunteers,  
for making  
this event  
a success!*

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**ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS**

## Party at The Pitts

Thursday, June 14th

### **\*An invitation only event**

*Spend the day and/or evening with KANDU on Diane Hendrick's property.*

## Take Me Out to the Ballgame Appreciation Event

Friday, July 20th

### **\*Invitation only**

*KANDU staff, board members, donors, customers and guests are invited for a tailgating party, Beloit Snappers baseball game and fireworks!*

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