

KANDU Connection



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A Message from Gina Erickson, Endowment Board

Exciting things are happening at KANDU and it is such a pleasure to share this experience, not only within the organization, but throughout our community. In my almost 30 years of serving between both KANDU boards, there has never been a time quite like this. We have all seen our fair share of obstacles over the past year and this organization has not only overcome these unforeseen challenges but has grown in the process. The phenomenal people of this agency used 2020 as an opportunity to use our waiting room as a classroom and develop ways to not only expand the mission to serve more individual needs, but also connect with the community in ways that uplift us all.

You may have heard of the much-anticipated community event and KANDU fundraiser, Dragons on the Rock, which is coming up on Saturday, September 18th at Traxler Park. I have enjoyed every minute of being a part of the planning committee and collaborating with fellow volunteers who are so passionate, not only about this event, but the importance of KANDU's mission. It takes a wide range of talents for an event like this to come together and I am very proud of what our team has accomplished so far. I would like to encourage anyone, including KANDU family (fellow board members, employees, clients and clients' loved ones) and community members to join our volunteer team! Your strengths, whatever they may be, will be an asset to this event and you will receive some perks as well! There are also sponsorship opportunities available for companies looking to support the event and gain some community exposure. We have already made valuable partnerships whom we can't thank enough for their generosity.

It was exhilarating to watch the dragon boat races in 2019 and witness the KANDU client boat

win their heat. Dragons on the Rock ultimately demonstrates the spirit of teamwork, perseverance and encouragement and it's inspiring to see community members working together and supporting each other while having a really good time. Festival admission is free, so bring your family out for a day of food, music, activities, and be sure to cheer on this year's KANDU client team during the dragon boat races!



Dragon Boat Festival Fun Day

In anticipation of Dragons on the Rock, clients and staff celebrated with their very own dragon boat festival on Wednesday, August 18. Though there wasn't any actual dragon boat racing (we will have to wait until September 18 for that), clients had the opportunity to show off their drumming skills as well as participate in an "eye-dotting ceremony" coloring contest. The dining halls were decorated to offer a taste of the Chinese festival experience and photo opportunities were available to pose with an authentic dragon head. Everyone enjoyed an Asian-inspired lunch with egg rolls and fortune cookies and there were even goody giveaways! Thank you to everyone who made this monthly Fun Day possible!

[More photos.](#)



DRAGONS ON THE ROCK FESTIVAL & BOAT RACE

Sept. 18 | Traxler Park

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Join Us for Dragons on the Rock!

KANDU's annual dragon boat race and festival is just over two weeks away and we are

excited to share everything we have to offer! Sixteen teams have signed up to compete in the dragon boat race and a wide array of food trucks will be available throughout the day. New this year, several vendors will compete in the Street Chef Challenge offering specialty dishes that incorporate Kerry ingredients. Current participants include Gracie's Kitchen, Rock City Roasters, Sharla's Coffee, Coco's Tamales, Mario's Taco Express, Joe's Hibachi Food Truck, Autentica Food Truck, Steve's Deli Dog House, and Barkley's Burgers, Brews & Dawgs.

Winners will be chosen by expert Kerry chefs and the public.

Beverages from Kerry, Rock County Brewing, Gray Brewing, and Timber Hill Winery will be available in the beer tent and attendees can sign up to participate in a keg toss. Various kid's activities will also be offered throughout the day including bounce houses, face painting and games. From 12-8 PM, enjoy live music from the Johnny Nelson and the Magnetic Yayas, Prone to Sorrow, Candace Griffin, Bree Morgan, Erin and Trevor Acoustics, and Tim O'Grady Jr.

2021 National Champions, the Rock Aqua Jays will perform an exhibition water ski show following the dragon boat races at 4 PM.

Dragons on the Rock is scheduled for Saturday, September 18 from 9 AM-8 PM at Traxler Park in Janesville. Admission is free with \$5 parking to benefit the Rock Aqua Jays. Dragon boat races begin at 9 AM.

Visit our website and follow our [Facebook event](#) for a full schedule and list of food trucks!

Dragons on the
Web



New Bus Look

Check out the KANDU bus, sporting a brand new graphic featuring an especially photogenic KANDU client! Now everyone will know it's KANDU when we're out and about!

With the help of Jimmy's mom, Betsy Nelson, we thought it would be a fun surprise to keep our new bus wrap design a secret until it was finished. [Click here](#) to see his priceless reaction during the unveiling!

A special thank you to SSM Health for their transportation sponsorship. Executive Director Kathy Hansen continues to build meaningful partnerships with community businesses and organizations like SSM Janesville and we are so grateful for the opportunity to support each

other wherever possible.



