

NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2023

**Welcome
Summer!!**



Congratulations to Bob Brick!

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To improve the lives of adults with Developmental or intellectual disabilities by providing housing options, by adapting to their individual needs, and by maximizing their potential in ways that integrate their lives with the community around them.

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We want to give our good friend, Bob Brick, a hearty Congratulations!! He is the 2022 recipient of the Distinguished Service Award from Traverse Connect. Bob is known by many in the Traverse City area. He spent many decades volunteering and serving nonprofits throughout the region.

While many know him as the son of our founder, Mary Jean Brick, Bob stands alone with his accomplishments and dedication to the region.

He is owner and broker of RE/MAX Bayshore Properties, which opened in 1984. He also served varying roles within several organizations that include the Northwestern Michigan College Board of Trustees, NMC Foundation Board, Venture North Board, BrickWays Board of Directors, and Traverse Area Foundation Board.

Bob received his well deserved DSA on May 3rd at a luncheon held at the Great Wolf Lodge.

Cheers to you, Bob!! Well done!



Drum Circle: Let's Jam!!



Drum circle performed for an audience made up of family and friends. The drum circle group has been meeting monthly to practice in preparation for this performance, which included drumming, singing, and layering rhythms using a variety of percussion instruments. Led by percussionist Dede, drum circle provides an opportunity for creative expression and socialization that everyone enjoys.



Life Skills Made Fun!: Peace Ranch



Congratulations to the 2023 Equine Assisted Lifeskills graduates! This is our first graduating class since Covid and it was great fun for everyone. The Equine Assisted Lifeskills class is a collaboration between BrickWays and Peace Ranch. Many thanks to Nancy Wieland and her team!



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Food, Fun & Fundraising: Bonobo Winery

Thank you to everyone that took time to join us at the Bonobo Winery for our Wine and Wild Game Tapas event! We hope you enjoyed the experience as much as us.

Thank you to Bonobo Winery's builders and owners, Carter Oosterhouse, along with his wife Amy Smart, and his brother and sister-in-law, Todd and Caroline Oosterhouse, for graciously hosting our humble group of friends and family. It was wonderful having this great group mingling with attendees.

Thank you to Steve and Laura Melvin for their donation of wild game for our menu. We were delighted to hear some of the meat came from their own ranch in Texas. We were treated to a magnificent spread of tapas with Elk, Pheasant, Ostrich, Antelope and more. Let's not forget the fine Bonobo wines! Hats off to guest chef Tony Vu and Bonobo's own Scott Steiger for the delectable menu and wonderful wine pairings.

Thank you to SwingShift and the Stars Dance-Off for Charity star, Beth Footh, for acting as our guest MC for the evening. Your grace and personality made the job look simple!

Thank you, Mary McNear, for the heartfelt account of your struggle to find proper housing for your son, Harry. We cannot express how glad we are that we found each other and we were able to help Harry live his best life.

Last, but certainly not least, a huge thank you to our event sponsors, Brick & Corbett RE/MAX Bayshore, Bonobo Winery, The Good Bowl and Lucky Marmot Aviation.



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