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The FREE Foundation Newsletter

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A NOTE FROM SONJA

My focus this year is trying to make 2009 a "Happy New Year" for FREE. With difficult economic times our services are needed by more, yet less are able to financially donate. This calls for creative fundraising ideas....

.....Meet us at Trio's, (in Downtown Roanoke) on Wednesday, May 27th @ 5:00 p.m. for "Cocktails for a Cause"!

A percentage of your bill goes to FREE!

Check out Trio's at www.triowinebar.net

See you there!!

Sonja Schaible,
Executive Director

Presentation in Orlando



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On January 30, FREE President Brian Leitten presented at the 2009 ATIA (Assistive Technology Industry Association) national conference. Brian's presentation focused on the "power of capturing outcome data in a reuse program". He shared the history of FREE, its mission and vision and provided details on how FREE captures outcome data from those who receive gifts of equipment from FREE.

Brian highlighted FREE's impressive success in gifting to those in need, showing that our efforts reduce the number and cost of hospital stays; ER visits; doctor's visits; stays in nursing facilities and assisted living facilities; and lost wages of individuals who cannot return to work and family caregivers forced to give up employment. Brian discussed the process for collecting outcome data and shared FREE's results—mostly improvements of over 90% in all categories over almost eight years of collecting data. He stressed the importance to grant makers of being able to quantify outcomes and how this effort has led to significant financial grants awarded to FREE.

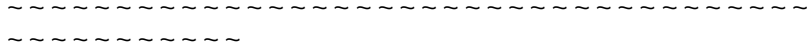
Please see Brian's powerpoint presentation at www.free-foundation.org click on "NEWS".

Celebrity Board Member

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"In recognition of its accomplishments, Virginia Business picked Virginia Prosthetics as its 2008 companies with fewer than 100 employees that have demonstrated remarkable growth, perseverance in the face of adversity, or community and industry leadership. Virginia Prosthetics was selected from a group of four regional finalists and eight semi-finalists. Fifty-five companies submitted entries this year."

Congratulations Doug Call for all you do for this community and FREE!

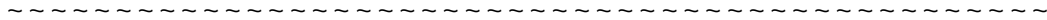
NEW BOARD MEMBER: Lori Hulak



Lori is a grant writer for Jefferson College of Health Sciences and has been involved in grants and research administration since graduating from Brandeis University in 1988. A Boston native, she is a born and bred Yankee, her blood runs red, as in Red Sox, and is also a lifelong Patriots fan. She is married with two little girls.



Lori, Welcome to the FREE BOARD!

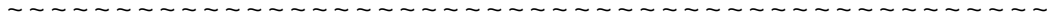


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