

Working Progress

News from NVSU and NVS

Combine Fund Drive 2006

Top Ten Reasons to Give Through the CFD

- 10 *Charities are Screened* - CFD lists only those which are charitable organizations.
- 9 *Donations are Tax Deductible* - Your pay stub is a record of your contributions.
- 8 *The CFD is Efficient and Effective* - Volunteers at state agencies/institutions conduct the drive.
- 7 *Your Dollar Goes Further* - Accrued interest along with our contribution distribution system allow for more of your donation to go directly to your charity(ies).
- 6 *The CFD is a Joint Effort* - In 2005 over 21,00 Washington public employees donated more than \$5.64 million to over 2,000 charities.
- 5 *The CFD is Easy* - Simply choose regular payroll deduction or a one-time gift.
- 4 *Participation is Secure* - The online giving station provides secure 24hr. access to your charitable giving account.
- 3 *The Choice is yours* - There are over 2,000 charities to choose from. Also, your charitable giving activity can be updated at any time simply by contacting the CFD office or going online to www.cfd.wa.gov.
- 2 *Make a difference* - Your donations go directly toward community causes in which you believe.
- 1 *Charities recognize that the CFD is the best way to help them strengthen communities.*

Public employees and retirees in Washington state make a difference in their communities by contributing to the Combined Fund Drive (CFD), September 15 through December 15, 2006.

Print and mail a contribution form. Or donate online at the new "Giving Station", the secure Combined Fund Drive (CFD) site at http://www.cfd.wa.gov/Donate/ke_a_donation.htm. Either print or online, your donation to NVS—CFD number 497061—will make a real difference!

Thank you!

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Editor's Correction:

Our apologies to guests Midge Hunnicut and Susan Porterfield for reversing their names in the photo identification box in the July Newsletter.

** NOTE **

NVSU client success stories will appear again on Page 1 of the next NVS / NVSU Newsletter.

Thank you for your patience as our Newsletter grows and changes!

Connecting Clients to Work (CCW)

At our Spring Fling Gala Auction last May, the NVS Board—Neurological Vocational Services—began using a new name for “Fund-A-Client.” We now ask our supporters to make a donation to “Connecting Clients to Work (CCW).” We believe Connecting Clients to Work (CCW) is more closely aligned with our mission and what we do to fulfill our mission: Helping people with neurological conditions gain independence, one person, one job, at a time.

We—Neurological Vocational Services— raise funds for job-related expenses for people with neurological conditions seeking employment through the Neurology Vocational Services Unit (NVSU) at Harborview. NVSU screens from 300-350 people each year and helps 75-100 gain competitive employment. Many people with epilepsy, brain injury, multiple sclerosis, stroke and other neurological conditions **want to work** but have limited financial resources to make the transition to employment. For example, some clients need parking money to attend the Job Club at the Neurology Vocational Services Unit to learn job-seeking skills and to learn from the group perspective and special speakers. Some need bus fare to get to work; others may need funds for a lunchtime work meeting with co-workers. Still others may need financial support to pay for classes, test, licenses, or certifications in order to work. **None** of these job-related expenses are paid by grants, foundations, or government programs (either state or federal).

The NVS Board knows how daunting such job-related expenses can be for clients seeking a job. One expense that can be a major stumbling block for our clients who *would* take a non-paid job try-out is the need for state L&I insurance during the tryout period. If the potential employer does not cover the insurance for the tryout period, the NVS Board eliminates this problem by using raised funds, and clients can accept a non-paid job tryout - concentrating on the job, not worrying about money.

Your donations to Connecting Clients to Work (CCW) can help clients with epilepsy, brain injury, multiple sclerosis, stroke and other neurological conditions meet these job-related expenses and go to work.

Please send a check today to help another person connect to work. Mail your donation to NVS:

**NVS
Harborview Medical Center
325 9th Avenue
Box 359744
Seattle, WA 98104**

Public employees and retirees in Washington may also donate through the new “Giving Station” at the secure Combined Fund Drive (CFD) site at http://www.cfd.wa.gov/Donate/make_a_donation.htm

Our Combined Fund Giving Number is **315721**.

