

PANTHERS IN THE PARK



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VILLAGE VOICE



The New Summit Look

VNU gathered together on June 29th to host a ribbon cutting to re-open the newly updated building. The Village Northwest Unlimited Summit Building took on a new look this past year. Two canopies, new siding, and motion-activated doors have been added and replaced! The Iowa weather does not take it easy on our residents and staff, but the canopies will provide welcome protection from the elements.



RUN, WALK & ROLL

On Saturday, June 3, 2023, Village Northwest Unlimited hosted the 18th Annual Run, Walk & Roll event on its campus. The event had 471 participants this year. In the one-mile walk or roll, there were 299 participants and 172 people participated in the 5K and 10K run.

The Run, Walk & Roll is one of the Village’s major fundraising events and is a wonderful opportunity for the community to come out and support individuals with disabilities. In total, this year’s event raised just under \$78,000. All proceeds raised from the Run, Walk & Roll provide services and program opportunities to the individuals served at the VNU.



BENEFIT GOLF TOURNAMENT

On July 17th, the 22nd Annual Benefit Golf Tournament was held at Landsmeer Golf Club in Orange City, Iowa. The 152 golfers, set a new record for participation. We are continually amazed by the support of the community, over \$75,000 was raised by our incredible sponsors and participants. All contributions from this event go directly towards improving the lives of the 180 adults with disabilities served at VNU.

Flight Winners:

All Men’s 1st Flight– Perspective Team 2

All Men’s 2nd Flight– Darrell Burns’ Team

Mixed Flight– Barry Whitsell’s Team

All Women’s Flight– Lewis Family Drug



2023 SPIRIT OF CARING SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENT

At the Sheldon High School Awards Day, VNU announced the 2023 recipient of the Linda K. De Groot/Village Northwest Unlimited Spirit of Caring Scholarship was Konner Gesink. Konner will be attending Northwest Iowa Community College and will be studying Special Education. Konner was chosen from applications received from Sheldon High School seniors. Konner is the son of Laura and Jon Gesink.



The Linda K. De Groot/Village Northwest Unlimited Spirit of Caring Scholarship is a \$2,000 scholarship given to a graduating senior from Sheldon High School who will be entering into a career field that focuses on working with individuals who have disabilities. Linda was the Director of Public Relations and Business Development at Village Northwest Unlimited and was a valuable employee of the Village for over 20 years. She lost her battle with cancer on October 15, 2006. This scholarship provides an opportunity to honor and sustain the legacy of caring that Linda exemplified every day and encourages young people to pursue a career that makes a difference in the life of a person with a disability.

INDEPENDENCE DAY CELEBRATION

