

**December 9, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES SUPPORT FOUNDATION BOARD ELECTS OFFICERS, ADDS MEMBERS**

Don Jensen has been elected chair of the Careers Industries Support Foundation Board of Directors. Other officers are Kadi DeRose, Vice Chair; Janna Waldeck, secretary' and Tom Harmann, treasurer.

Newly elected board members are Bill Seidel and Mary Wyant. Ben Greenebaum and Bob Hayssen rotated off the board.

The Support Foundation is the fundraising arm of Careers.

**November 5, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES PARTICIPANTS SELL HOLIDAY ART:**

Holiday-themed plates, knit scarves, note cards, gift bags, and paintings - these are example of the artowrk that Integrated Day Services participants are selling for the holidays.

All the artwork was created by the participants and can be seen at Careers' Racine facility, 3502 Douglas Ave. weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. Samples of the holiday artwork can be seen on Careers Industries' web site, [www.careersindustries.com](http://www.careersindustries.com).

For more information, call (262) 752-4100.

**October 10, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES HIRES CASE MANAGER**

Careers Industries has hired Jamie Anderson as a case manager.

Prior to coming to Careers, Anderson worked as a case manager for the Workforce Development Center. She has a bachelor's degree from St. Mary's College in Winona, Minnesota.

**October 1, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR ANNOUNCES RETIREMENT:**

Susan Wesner, Executive Director of Careers Industries, has announced that she will retire at the end of February, 2009.

"The years of my employment with Careers have brought me much joy, treasured friendships, professional challenges and endless opportunities for

growth and development,” said Wesner in her letter of resignation to the Board of Directors.

During her nearly 19 years as executive director of the nonprofit agency that serves people with disabilities, Wesner has seen several major accomplishments. Among them are the purchase, renovation and occupancy of the Quadracci Building at 3502 Douglas Ave. that houses Careers’ Racine operation and the acquisition of a State of Wisconsin Use contract to manufacture and sell trash canliners to the state.

The canliner project is housed in rented space at 2200 South Street in Racine. Careers Industries also has a facility at 161 Industrial Dr. in Burlington.

“Susan’s decision to leave Careers was regretfully accepted,” said John Benavides, president of Careers’ Board of Directors. “Her great efforts and accomplishments have transformed Careers into the successful organization that it is today.”

“Susan has done great work, and she will be missed,” he said. “Thankfully, she has placed the Careers organization into a healthy state that will allow a smooth transition to her successor.”

The Board of Directors has engaged an executive search firm to conduct the search for a new executive director.

Careers Industries enriches the lives of people with disabilities through work, care and community. The agency serves about 260 adults with disabilities through two programs, Fulfillment Services and Integrated Day Services.

In Fulfillment Services participants do real work for real pay through a variety of subcontract light assembly, kitting, collating and packaging for area businesses.

Integrated Day Services allows people with disabilities to access their community through outings and by volunteering at other nonprofit organizations and churches. Participants also learn life skills such as cooking and riding the bus.

### **September 24, 2008 PARTICIPANTS' DISPLAY ART:**

Artwork created by participants in Careers Industries' Integrated Day Services (IDS) program will be on display at the Racine Arts Council offices, 316 Sixth St., throughout October.

IDS has a thriving art program with participants creating paintings, note cards, botanical plates and hand painted silk scarves. Their work is displayed at area art fairs and at Careers' facilities at 3502 Douglas Ave. in Racine and 161 Industrial Dr. in Burlington.

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### **September 11, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES CELEBRATES 20 YEARS OF SERVING BURLINGTON COMMUNITY:**

To celebrate 20 years of providing services for people with disabilities in western Racine County, Careers Industries will hold an open house, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m., Friday, October 3, at its Burlington facility, 161 Industrial Dr.

At the open house, there will be drawings for door prizes every 15 minutes and refreshments.

### **September 2, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES HOLDS EVENT TO HIGHLIGHT PARTICIPANT ART:**

Artwork created by participants from Careers Industries' Integrated Day Services (IDS) program will be featured during an event, 4:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m., Saturday, September 20, at Careers' Racine facility, 3502 Douglas Ave.

In addition to the art, there will be music, refreshments, and a silent auction. Proceeds from the auction will benefit the IDS art program.

All artwork, including paintings, hand painted silk scarves, botanical plates, plus green items such as pop top bracelets and necklaces, recycled bowls, and canvas grocery bags will be for sale.

