

# MARC Matters

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## Here's the scoop...

**Worm Works** is a micro enterprise owned and operated by Franke Wallitsch, an individual working with MARC Mt Horeb. **Worm Works** focuses on keeping food waste out of landfills through vermi-culture, which uses red wiggler worms to decompose food waste, turning it into nutrient rich material for plants.



*Franke screening the  
Worm Works product*

How to make a worm bin: Franke's bins are totes with holes for air flow. Weed block in the bottom is topped with shredded cardboard and red wigglers. The worms are fed two cups of veggies which Franke makes from old produce he collects from Millers Grocery Store. Franke chops and grinds the veggies, adding two cups to each bin weekly. The final ingredient is shredded newspaper, then a lid, and color coded by start date. Franke is working on adding more bins to his business, he has 26 active bins and would like to have 40 very soon. It takes 3 months before a bin is ready for processing.

Processing Bins: After three months, there is beautiful rich vermi-culture inside the bins. Franke takes this product through 3 different screenings, 1<sup>st</sup> a large screen, 2<sup>nd</sup> a little smaller and the 3<sup>rd</sup> screen is the size of a window screen. The result is a very fine product, like coffee grounds, and it is ready to be packaged. Franke's favorite task is packaging the finished product! He enjoys the feel of it on his hands. Franke sells **Worm Works** in 1, 3 and 15 lbs. bags. This year Franke sold almost 400 pounds! Be sure to stop by MARC Mt Horeb to buy **Worm Works** to feed your garden and plants year round.



Anneke working at  
UW Hospital

**A Shining Star**, Anneke Van Rybroek, is the star of a Project SEARCH video produced by UW Hospital. The video has over 10,000 hits on the UW Health website. View it at:

<http://www.uwhealth.org/health-charity-serving/project-search-careers-training/43308>.

Thanks to a grant from the Priebe Foundation, Anneke will be presenting at the Project SEARCH Conference in Orlando in August. The presentation is entitled "It's More Than a Job".

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## MARC RECOGNITION BANQUET, April 26th



Marsha Babler, Assistant Director at Mt Horeb received the Vivian T. Pope Award.

The **Vivian T. Pope Award** was given to Marsha Babler, who has been with MARC for 17 years. She is an individual who starts and ends her day with a smile. Marsha is here for the individuals MARC serves, and they are her #1 priority. Her compassion and care are highly valued.

The **Joan Portal-Foster Award** was given to Sandy Grindle, who has also been with MARC for 17 years! Sandy goes above and beyond what is expected of her each and every day. She looks for ways to improve the lives of the people she works with.



Sandy Grindle, Employment Specialist at Mt Horeb received the Joan Portal-Foster Award

### Staff Recognition

#### Five Years

- Ashley Beiter, MARC East
- Alexa Beutel, MARC West
- Danielle Dodge, MARC RES
- Meseret Medhane, MARC South
- Vanessa Mitchell, MARC West
- Delcena Nelson, MARC Stoughton
- Lori Shaw, MARC Stoughton

#### Ten Years

- Wendy Nelson, MARC West

#### Twenty Years

- Yu Cheung Shum, MARC West

#### Twenty-Five Years

- Julie Greenya, MARC East

### **Thank You!!**



### Volunteer and Community

#### Appreciation Awards

##### MARC Recreation & Arts Center

**James Brown-Middleton Sports Bowl**, for outstanding community support.

##### MARC South

##### **Amanda Miller-**

**ContinuUm Therapy, Inc.**, Recognizing her commitment to the DD Community as well as her commitment and service to MARC.

##### MARC Administration

**Bryant Foundation**, for it's outstanding support of MARC Stoughton and the community.

**First Business Bank**, For competitive mortgage services, supporting the MARC Golf Classic, and for the team of First Business Bank executives competing in First Business Bank Golf Invitational Charity on behalf of MARC and won second place.

## Thank you to the following businesses who supported the MARC banquet with donations...

America's Best Flowers  
 Angelo's  
 Ardythe Cobb  
 Barry Chic  
 Bassett Street Brunch  
 Be Inspired Salon  
 Betty Lou Cruises  
 Bob Hanneman's Green House Art  
 Body Harmony  
 Bonfyre American Grille  
 Boulder's Climbing Gym  
 BP  
 Brasserie V  
 Candinas Chocolatier  
 Cave of The Mounds  
 Chocolate Shoppe Ice Cream  
 Comedy Club on State  
 Cracker Barrel Old Country Store, Inc.  
 Eddies  
 Erin's Snug Irish Pub  
 Green Owl  
 Fisher King Winery  
 Four Star Video Heaven  
 Fran Bicknell  
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 Gladys Manzo  
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 Green Bay Packers  
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 iHeart Radio  
 Indulge Spa  
 Inner Fire Yoga  
 Lakeview Veterinary Clinic



Lindsay LaPlant  
 Kalahari Resort's  
 Kula Yoga & Wellness  
 Luigi's  
 Madison Symphony Orchestra  
 Mariner's Inn  
 Mary LaPlant  
 Mary Nell Meyer  
 Megan's Custom framing  
 Milio's  
 Milwaukee Brewers  
 Mrs. Bow Wowz  
 Nau-ti-gal  
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 Olbrich Botanical Society  
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 Patti Fellenz  
 Playthings  
 Prairie Athletic Club  
 Premier Bodywork Therapeutic  
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 Rejuvenation Spa, Inc.  
 Roadside Inn  
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 Sassy D's  
 Schuster's Playtime Farm  
 Schwoegler Park Towne Lanes  
 Smoky's Club  
 Subway  
 The Great Dane  
 The Premier of Windor Ltd.  
 Tom Stoneman  
 Vitense Golfand  
 Wanna Do Herbs  
 Wild Birds Unlimited  
 Wisconsin Chamber Orchestra  
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## Employer Appreciation Awards

