



THIRD AVENUE PLAYWORKS Q&A for Sunshine Resources of Door County

1. What is the mission of Sunshine Resources of Door County?

Sunshine Resources of Door County Enriches Lives to Nurture and Inspire the Human Spirit. With Care, Compassion, Partnership and Integrity.

2. What are some of the main programs or services offered by the organization? We provide day service programming for adults with disabilities. We also provide prevocational training, community employment and job coaching, transportation, life skills classes, and day services for seniors in our Sunflower Cottage.

3. Can you share a meaningful or inspiring story from the past year highlighting your work?

There are so many meaningful stories to share, but to share one in particular, our programming is designed to create a life of independence in the lives of adults living with a disability. Each client has a program designed to meet their individual needs and goals. As we work with over 90 clients in the community, success can mean so many different outcomes. We celebrate each client and the efforts and success they achieve as they navigate their life of independence. In the last year, we have truly celebrated these achievements with several clients securing independent community employment and celebrated the first anniversary of one of our clients living independently in his own apartment.

4. What are some of the challenges Sunshine Resources faces in carrying out its mission, and how are they addressed?

As with any non-profit, funding is a huge challenge. 20% of our annual budget is covered through generous donations and grants. These are needed dollars to provide the needed services we offer each year. Housing is another challenge. With limited housing opportunities in general, we are even more limited on affordable housing for limited income-based individuals. This includes adults with disabilities. The housing crisis also prevents families seeking our services from being able to establish a home in our community.

5. Looking ahead, what are some of the organization's goals or priorities for the future? As a non-profit organization that has served Door County for over 52 years, we look to establish expanding our service line to fill unmet needs in our community and secure SRDC as a place for those with disabilities to find their path to independence. Having a disability does not mean "I Can't", and providing a place of socialization, confidence building, and companionship wrapped around a program to provide the skills needed to live independently can create an opportunity to thrive in our community. This all starts with educating the community about who serves and how we can help. Having a disability does not come with a stigma. An individual can be born with or





acquire a disability later in life. This does not prevent one from living a run me and we rook to help all individuals meet their goals to live their fullest lives possible. Whether you are a disabled veteran, limited in mobility due to health concerns, or recovering from an addiction, we can help you on your path to success. We aim to create a safe place for all to find their path and prosper in life.

6. What is the best way for the community to support these efforts?

Sunshine Resources of Door County offers many opportunities to be part of our mission. There are many ways to give back. A monetary gift, estate planning, stock gifts, real estate gifts, and endowments are all ways to contribute to our budget. And volunteers are the heart of our organization! Volunteering is a great way to give back to your community, help a non-profit, and help change the lives of others. We have several areas of need for volunteers and would love to find a fit for you. Become a volunteer today, email Christine Nelson or call 920-743-7943. Learn more at sunshineresources.org.

The Community Partner for Stones In His Pockets is Sunshine Resources of Door County (SRDC). All proceeds from the Pay-What-You-Will performance on June 12 go towards SRDC. SRDC will have a table in the box office during the run of the show with more information and a place for donations.

The Community Partner Program at TAP is an initiative that seeks to engage with the local community by forming partnerships with local non-profit organizations and businesses. The program aims to foster a sense of community through collaborations that promote the arts and enrich the cultural landscape of the area.