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# Networks News

## 25TH ANNUAL GOLF CLASSIC WAS A SUCCESS

With Spring came warmer weather and Opportunity Networks Annual Golf Classic and what better way to enjoy the warmer weather than to be outside playing golf and supporting a wonderful cause. This year marks a milestone for Opportunity Networks with our 25th annual Golf Classic Fundraising event. A total of 122 golfers participated in the event, which was held at the Amherst Country Club. Our golf tournament is sponsored annually by Hitchiner Manufacturing Company. This tournament is known for being one of the area's premier charity golf events. Chick-fil-A donated a bagged lunch for the players on the course and Yankee Chef of Milford provides an exquisite dinner when the golfers come off the course. The Tournament Featured Hole-in-One prizes along with some other incredible prizes.



**Heading for the Hole** – Opportunity Networks's board member Steve Desmarais makes his putt during the 25th Annual Souhegan Golf Classic on June 4<sup>th</sup> at the Amherst Country Club. Hitchiner Manufacturing has been the major sponsor of this tournament since the very beginning.

Looking on in the picture are Opportunity Networks's board member Keith Jones, Paul Day, Chairman of Hitchiner Manufacturing, John Morison III, Executive Director of Opportunity Networks's Rocky Morelli, John Morison IV, Steve Clough, Opportunity Networks's board member Jay Dinkel and Opportunity Networks' past board member Richard Fitzgerald.



## 4TH OF JULY COMPANY COOKOUT BY RICHARD BROWN



Many Americans have their own special way of celebrating Independence Day, which is America's birthday since the Declaration of Independence was signed on July 4th, 1776. Opportunity Networks celebrated the tradition on Thursday, July 2nd, 2015 by having a cookout at 11 Caldwell Drive in Amherst. Individuals, along with their families and staff enjoyed all kinds of food like hamburgers, cheeseburgers, potato salad, pasta salad, hot dogs, desserts, Kona Kone of Amherst

and much more. The weather was great and again, it was a great opportunity for everyone to come together in Patriotic fashion. The celebration was yet another huge success!!!!.



## MOTIVATION-A-THON



Opportunity Networks is hosting a day of motivational speaking with Debby Hoffman Adair on Saturday, September 26<sup>th</sup>. This daylong presentation is designed to educate, motivate and inspire you. Eight motivational speakers take the stage throughout the day to help us persevere and live life to its fullest. Our amazing lineup includes: Terry Lajoie, Steve Gamlin, MaryBeth Gustitus, Karen Kallie, Denyne Sanville, Grace Dunklee Cohen & Ingrid Dinter.

Doors open at 8:30 am at 11 Caldwell Drive, Amherst. The 45 minute presentations start at 9:00 am and continue until 5:00 pm. This event is FREE to everyone, but a cash donation would be greatly appreciated. For additional information or sponsorship opportunities, please call 603-883-4402 or visit [www.opportunitynetworks.org](http://www.opportunitynetworks.org).

Come early, grab a cup of coffee, find a seat and prepare to be motivated!

## A DAY AT THE FISHER CATS BY JOSH NADEAU

When you think of the song take me out to the ball game, Neil Diamond's Classic "Sweat Caroline" and "The Boys of Summer", you think of America's favorite past time. While many people are thinking of the rivalry between the Boston Red Sox and the New York Yankees, New Hampshire's own baseball team brings great baseball action to the Granite State. On June 3rd, clients and staff had the opportunity to spend the day at Northeast Delta Dental Stadium in Manchester to

watch the NH Fisher Cats play their arch rival the Bowie Baysoxs in a tightly contested game. Everyone in the stands enjoyed the day cheering the Fisher Cats on to a 1 to 0 VICTORY!!

The New Hampshire Fisher Cats have been based in Manchester, NH since 2004 and will continue to entertain New Englanders for many more years. So if you are looking for a great local baseball experience then make sure to take in a Fisher Cats Game!



One, two, three strikes you're out at the old ball game!

## ANN LIFETIME OF SERVICE BY THE NEWS CREW

Ann started working at Opportunity Networks on October 25th, 2004 and has been a mainstay to the daily operations for almost 12 years. When you think of Opportunity Networks Staff, Ann's name comes to mind and as soon as you walk through the front door you are greeted by Ann's wonderful smiling face. In addition to doing a seamless list of daily tasks, Ann also enjoys spending time helping many of the individuals we support. Ann is truly an unsung hero at Opportunity Networks and her passion and dedication to Opportunity Networks mission is second to none. Thank you Ann for everything you do!



Ann, thanks for everything you do!

## WELCOME MATT RANIERI TO OPPORTUNITY NETWORKS



Recent Graduate !!

