

KANDU Connection



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*A Message from
Jerry Klobucar,
Board of Directors*

Hello friends and champions of KANDU,

Finally, 2020 is over. Despite the upheaval the pandemic has brought upon us, one cannot help but think of what we have learned from it. We have learned to have meetings virtually, see our doctor virtually, and shop for just about anything online. Social distancing, wearing masks, and staying home have become the norm (my garage and basement have never been so clean!). What is impressive has been our ability to adapt and meet the challenges we faced. We are amazingly resilient. KANDU has proven to be the same.

After doing some checking with Liz Menz, KANDU's Development Director, I am thrilled to report that financial support from businesses and friends of KANDU in 2020 was at 98% of 2019 levels. What a testimonial to all KANDU's supporters! Thank you to everyone!

With the pandemic still controlling much of what we do, it is hard to be optimistic of our future, but looking forward, our organization must continue to pivot with each new challenge. We are fortunate that our new Executive Director, Kathy Hansen is ready for this challenge. Kathy brings experience in marketing, organizational strategy, and fundraising to KANDU. She has worked in both for profit and nonprofit organizations. Welcome Kathy!

Having been part of the search committee, I can tell you Kathy is extremely qualified. Being on the search committee also reminded me what an amazing board of directors and staff we have at KANDU. Their dedication to KANDU's mission and its clients leaves me in awe. I cannot help but feel encouraged for KANDU's future. 2021 will undoubtedly have many new challenges, but KANDU is ready.

THANK YOU TO OUR WONDERFUL 4TH QUARTER DONORS!

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Generosity in Action

Thank you Cummins/TA Services for donating a tape machine, providing 2 new work opportunities for clients! It also allows for a more efficient line and uses less expensive tape, saving costs! Not only is this a high quality tape sealer, but it's compact and can seal a wide range of case sizes. We are so excited to have this on the production floor!



Seeking Local Business Partnerships

Over the years, KANDU's Community Employment program has developed valuable partnerships with local businesses, providing job opportunities for individuals with barriers to employment. We are continually grateful for these relationships and appreciate each and every one of the supportive roles that contribute to our clients' success in the workplace. As we expand and serve individuals with a variety of skills and interests, we are always looking to connect with new businesses to fit everyone's needs. Currently, we have a strong interest to meet with businesses that perform factory, assembly and/or quality control type tasks. Although this is the current trend, KANDU is always willing and interested to meet with a variety of businesses to help grow opportunities for our clients. If you feel like your business would be a good fit for some of our clients, call (608) 755-4123 and ask to speak with a Community Employment program manager. [Visit our website](#) to learn more.



MOD Pizza Fundraiser

On Tuesday, February 23rd, eat MOD Pizza in Janesville and 20% of food and beverage sales will benefit KANDU. Simply use the coupon code GR175292K when ordering delivery or pick up on [MOD Pizza's website](#). Take out and dine-in is also available. Just mention to the cashier you are there for KANDU prior to paying for your meal. [Click here to follow \(and share!\) the event on Facebook](#).

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