

# KANDU Connection



August 4, 2020



*A message from our  
Executive Director...*

Dear Friends,

At KANDU, there is an employee I call the tinkerman. He understands how machines work. He repairs them and re-invents them. He has a lot of old machines, some of which sit idle. At Barberrry, he has a forklift that never moves. From time to time, he takes a part from it to replace a part in a working forklift. He makes the most of who he is and what he has. He is resourceful.

The tinkerman and the forklift are not unique. Parallels between him and it exist in every department at KANDU. This is because we understand each person has a purpose, each object has a use. We are resourceful.

We are resourceful out of time. In our modern day, we donâ€™t have to hunt and gather food, weave fabric, tan hides, or build huts. If we donâ€™t want to, we donâ€™t even need to go to grocery stores, restaurants, malls, or open houses. We have the internet.

And, we are resourceful out of place. By geography, the United States is the third largest nation in the world. It has an abundance of coastline, freshwater, fertile soil, and fossil fuels. We want for nothing.

Yes, we are resourceful out of time and place. It is our choice. For KANDU, we make the most of who we are and of what we have. For KANDU, we are tinkerman. We have forklifts. And, we are grateful.

Be well,



## We Can't Party at The Pitts

KANDU recently wrapped up We Can't Party at The Pitts, an online alternative to the popular fundraising event Party at The Pitts, hosted annually for the past 10 years on Diane Hendricks' beautiful property.

Participants or "guests" had the opportunity to purchase "Imagine the Day" or "Envision the Night" tickets and receive certificates for local restaurants and businesses, as well as the opportunity to participate in an exclusive online auction, held on July 30th.

A new endeavor for both KANDU and Beloit Auction, the online auction featured live commentary between David (the auctioneer) and Liz (KANDU Development Manager), announcing bids in real time and encouraging friendly competition between bidders. Some first time participants couldn't resist jumping in on the bidding wars due to all the excitement!

A very special thank you to Diane Hendricks for making this event possible in spite of current circumstances, along with Wisconsin Fundraiser and Beloit Auction for donating their services including all of the behind the scenes work in hosting the online auction. Thank you to Kerry for sponsoring the gift certificates, as well as Drywater Productions for putting together yet another amazing video illustrating our mission. Thank you to all of our generous sponsors, donors, auction donors and event participants. Your support makes a vital difference during this challenging time and we genuinely appreciate your choice in contributing to our event.

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## Dragons on the Rock 2021

In order to ensure the safety of our community, KANDU's dragon boat race and festival, Dragons on the Rock is canceled this year. We are looking forward to next year's event scheduled for Saturday, September 18th, 2021 at Traxler Park in Janesville. Please contact [Liz](#) if you have any questions or would like to sign up for next year in advance. Stay up to date with announcements by following the [event on Facebook](#) or visiting [our website](#).



Meet  
Susanne!

Please join us in welcoming Susanne Bevineau, our new receptionist! Susanne attended Cardinal Stritch University and previously worked for OptionCare Health. In her spare time, she has volunteered for the Beloit Youth Softball Program and enjoys gardening and smooth jazz.

**Congratulations to our following outstanding employees for your recent promotions:**

Jake Reed, Production & Facilities Director  
Liz Menz, Development Manager

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## ADDITIONAL UPCOMING EVENTS

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

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