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**NESCO Executive Director****Donations come in many ways!**

On a dreary fall day last November, a phone call came out of the blue. "Cheryl, you don't know me. But I'd like to raise some money for your seniors," the caller started. Being the dedicated director of a non-profit agency, my ears perked up, and I immediately said "Great!" but my mind was saying "Why us? How much? And how can we increase this amount?" (I said dedicated...as in always looking for funding!)

After squelching these erratic thoughts, I learned that the caller represented a group of talented volunteers from both Madison and DeForest. They recently recorded a CD of holiday music and would be performing it at a special concert at St. Peter's Catholic Church on December 11.

"We would like to donate half of the proceeds from the CD and good-will offerings from the concert...if that's ok with you." Once again, I found my brain responding "Okay?! That's fantastic!" but my professional voice stated demurely, "Of course, it's ok. In fact, it's wonderful." And then I added a quick, "What can I do to help you?" Imagine my further surprise when I was invited to speak at the concert, highlighting our mission and its impact on the senior adults in our community. They were actually giving me a microphone and a room full of people for me to brag about my non-profit agency—which was celebrating 30 years of service. My mom didn't raise no dummy...count me in!

The concert was absolutely breathtaking, the performers extremely talented, the audience very gracious. I'll remember it for the rest of my life. Several weeks after the concert, I got another call from our volunteer receptionist. "Someone is here to present you a check."

I quick-timed it to our lobby, pleased to find my newest friend Bill Frederick, beaming from ear to ear. He stepped forward and quietly stated,



Photo provided by Cheryl Batterman

Steve Johnson and Bill Frederick present a check for \$3,132 to Cheryl Batterman, Executive Director of the North/Eastside Senior Coalition. This money was raised from selling Enter the Season with Song CDs and concert donations. If you are interested in purchasing a CD, limited copies are still available by calling Bill (249-6652 ext 25).

"The proceeds are more than we ever expected—we raised \$3,132 for your agency."

Fighting back tears, I engulfed Bill in a big hug—thanking him profusely. "It wasn't just me involved with this project, but many community mem-

bers recognize the importance of your agency," he said. So here's my opportunity to say thank you to everyone involved in this project. You done good and we deeply appreciate your efforts!

NESCO's free concerts return to summer Monday nightsBy Cheryl Batterman, MPA
NESCO

78 Summer Concerts! That's the total number of free summer concerts the North/Eastside Senior Coalition has sponsored over these past 13 years! Averaging six concerts a year, one can only imagine the number of community members attending these traditional summer outings. Offered on Monday evenings in Warner Park at 6:15 pm, senior adults and their families (of all ages) can sit under the beau-

tiful skys and enjoy a diverse selection of live music.

This year's artists include SpareTime Bluegrass (June 12), Ladies Must Swing (June 19), The Madison Brass (June 26), Harmonious Wail (July 10), Ron Sacia & the Fat Daddys (July 17), and The Tony Castenada Latin Jazz Sextet (July 24).

The concerts are supported by the Madison Arts Commission and the Dane County Cultural Affairs Commission with additional funds from the Overture Foundation. M&I

Bank is sponsoring the Ladies Must Swing concert; and a former NESCO Board of Director is sponsoring the Harmonious Wail concert, dedicating it to all NESCO volunteers. Good will donations are also collected during intermission.

New this year is the option to pur-

chase grilled brats and hot dogs, in addition to freshly popped popcorn and delicious root beer floats. Transportation is also available for senior adults in the north/eastside of Madison. Call 243-5252 to arrange a ride.

Bring your lawn chair and be ready for a delightful evening...rain or shine!

SENIOR Activities**Special Events****Summer Concert Series**

Monday Nights at the Warner Park Shelter. See the Summer Events Calendar on page 18 for dates.

World's Greatest Jokes Day

Wednesday, June 7, 10:30am, Bashford Methodist Church. Stop by our Bashford Nutrition Site to hear some of the best jokes ever told on this planet. Call ahead to stay for lunch.

Live Music with Michael Gruber

Tuesday, June 13, 10:30am. Michael has been a popular performer around town with his sweet voice and fine guitar-playing.

Summer Pontoon Ride and Picnic

Tuesday, June 20, 10am - 12:15pm. Sign up at our office to take a pleasant trip around Lake Mendota and up the exotic Yahara River. The cost is \$4 and box lunches are included. The trip is limited to twelve people. Don't miss out!

Regular Programming**Tasty, Nutritious Lunches**

Monday-Friday at 11:30 am NESCO offers nutritious mid-day meals at the Warner Park Community Recreation Center, (1625 Northport Dr.) and at Bashford Methodist Church, (329 North St.). All meals are served by Gaylords Catering and are paid for on a donation basis. Reservations are

required by 11:30am the day prior. Transportation is available daily and free on Tuesdays and Fridays.

Exercise

Get out and stretch those legs! Wednesdays at Warner Park Carolyn Ganther teaches a free Chair-Based Yogacise at 10:30 am. There is also an exercise group at the Bashford Nutrition site every Thursday at 10:15.

Scrabble

Come down on Wednesdays at 9am to play with some of the most fun word-smiths around. All skill levels are invited.

BINGO

Each Friday at the Warner Park Nutrition site we host a fun session of BINGO at 10:30am. Each game costs 5¢ with all proceeds paid out to the winners.

Foot Care Clinics

NESCO and Home Health United co-sponsor six foot clinics each month for individuals who can not do their own foot care and do NOT have diabetes. Appointments are required and can be made up to a year in advance by calling 243-5252. There is a \$10 fee.

Book Discussion Group

Enjoy discussing a good book? Stop by to pick up our next book at the Warner Park Center on June 16 at 12:15pm.

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