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CLIENTS INSPIRE FULL SCALE PROM NIGHT

Snow Ball Will Be the First Prom-Like Dance for Many Attending

Clients who attend Cerebral Palsy, Inc.'s (CP) Adult Day Services Program, adults with a variety of physical disabilities, have planned a prom-like dance, the Snow Ball, for Friday, February 19 from 6:30pm until 9:00pm. The dance will be the first formal event for many of the attendees, and is expected to draw approximately 125 guests, including clients, their family and friends. The staff of the CP's Adult Day Services will host the event, which will take place at the CP Center.

The clients have been involved in every aspect of planning the event. The invitations, posters and decorations have been made during art classes, and some of the snacks for the event are being made during kitchen class. "Individuals who take Wheelchair Dance and the Color Class are excited to apply the skills they are learning in class out in a community setting," said Julie Tetzlaff, Director of CP's Adult Day Services. In addition, a disc jockey will be there to play the special selection of music chosen by the clients, and photo opportunities will be available. "The client and staff creativity in organizing this event has been inspiring," said Tetzlaff.

In addition to having all of a typical dance's activities, there will also be the presentation of the 2009 Where Caring Comes to Life Client Awards to one male and one female client. The awards are presented each year to clients who make valuable contributions in the areas of self improvement, leadership, community service and service to CP. This year's recipients will be presented with the awards and crowned the Snow Ball's king and queen.

Those individuals in need of formal attire have been able to shop at no charge in the Snow Ball shop. CP patrons and staff have donated gently used formal wear, including dresses, sport coats, ties and jewelry giving the clients a large variety to choose from. Tetzlaff added, "Having the opportunity to try on a formal gown has brought many smiles to the client's faces, especially the women who are attending the event. The donations of formal wear from the community have made a positive impact here, and we can't thank the donors enough."

CP's Adult Day Services, with locations in Green Bay and on the Lakeshore in Two Rivers, provides functional activities for adults with severe physical and developmental disabilities. Activities are designed to teach and encourage individuals to become as independent as possible in all areas of their life regardless of the degree of disability. Training is provided in the areas of: communication, fine and gross motor skills, self-care skills, community integration and education, social skills, functional academics, computer education and exploration, vocational skills, recreation and leisure skills training, therapeutic and recreational swim activities, and independent living skills training. Services provide organized instruction in functional age-appropriate activities to maintain and improve desired skill levels as indicated on an individual's personal program plan.

Cerebral Palsy Inc. provides services for the people of Northeast Wisconsin to promote community involvement, inclusion, and to enhance the quality of life of persons affected by temporary or permanent physical, sensory, and/or speech needs or conditions. CP served more than 2,000 families in the past year.

Services provided include Birth to 3 and pediatric therapies, assistive technology, aquatic swim and exercise, adult occupational therapy, inclusive child care, adult day services, vocational services and outreach services to people of all ages. For more information about Cerebral Palsy, Inc. visit www.cp-center.org or call 920-337-1122.

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