



Enriching the quality of life and learning for adults and families through individualized literacy instruction, personal relationships, and community building



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UPDATE

SPRING 2011 Newsletter

NWL's Tutoring Programs Supported by Hugh J. Andersen and Otto Bremer Foundation

Grant writing.....Sit down and brainstorm, bite nails, jot notes, bite nails, research, bite nails, organize, bite nails, type endlessly, bite nails, cut and paste, bite nails, reread 10 times, bite nails, edit and rewrite, bite nails.....Save, print, seal, send, wait, bite nails.....

Support Received...jump up and down, turn cartwheels, smile, cry.....NWL is privileged to be one of the programs supported by two of the finest foundations in the country: Hugh J. Andersen and Otto Bremer Foundation. In 2010, Hugh J. Andersen granted \$2 million dollars. Otto Bremer Foundation donated \$25 million dollars. In February, NWL was notified that it was the recipient of an \$11,000 grant from Hugh J. Andersen and in

March NWL was again notified that it was the recipient of a \$25,000 grant from Otto Bremer Foundation. These grants allow NWL to continue to serve the Polk County and St. Croix County area with free tutoring and educational programs. With education, struggling people will gain the skills and confidence they need for their families, their schools, their jobs, and their community. NWL is proud to be a partner with many local organizations that are striving to educate and train those in need. The organization is very humbled by its nearly 60 volunteers who work daily to provide education and a personal relationship for NWL learners. NWL is also proud of its learners who courageously come forward and ask for the help that they need.....Pat on the back.....hug.....smile.



Spotlight on Tutoring

By Leanne Waterworth
Program Director



It was brought to our attention in December from an elementary teacher in Amery that there was a need to teach English to Spanish speaking adults. Several families

in the area use translators in order to communicate with their child's teacher. In an effort to help, we recruited Jo Leir, a long time volunteer with NWL to teach a class. Jo speaks some Spanish and has teaching and traveling experience. Mary Nelson, another NWL volunteer and experienced ESL tutor joined forces and together they offered a free class, held on Monday afternoons at the Amery Elementary school library.

"Dive Into Reading" Poetry/Essay contest

This Spring, we are announcing our Poetry /Essay contest for the youth involved in NWL. Students will be encouraged to write about "Why reading is important" with the help of their tutor. One grand prize winner will receive 2 free Super Day passes from Wild Mountain Waterpark in Taylors Falls, MN and have their work published in our NWL newsletter!

Contest rules:

- Submission of a poem or essay about **The Importance of Reading** is required. Spelling, grammar and neatness will be considered.
- Entrants must be a *Northern Waters Literacy Learner (18 years or younger)* and work under the direction of their NWL tutor/and or parent.
- Entrants must have the student entry form signed by their tutor or parent.
- Only one submission per student.
- Submissions will be judged by the NWL Board of Directors.
- Work must be submitted by June 30th, 2011 to:

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5K Run for Reading!

Come out to RUN, CHEER or VOLUNTEER at the St. Croix Falls, Wannigan Days 5K RACE & Kids 1K Fun Run

Proceeds benefit Northern Waters Literacy!

Date: Saturday, July 16th, 2011 8:00am

Race day check-in: 7:00am at the Scenic Overlook, St. Croix Falls, WI

Entry fee: \$15 if pre-registered before 7-1-11

\$20 if registered AFTER 7-1-11

Every runner pre-registered before 7-1-11 receives a FREE T-shirt. Runners may upgrade to a dri-fit T-shirt for \$5.

Awards to top three finishers in each age category (male & female)

Register for the RACE online at

www.Wannigandays5k.com

If you're interested in volunteering, contact Leanne

at (715)405-7323 or email nwlcoordinator@centurytel.net

