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# Networks News

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### Leave A Legacy

Please consider providing for our organization in your will or bequests. There can be significant tax advantages for planned gifts. There are many options, please consult your tax advisor for more information. Thank you.

On Friday July 27th, Opportunity Networks was sad saying goodbye to Ann as she started her retirement. Ann had been working with us for 15 years. Ann told us that she has a list of books that she wants to read and wants to continue her volunteering.

As a way to celebrate this new chapter for Ann, we had an Ice Cream Sundae Party. We had chocolate, Vanilla, and Kangamangus ice cream from Haywards Ice Cream in Nashua. We had gummy bears, sprinkles, fresh strawberries, fresh pineapples, chocolate syrup, whipped cream, and maraschino cherries for the toppings.

It was a Hawaiian luau party and everyone had tons of fun. All of our families and past and present staff were invited. It was extremely hot outside, so hot that the ice cream started to melt! There was a movie playing in the theater for those who wanted to cool down and get out of the heat.

We want to give a BIG THANK YOU to Ann for all the years she helped us. We appreciate that you were always there for us when we needed help and for always being a great listener.





Carrie Fisher's Plaque at the Walk of Fame.



## CALIFORNIA HERE I COME – BY RICHARD

In June I took a trip with some friends to Los Angeles, CA. I left New Hampshire on a Wednesday and came back the following Tuesday. I took an airplane and was lucky not to have had any lay-overs. The airplane ride was good and the flight attendants were nice. When I got there, I checked in at the Quality Inn. I had a room all to myself.

The first day there I went to Universal Studios. While I was there, I went on rides and saw some shows. My favorite rides were the rollercoasters. The first show I saw was Water World. The show was filled with live action; fires, jet skiers, and water explosions!

The next day we went to the Wheel of Fortune studio. I saw the wheel that they spin and the board where the letters are put. We had a tour guide and he showed us the set of the Goldberg's! The set was big and we saw the kitchen! There was a fake stairway that led to nothing! They film everything on one floor. Finally we went to the Walk of Fame. I saw many stars with celebrities names on them. I remember seeing the star of Carrie Fisher.

Overall I had a nice time. I would definitely go back for another vacation.

## SMACK DOWN LIVE – BY RICHARD

On Tuesday July 10th, we went to see the WWE SmackDown at the SNHU Arena. We arrived at 6:30 pm and stayed till 10:30 pm. When we first got there some of the group purchased souvenir t-shirts to bring home.

We then found our seats, and they were good seats! When the first match started there were lots of bright lights and the announcer's voice coming through the speakers was very loud. There was a ring and a large screen where they showed video clips and the matches that were going on.

There was a 10 man tag team match that consisted of Daniel Bryan, Kane, Big E, Xavier Woods, Kofi Kingston, Harper, Rowan, Eric Young, Killian Dain, Alexander Wolf. At the end, Daniel Bryan and Kane won the match. I was happy that Daniel Bryan won!

I am looking forward to this event again next year! Maybe I will buy a t-shirt!

## 10 COUNTRIES & 121 PARTICIPANTS — BY THE NEWS CREW

Over a span of 4 weeks this summer, we had 121 individuals participating in the Opportunity Networks very own Summer Olympics. There were 10 teams from around the world! Each team scored points on an individual basis and added all the teams points earned at the end of the week. One earned points ranging from 1 point to 5 points depending on what they did that week. You received points by bringing and drinking water during a physical activity, making healthy food choices during the day, participating in a new activity, and fully participating in the physical activities on Fridays at the Nashua Sports Academy (NSA). Some of the new activities that were offered were kayaking, disc golf, swimming at Baboosic Lake and some new and improved games at the NSA.

The Gold Cup went to team USA with 146 points, Silver went to Ghana with 138 points and the Bronze went to Canada with 132 points. Each



### 1st Place Team — USA.

**Team: Amanda O, Andrew, Bonnie, Brittany C, Danny S, Drew, Jack R, Jocelyn, Kenny, Rebecca P, & Sue**

team put their best efforts into this event! The winning team won bragging rights and a new Golden Cup!

Everyone enjoyed the ceremony that took place at the NSA.