### MARC Stoughton

Covenant Lutheran Church

### MARC East

Association of Wisconsin  
School Administration (AWSA)  
Wisconsin Association of  
School Business Officials (WASBO)

### ADMINISTRATION

Doug Hunt



Doug Hunt recognized for his innovative supports for individuals with disabilities in Dane County.

### MARC RES

UW Hospitals

Pamela Lauper-VA Hospital

Anna Donahue-VA Hospital

Discovery Outreach

Janet Stockhausen-Forest Products Lab

Bill Newman-Walgreens Distribution

Marty Zumwalt- Hycite

### MARC WEST

Clack Corporation

### MT HOREB

Traci Jones-Kalahari

Resorts

Recognition for

Kalahari Resorts

hiring 8 Project

SEARCH graduates.

Thank you to

**Christina Mollman**

for the banquet

photography



Bri with her co-workers Pam and Anna who advocated for the VA to hire Bri, which they did! It was announced the day of the banquet.



A very special thank you to **Donny Braund** who baked & donated the cupcakes for the banquet.



**CyclePoint...** MARC's new electronics recycling venture. To date MARC has collected over 25,000 pounds of electronics. That means over 12 tons of material has been diverted from landfills. The most recent collection event was held at MARC Mt Horeb. The items collected will create employment opportunities for people with significant disabilities as they are safely de-manufactured and prepared for downstream recycling.

Please visit the MARC website at [www.marc-inc.org](http://www.marc-inc.org) for a complete list of items MARC accepts. Future collection events scheduled for:

**Sat. June 18th MARC West 9-1**  
**Sat. July 23rd MARC Mt Horeb 9-1**

**COMPUTERS, LAPTOPS,  
CELL PHONES, PRINTERS....**



Mike safely demanufacturing a CPU.



Power supplies after being removed from computers



MARC's youngest volunteer, Payton, helping at the Mt Horeb collection Event.



### MARC Golf Classic...

63 golfers will be teeing off in the best ball tournament starting at 11:30AM and will be vying for team prizes, individual prizes and 4 different hole in one opportunities. Bidding will take place on outstanding silent auction items donated by very generous area businesses. The event will conclude with an awards buffet dinner starting at 5:30PM.

The Golf Classic Committee is always in need of volunteers for either part of the day or all day long. If you are interested in volunteering or joining us for dinner, please contact Karen Hansen at 223-9110 ext. #10 or [khansen@marc-inc.org](mailto:khansen@marc-inc.org).

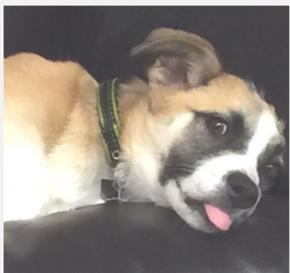


The MARC Classic, not only a lot of fun, but stylish too!!

**MARC Golf Outing**  
Tuesday June 7th  
The Meadows of Sixmile  
Creek Golf Course



Aspen visiting with Charlie at MARC South.



Aspen resting after a hard day's work.

## Meet Aspen...

Aspen is a 3 month old boxer husky mix who calls MARC her home 2-3 days a week. Aspen is a rescue dog, owned by a MARC employee, who is working to complete her training as a therapy dog. She recently graduated from Puppy Class 1 and is doing fantastic in Puppy Class 2.

Aspen enjoys visiting the clients in the Recreation & Arts Center and MARC South, and recently received a request to visit MARC West.



## Thank You Alison...

The flower beds at 901 Post Road are bursting with beautiful flowers this Spring! Alison Houge from RES has a passion, and a green thumb, for gardening and is sharing her talent by tending the flower beds. Alison and her family have donated beautiful plants, as well as their time, keeping the weeds at bay. Many of the plants were selected because they attract humming birds and butterflies. Be sure to take a look next time you are at 901 Post Road! Thank you Alison!

## Jobs Available

MARC offers a comprehensive benefit package to all employees working 25 hours and over including: health insurance, dental insurance, vision insurance, short- and long-term disability insurance, life insurance, dependent life insurance, 10 paid holidays, vacation leave, sick leave, flexible spending accounts, tuition reimbursement and a generous retirement package.

Check out the website [www.marc-inc.org](http://www.marc-inc.org) for available positions and an application.

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**MARC Corporate  
Responsive Employment  
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**Recreation &  
Arts Center**  
901 Post Road  
Madison  
**608-223-9110**

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901 Post Road  
Madison  
**608-288-8088**

**MARC-East**  
66 Buttonwood Court  
Madison  
**608-241-2929**

**MARC-Mt. Horeb**  
225 Blue Mounds Street  
Mt. Horeb  
**608-437-5998**

**MARC-Stoughton**  
932 N. Page Street  
Stoughton  
**608-873-521**

**MARC -West**  
805 Forward Drive  
Madison  
**608-273-3630**