

# KANDU Connection



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*From Lisa  
and Julie...*

Dear Friends,

I hope this letter finds you and your loved ones well. This month, I would like to share with you a letter I received from one of my staff members. I believe it expresses well the opinions of the extraordinary people who work at KANDU and I hope it touches your heart as it did mine. Next month, I will resume writing to you. In the meantime, please read on.

Be well,

Dr. Lisa Machtemes

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What makes KANDU different?

During this awful pandemic, with no live music or entertainment, no athletic events, and limited social contact, there has been lots of time to contemplate what is important in each of our lives. I found myself thinking about the blessing I know as KANDU.

What is it that makes KANDU different and why is it a blessing? It didn't take me long to figure this out, I just needed to sit down and put it in writing. I know exactly why KANDU is different and such a blessing to many of us. The answer is---our mission and the energy behind it. The people that work tirelessly, knowing they are making the difference for a disadvantaged or disabled individual are what makes KANDU different. When a global pandemic occurs, organizations are challenged in carrying out their mission and some may

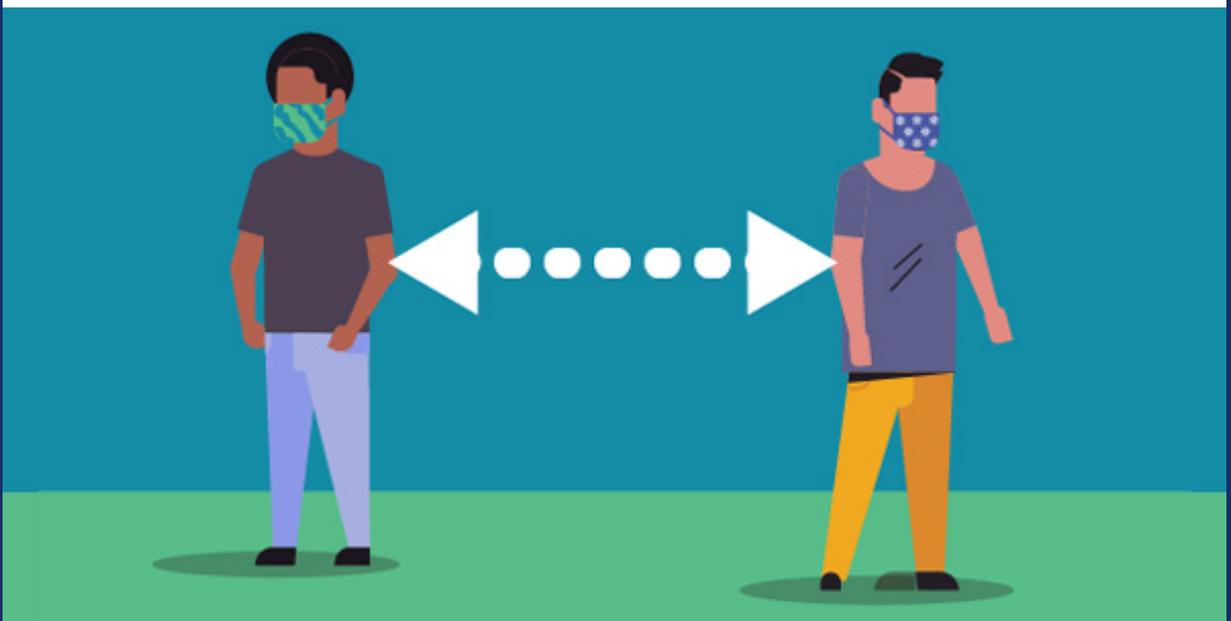
be forced to change their mission. Rest assured, KANDU is not one of those organizations.

KANDU has been blessed with an amazing group of people who care deeply about the organization, its mission and most importantly, the people who are supported by the agency. The level of commitment to this organization can be seen daily, especially during this time of COVID-19... It takes a team to get through a situation like this and I am confident this team is up to the task. From catering staff hustling along to process a SPAM order or client services staff working feverishly to repackage chili, production staff re-arranging work flow and developing new processes, marketing/fund development creating new fund raising opportunities, the finance department taking temperatures, procuring opportunities for loans and grants, making payroll for people in different ways, buttoning down expenses, human resources keeping abreast of ever changing government regulations related to leaves of absence and other labor laws; this clearly demonstrates a level of engagement within this organization that is unique and different. New job duties and working conditions have been forced upon all of us. Our team has risen to the challenge and will continue to function in support of the mission. KANDU will survive because of the work all of us are doing. Know that you are appreciated and a blessing. Ultimately, you are what makes KANDU different.