Opportunity Networks would like to welcome Matt Ranieri. Matt is a recent graduate from Merrimack High School and started coming to Opportunity Networks in May. Since that time he has become a positive member of the agency's News Crew. He enjoys singing karoke, bowling, doing health & wellness activities, making new friends and volunteering in the community. Matt's also employed at Paper Graphics in Merrimack and works three days a week. Some of his interests include watching movies, reading, walking, and swimming.

So, Welcome Onboard Matt!



Thanks for being a great Mom!!



Veggies To Go!



1001 Creative Uses for Wood Pallets!!

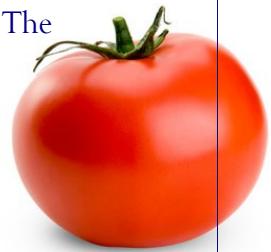
### PATCHES TO GO BY JANE HUNNEWELL

My mother has been a big part of my life so I decided to write a short article about what she does for enjoyment. About 5 years ago my mother Nancy Hunnewell Started a small business called patches to go. She enjoys sewing so she stated making a variety of items out such as water bottle carriers, kindle bags, quilted tote bags and catnip cat toys out of scrapes of fabric. So if you are interested in seeing some of the wonderful and creative things my mother makes then make sure to come out to many of the local craft fairs!

### GARDENING GROUP WITH STYLE BY MATT RANIERI

When you think of gardening, the words “Green Thumb” come to mind. A group of individuals at Opportunity Networks have spent the last 4 months planting vegetables in a garden plot in Merrimack and two raised beds on the side of the Caldwell Drive Center. They take great pride in the gardens as they spend a lot of time watering and weeding. Some of the vegetables they are growing are peppers, let-

tuce, eggplants, tomatoes, and herbs. The garden plot in Merrimack gives individuals the opportunity to be a part of their community and meet others. The exciting thing about growing the vegetables is not only tending to them, but using them in the agency’s cooking class. The gardening group is already looking forward to next year’s season.



### PROJECT PALLETS WITH FRANK BY NICK NEEDLER

Project Pallets is an exciting wood working group that Frank McGrath started at Opportunity Networks 8 months ago. The group has grown in size and is now being offered 3 days a weeks. Under Frank’s leadership, the wood working group has found creative ways to use wooden pallets and small branches/sticks to make some wonderful projects. You would be amazed at the detail that goes into each project and it’s wonderful to see everyone working together to cut, paint and assemble each project. The group is planning to sell some of their projects at a local craft fair in October. Great job!



### SING A SONG BY THE NEWS CREW

Live from Opportunity Networks it's Karoke time! So, "Sing. Sing a song. Sing out load and sing out strong!" Karoke is a great way for individuals and staff to sing some of their favorite songs and entertain their peers. At the end of the day you can find many individuals crowded into our theater singing their favorites; from Michael Jackson, The Beatles, Maroon 5 and many other artists. It's great fun and many people come in just to watch the entertainment. So come one, come all, to either sing a song or just watch the fun!



### 22ND ANNUAL \$10,000 RAFFLE EXTRAVAGANZA

# \$10,000 Raffle Extravaganza

Opportunity Networks will be holding its 22nd Annual \$10,000 Raffle Extravaganza on Friday, December 4th, at The River Card Room in Milford. It's hard to believe it's been 22 years, but the raffle extravaganza continues to be a wonderful event promoting the work we do at Opportunity Networks. Through events like this, families, friends and the community come together to benefit individuals living with disabilities. This event will feature a \$10,000 Grand Prize with additional cash prizes of \$1,000, \$750, \$500, \$250 and \$150 that will be awarded throughout the evening!

As always, we are expecting a large turnout of guests that will have the opportunity to enjoy a cocktail and hors d'oeuvres reception, as well as listening and dancing to live music. It is truly a great night for a great cause! So stay tune for more information on the 22nd Annual \$10,000 Raffle Extravaganza!



I WON!!!! Last years Grand Prize Winner!



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## Upcoming Events

### Our Fundraising Events:

Motivation-A-Thon - Saturday, September 26th  
Opportunity Networks, 11 Caldwell Drive, Amherst, NH

\$10,000 Extravaganza! - Friday, December 4, 2015  
The River Card Room, Milford, NH

Please check out our website at [www.opportunitynetworks.org](http://www.opportunitynetworks.org),  
for more information on our fundraising events and how you  
can participate!!

Due to funding arrangements for Nonprofit Programming  
providing services to individuals with disabilities, Opportunity  
Networks continues to rely on the generous support of  
individuals and businesses in our local community.

## Program Locations

### Administrative Office:

11 Caldwell Drive  
Amherst, NH 03031  
603-883-4402

### Day Habilitation & Supported Employment Program

116A Perimeter Rd.  
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