Neurological Vocational Services (NVS) a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization: Tax ID # 91-1412467.

NVS belongs to the Combined Fund Campaign, Local Independent Charities and United Way.

If you have any questions, please call (206) 744-9130.

Thank you!

TOP 10 THINGS YOU CAN DO TO LEAVE A LEGACY

- 1. Prepare a will. Only 40% of those who pass away have one. Without a will, you may lose control over your belongings.**
- 2. Leave a gift in your will for the non-profit organizations that make a difference in your life. American are generous - 70% of us give to charity each year. Surprisingly, less than 6% of persons in American households have included non-profits in an estate plan. Imagine the positive impact on our community if everyone made a donation to their favorite nonprofits!**
- 3. Leave a specific dollar amount or a percentage of the assets in your will to the non-profits of your choice.**
- 4. Consider using appreciated assets to fund current charitable gifts and planned gifts. These include, but aren't limited to stocks, bonds, certificates of deposit, real estate, vehicles, art and jewelry. Such gifts may even provide tax savings.**
- 5. Name one or more non-profits as the beneficiary of your pension plan, IRA, retirement plan. Doing so can avoid estate and income taxes (up to 70%) that might otherwise be due on your plan. Be sure to seek the advice of an attorney or accountant when designating a charity as partial beneficiary of a retirement account.**
- 6. Name your favorite non-profits as the owner and/or beneficiary of a new or existing life insurance policy.**
- 7. Call your favorite non-profits about special funds you can support.**
- 8. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.**
- 9. Encourage family and friends to leave gifts to non-profits in their wills.**
- 10. Ask your financial advisor to include charitable giving as part of counsel to clients.**

NVSU

The NVSU Recognition Evening is Friday October 6th, 5-8 PM at the Blue Ribbon Culinary Center on Lake Union. This is a great event where clients, employers, staff and the NVS Board are acknowledged for their contributions and efforts this past year. This has been a very successful year for NVSU and NVS and one filled with many changes. This is a wonderful opportunity to learn about our achievements and our future plans. Bring a guest with you!!

Bring your appetite, as we will have plenty of terrific appetizers provided by Blue Ribbon Culinary Center. In addition there will be live music provided by Tom Fraser and the "Semi Colons," great camaraderie and local Seattle luminaries.

Your involvement with NVS/NVSU is very much appreciated as NVSU begins our new project year. Please remember our Combined Fund Giving Number is 497061 to make a donation to Neurological Vocational Services, our non-profit fundraising organization.

Please call 206-744-9130 to R.S.V.P. no later than Sept 20, 2006. Attendance is limited!

Driving directions can be found on WWW.Blueribboncooking.com.

Any further questions please contact Aliza Hauser, Program Coordinator, NVSU 206-744-9132

Thank you!

Save the Evening! October 6, 2006

NVSU
NEUROLOGY VOCATIONAL SERVICES UNIT
FALL RECOGNITION EVENT
2006!!!!

Date: October 6th, 2006

Time: 5pm – 8pm

Event Address:

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Center**

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NVS Transitions

We—Neurological Vocational Services (NVS) and the Neurology Vocational Services Unit (NVSU) staff—want to clarify the connections between NVS and NVSU for our supporters and stakeholders. We recognize greater clarity is essential to our growth as a Board and as a vocational service provider.

NVS—aka The Board—advises the Unit and raises funds for NVSU clients who have job-related expenses. NVSU—aka The Unit—provides specialized vocational services to clients with neurological conditions—epilepsy, multiple sclerosis, stroke and brain injury—who want to work. This Newsletter is a joint publication of NVS and NVSU.

In order to make our interconnections clearer, this edition of our joint Newsletter looks a bit different than other recent Newsletters have. But this is only the beginning of changes to come.

As the NVS Board grows and as the NVS Unit continues to serve a growing number of clients with epilepsy, multiple sclerosis and other neurological conditions who want to work, we know that more changes lie ahead. More information will appear in the next Newsletter and our other publications and presentations.

We look forward to greater clarity, stronger connections to our stakeholders, and more and more clients gaining independence through employment.

Your suggestions are most welcome.
 Please send email to nvs-editor@comcast.net.

Thank you!

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