### 2nd Place — Ghana.

**Team: Ben, Bryce, Dee, Ed D, Grant, Jake V, Matt S, Mike F, Mike P, Russell, & Wayne**



### 3rd Place — Canada.

**Team: Cassie, Crystal, Frankie, Gabe, George B, Jon C, Justin H, Naomi, Nick N, Roger, & Sara C**





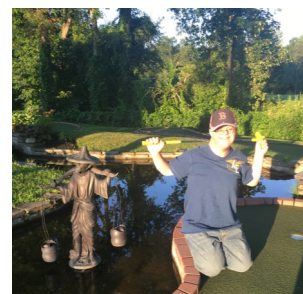
Farm Crew working hard feeding the horses and cleaning the barn.

## FUN AT FURNACE BROOK FARM – MATT

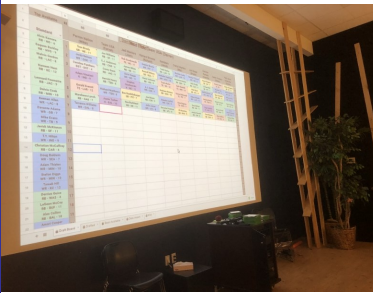
On Wednesdays, Jacob, Billy, Darren, Caitlin, Ray, and I go to the Furnace Brook Farm in New Ipswich, New Hampshire. We go with our job coaches Frank and Kandi. The Furnace Brook Farm first opened in 1992; there are about 16 horses living there now.

When we first get to the farm we break up carrots and put them into to a bucket. We then clean three horse stalls and finally, we feed the horses the carrots and some hay. Special Thanks to the Tolle's Street Mission for donating the carrots. These carrots make the horses very happy.

## THE PICTURE COLLAGE



## ARE YOU READY FOR SOME FOOTBALL – BY JAKOB



With Fall quickly approaching, we all know the Football Season had begun. At Opportunity Networks we started our own Fantasy Football League. Before the season started, 12 program participants gathered together in the theater at our Caldwell office. The room went from very quiet to very hectic in a matter of minutes as we formed 12 fantasy teams. Some of the team names are; The Richards, The Gambers, The Crazy Dolphins, and The Gronks.

Each person took a turn picking out players in each round. The first person who picked first in a round was able to pick two players. After we chose our players, they were entered into a fantasy football software program. The season lasts for 17 weeks. Each week, our teams with match up against one another to earn points. Based on your players stats for each game, you can earn points. Each week, the points will be recorded. The team who has earned the most points at the end of the season will be the winner! The winner of our Fantasy Football league will receive a “Surprise Prize”. We are in our third week.

## ALL ABOUT RICHARD – BY JANE AND BILLY

In this issue, I am going to write about Richard and I have someone helping me this time. My helper is Billy.

I wrote down the questions I wanted to ask Richard and Billy asked him the questions and wrote down his answers. I asked him how was his trip to California and he said it was good. We asked him what his favorite movie is and he said Forest Gump. We asked him who his favorite singer is and he said Lady Gaga. We asked him if he went to Disneyland and he said yes and that he liked the rides and shows. We also asked him if he saw the Hollywood walk of fame and he said yes and that he saw Carrie Fisher’s star. When Richard is at home he likes to watch WWE Wrestling and his favorite wrestler is John Sena and Daniel Bryan. When Richard is at work he cleans buses at the Hollis Bus Company and washes the windows.



I enjoy Fishing in the Souhegan River



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## **The Barker Foundation & Milford Hospital Association**

We would like to thank The Barker Foundation and the Milford Hospital Association for their generous donations to our Health & Wellness Program. This funds will allow us to continue to offer dance lessons at the Dance Company of Amherst and fitness classes at the Nashua Sports Academy for our program participants.

The Barker Foundation is located in Nashua, New Hampshire. This organization primarily operates in the Charitable Organization business/industry within the Membership Organizations sector. This organization has been operating for approximately 64 years. Areas of interest include Social Services, Education, Health, and Youth Organizations.

Milford Hospital Association is located in Milford, New Hampshire. This organization supports organizations for any of the following purposes: religious, educational, charitable, scientific, literary, testing for public safety, fostering national or international amateur sports competition (as long as it doesn't provide athletic facilities or equipment), or the prevention of cruelty to children or animals.

### **Upcoming Event**

**\$10,000**  
**Raffle Extravaganza**

**Friday, December 7th**

Please check out our website at [www.opportunitynetworks.org](http://www.opportunitynetworks.org), for more information on this 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.  
Nashua, NH 03060  
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