



Helping the physically handicapped live independent and self directed lives

2220 Hall Road, Elma, NY 14059 716-685-3976
We are a 501c3 not-for-profit organization.

May Newsletter

Hello All,

May, 2006

Bike for Ben – July 15, 2006

This is our annual fundraiser – and we are in full swing! We need all of our families to support this! **Online registration** is currently available on our website at www.TheIndependenceFoundation.org.

When you register – you will be mailed a participation envelope. We have Brochures, Posters, Sponsor packets available, and much more! Get your family & friends to participate, volunteer at the event, get sponsors, or help in any other way – call us. Jon Gardner designed our T-shirts for this year! Here's a sneak peek!

JonzGraphicWorld.com - Jon's website - for all your label, printing, and graphic needs.



Power Wheelchair Soccer Game – Come and cheer us on!

Flaming Dragons vs Rochester Speed Demons!



COME AND SEE THE FLAMING DRAGONS Take On the Rochester Speed Demons on May 20th from 1-3 p.m. at The Brockport Middle School 44 Allen Street In Brockport across from the SUNY At Brockport.

Practices - May 7, May 14 all 4 – 6 PM at the Elma Boys & Girls Club.
Welcome Ian! New Players always welcome!

May Social Gatherings :

Bowling:

Friday May 12th, 7 PM at the AMF Lancaster Lanes, 4319 Transit Rd. near Losson Rd.
Games are \$2.00 each, pay your own way.
The whole family can come! There are ramps for w/c bowlers. RSVP to 716-685-3976.

Mom's Only Dinner:

Mom's Only at Smokey Bones
Sunday, May 21st 6PM
Smokey Bones across from the Walden Galleria.
Moms - come and have a girls night out! (Pay your own way.)
RSVP to Chris at 716-685-3976.

Card Nights

Saturday, May 27 7PM

Alden Whistle Stop Café
1338 Exchange Street,
Alden, 14004



Come out once a month to play cards!
Poker, Euchre, Texas Hold-em!
Have difficulty holding cards? No worries -
we have volunteers who will hold them for
you and enable you to play! Contact Chris at
716-685-3976 if you are interested in joining.
Chicken fingers and wings available - buy
your own beverages.

DD Day - Thursday, May 18th

Buffalo Convention Center

8AM – 3:30 PM area vendors, agencies, and
many others will be there to showcase what's
available for individuals with developmental
disabilities. We will have a table there!

Inergex “Give Back” Day

Thursday, July 27th

There will be **job shadowing** opportunities
and a **Bisons Game** for individuals involved
with The Independence Foundation.
Contact Chris for more info.

Social Events Coming soon....

- ✓ **Drive in Movie nite – Murderball** – Drive in your wheelchairs & watch a movie!
For the older crowd. Date and location coming soon.
- ✓ **Art at the Waterfront** – Want to take an art class, have lunch and enjoy the beautiful
Buffalo Waterfront? Details coming soon.

Independence House – Looking for land! Growing wait list! I'll keep you posted!

Dress Down Day – Hold a dress down day for The Independence Foundation – flyer on the website
or call us.

Phoneraiser – collect used cell phones for us – print a collection box flyer on the website or call us
for more details. Phonerasier profits to date - \$254!

Congratulations!!! to Ted Koeth – winner of the Sabres Playoff Tickets for a donation of \$651!
Thank you to Schafer Sales Group and Inergex for making this possible!

New Independence: Thank you to Inergex for donating and setting up a computer for JR. JR is
now online and enjoying new independence!

Pictures of past events: Pictures of the Rec. Expo and the Celebration Party are on line on our
website under Events (near the bottom of the page).

E-MAIL – If you have e-mail make sure I have your address. I send out information and
updates all the time.



TIP OF THE MONTH:

Did you know that if you use a hooyer lift – you are eligible for a new sling each year under Medicaid? We recently noticed that Ben's sling was beginning to fray and never knew that we should or could replace it.

Looking forward to seeing you –

Chris Muller 685-3976

cmuller@theindependencefoundation.org

missblubug@yahoo.com