Livin' and Learnin': Cooking, Dancing Boats and Dental Health

KANDU's Livin' and Learnin' has had a productive month learning valuable skills, diving into new experiences and having a lot of fun along the way. A few highlights include nutrition advice and cooking healthy tacos with Megan Timm from SSM Health, touring recreational safety equipment with Deputy Berberich at the Rock County Sheriff's Office, learning new dance moves with Declan from No Limits Dance, and visiting HealthNet Dental for a run through of what to expect at the dentist's office. You never know where we will end up next!

More About Livin' and
Learnin'

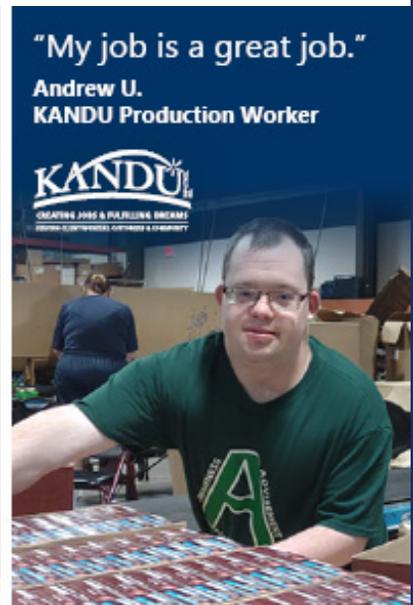
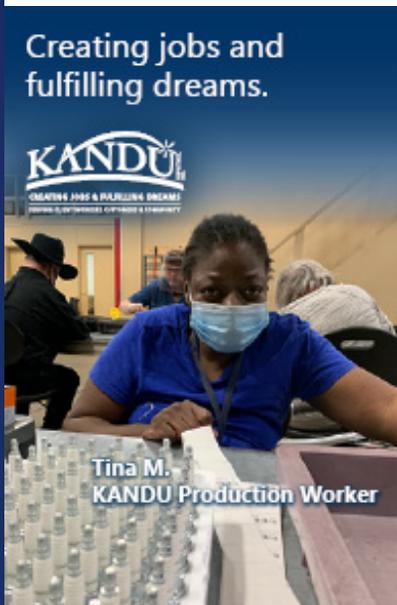


Garden Update

KANDU's Garden of Growth is beginning to provide a bountiful harvest! There are lots of beautiful sunflowers and both red and orange cherry tomatoes, plus we are patiently awaiting the soon-to-ripen watermelons, cucumbers, peppers, potatoes, and sweet corn. Let us know if

you would like some sunflower seeds or tomatoes as there will be plenty to share! Victor has been vigilant about taking care of the garden this year and is already starting to plan ahead for next year's garden season, including saving seeds to replant in the spring!

[More photos.](#)



Production Banners

We are excited to receive our new production banners! These banners will be displayed from the ceilings of both the Adel Street and Barberrry Drive production floors and will not only spruce up the space, but provide testimony to all that we offer our clients, staff and customers. We look forward to sharing our new and improved workspace to visitors! If your company would like to schedule a tour, call (608) 755-4123.





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World Alzheimer's Month

September is [World Alzheimer's Month](#), when people come together from around the world to raise awareness and challenge stigmas around this disease. September 21 is World Alzheimer's Day, which typically coincides with the launch of the [World Alzheimer Report](#), released by [Alzheimer's Disease International](#) and focuses on the crucial topic of diagnosis.

Alzheimer's disease is a type of dementia that disrupts the transmitters that carry messages in the brain, particularly those responsible for storing memories. Early on, symptoms include lapses of memory, difficulty in finding the right words for everyday objects, or mood swings. As Alzheimer's progresses, people frequently forget recent events, names, and faces and undergo personality changes, appearing to no longer care about those around them.

Although there is no cure for Alzheimer's disease, some of these symptoms can be treated with medication, such as restlessness, depression, and sometimes even memory loss. Programs like KANDU's Day Services/Memory Care offer practical support for people living with Alzheimer's disease and dementia, as well as their loved ones. Day Services/Memory Care provides a home-like environment to spend the day while emphasizing improvement in physical, mental, and social well-being through an understanding of each participant's individual abilities. Participants receive expert care, connection, and access to individually tailored activities, while caregivers enjoy some respite, knowing their loved ones are happy and safe.

For more information about KANDU's Day Services/Memory Care program, visit our website or call (608) 755-4123.

KANDU Day Services/Memory
Care



Thank You for Going the Extra Mile!

KANDU Kudos gives all employees the opportunity to acknowledge their fellow coworkers for their exceptional efforts. Bulletin boards are available at each location listing the names of each recipient and why they are being recognized.

August Kudos Go To:

- Carmen Jones
- Claudia Cruz
- Kitty Rounds
- Shawn Shetler
- Christina Patterson
- Dana Seeman

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