**August 22, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES CO-SPONSORS  
COMMUNITY CONVERSATION ON EMPLOYMENT FOR PEOPLE  
WITH DISABILITIES:**

A community conversation on employment opportunities for people with disabilities will be held Monday, September 22, 4:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. in the Superior/Ontario rooms of the Racine Gateway Technical College Conference Center, 1001 S. Main St.

Employers, community leaders, school personnel, clergy members, people with disabilities and their family members, and other interested persons are encouraged to attend. RSVPs can be made by calling Mary Beth Popchock at (262) 752-4100 or emailing her at [marybeth@careersindustries.com](mailto:marybeth@careersindustries.com) by September 12.

The meeting is co-sponsored by Careers Industries, the Center for Community Partnerships at UW-Parkside, Pathways to Independence, RAMAC, SHRM Racine/Kenosha Chapter and Racine County.

**August 22, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES NAMES NEW CASE  
MANAGER:**

Careers Industries has promoted Emily Kauers to a Case Manager position. She is currently a specialist in the Integrated Day Services department.

**August 12, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES NAMES NEW IDS  
MANAGER:**

Careers Industries has named Dawn Parrish as the new manager of the Integrated Day Services program.

Parrish, who is currently a Careers' Case Manager, has been with the nonprofit agency for four years.

**July 14, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES PARTICIPANTS HAVE BOOTH  
AT STARVING ARTIST FAIR:**

Careers Industries' Integrated Day Services participants will have a booth at the Starving Artist Fair on Sunday, August 3, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., in East Park, 1001 S. Main St., Racine.

For sale will be paintings, hand painted silk scarves, botanical plates, plus green items such as pop top bracelets and necklaces, recycled bowls, and canvas grocery bags.

**June 30, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES PARTICIPANTS COLLECT ITEMS FOR SOLDIERS:**

Careers Industries' Racine and Burlington CARE (Careers Advocates Representing Everyone) committees are collecting items for the soldiers in Iraq, now through August 1.

Items needed are travel-size personal care items such as deodorant, non-aerosol shave gel, shampoo, hand lotion, toothpaste and brushes, hand sanitizer, and Carmex SPF 15.

Non-perishable snack items in their original packaging are also being collected. Examples are canned chips and dips, crackers, chicken or tuna salad kits, microwave popcorn, single bag coffee, hard candy, or canned beef stew.

Other needed items are white socks, small travel games, batteries for small electronics, new and used DVD's and CD's, books, writing tablets and envelopes.

Donations for the soldiers can be brought to the Racine facility at 3502 Douglas Ave. or the Burlington facility at 161 Industrial Dr. weekdays between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

**May 15, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES PARTICIPANTS HAVE BOOTH AT ART FAIR:**

The artists in Careers Industries' Integrated Day Services program are going green with their booth at the Monument Square on the Lake Art Fair on June 7 and 8 at the Racine Festival Park.

Although most of the artwork will be made from recycled materials, some of the artists' original artwork will also be features.

IDS has thriving art program with participants displaying their work at various art fairs and other outlets throughout southeastern Wisconsin.

### **March 11, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES RECEIVES GRANT FOR WHEELCHAIR ACCESSIBLE VAN:**

Careers Industries has received a \$41,114.00 grant from the Racine Community Foundation to purchase a wheelchair-accessible van.

The nonprofit agency uses vans to transport participants in its Integrated Day Services program on outings into the community and to volunteer at other nonprofit organizations and churches

### **March 11, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES LAUNCHES NEW WEB SITE:**

Careers Industries has updated its web site.

On the new site, viewers will be able to look at participant artwork, see the specifications for the trash canliners that the agency produces, view volunteer opportunities, and download employment application materials.

### **March 5, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES HIRES NEW CASE MANAGER:**

Careers Industries has hired Dan Traeger as a case manager.

Prior to coming to Careers, Traeger worked as a Residential Coordinator for Alpha Homes and as a Guardian Representative for Easter Seals/Kindcare. He has a bachelor's degree from Dominican College in Racine and is certified as a crisis prevention institute instructor, a guardian, and as a brain injury specialist.

### **January 9, 2008 CAREERS INDUSTRIES PARTICIPANTS COLLECT FOR TORNADO VICTIMS:**

Careers Industries' Racine and Burlington Integrated Day Services participants will be collecting items for the Town of Wheatland tornado victims throughout January.

Items needed are bottled water, plastic bins to put salvaged items in, clothes (including coats), blankets and quilts, and toys. Items can be brought to Careers' Racine facility at 3502 Douglas Ave or its Burlington facility at 161 Industrial Dr., any weekday between 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.