Respectfully,

Julie Smith, Client Services Director

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## Resuming Client Services

Client Services has begun a slow and carefully planned transition to resume Adult Day Care and Prevocational Services. KANDU continues to follow recommendations from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Wisconsin Department of Health Services and the Rock County Health Department. Currently, we are operating under the guidelines set forth by the Rock County Reopening Phased Plan that was published May 20, 2020. A small group has returned to programs at Barberry and Adel Street and our plan is to continue with a new small group each week. Individuals included in the group will receive a phone call from their Client Services Manager. We appreciate everyone's patience as we work to keep all people and our environment safe. Feel free to call 608-755-4123 with any questions.

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Music courtesy of purple-planet.com

## Together For Choice

On May 15th, A-Team members across the country participated in a Facebook event called Together for Choice. Advocates submitted videos wearing their favorite home state sports team attire, while sharing a bit about their lives. [Click here](#) to view a video featuring KANDU's very own Jimmy Nelson and Chris Wilson!

Originating in Fort Atkinson, the A-Team is a national movement uniting individuals with diverse abilities and their family members to advocate in a grassroots effort, creating awareness in the community and advising those who care for our citizens with special needs to ensure a full array of service choices and opportunities. For more information about A-Team Wisconsin, follow their [Facebook page](#).

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# DRAGONS ON THE ROCK



DRAGON BOAT RACES AND  
FESTIVAL BENEFITING



**SATURDAY, SEPT. 19**  
**9AM-6PM**  
**TRAXLER PARK**  
**JANESVILLE**

## EARLY BIRD REGISTRATION

**REGISTER BY JUNE 30TH:**

**\$1,500 PER BOAT TEAM (A \$150 DISCOUNT)  
AND RECEIVE AN ADDITIONAL PRACTICE**  
\*PAYMENT PLANS AVAILABLE

**\$75 PER INDIVIDUAL WITHOUT TEAM**

**IF OVER 30 TEAMS REGISTER, EACH TEAM  
WILL RECEIVE A \$100 REFUND!**



**TEAMS: FUNDRAISE A MINIMUM OF \$800  
AND RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING:**

### THE VIP EXPERIENCE

**INCLUDES:**

- ACCESS TO THE VIP PAVILION WITH SNACKS, REFRESHMENTS, PLUSH FURNITURE AND RECOGNITION ON SIGNAGE
- TEAM NAME ON T-SHIRTS
- TEAM TENT

**PARTIAL SPONSORSHIP (1 OF 2)  
OF A KANDU CLIENT BOAT  
OR YOUTH BOAT**

## REQUIREMENTS

- NO EXPERIENCE NECESSARY
  - ALL EQUIPMENT PROVIDED
    - AGES 12+
  - 10-21 TEAM MEMBERS PER BOAT (UP TO 20 PADDLERS, 1 DRUMMER)
  - DRUMMER MUST BE UNDER 150 LBS
    - 3-4 EXTRAS RECOMMENDED AS ALTERNATES
  - ONE HOUR OF TEAM PRACTICE
- TEAM DRUMMERS WILL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO SHOW OFF THEIR SKILLS IN A DRUM COMPETITION!

**VISIT [WWW.KANDUINDUSTRIES.COM/DRAGONS](http://WWW.KANDUINDUSTRIES.COM/DRAGONS)  
FOR MORE INFO AND TO REGISTER A TEAM**

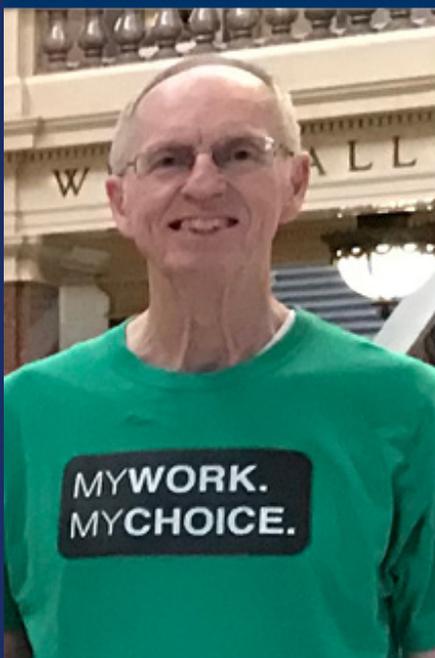




## A Look at Adel Street

No clients and fewer staff on site have made for a quiet office these past several weeks, providing a good opportunity to apply a fresh coat of paint. We hope everyone enjoys the new calm and cheery color in the reception area and brighter office hallway!

# **KANDU** *Volunteer of the Month*



## Rick Wilson

Thank you for your dedication to A-Team and advocacy for work choice!

## ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

KANDU is anxiously looking forward to hosting events again after the need for social distancing has passed. For questions regarding any upcoming event, please contact Jim McMullen, Development Director, at [jmcmullen@kanduindustries.com](mailto:jmcmullen@kanduindustries.com).



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