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Dear Friend,

Do you know someone who is disabled?

Does their disability prevent them from enjoying a walk in the park or enjoying a camping trip with friends and family?

The Friends of Harrington Beach State Park, a local citizen support group, in partnership with the Department of Natural Resources are planning to build a cabin for people with disabilities at the family campground of Harrington State Park. The inspiration for this cabin came from Jim Schendel, a longtime active member of the Harrington Friends who became paralyzed in 1973 at the age of 23 in a car accident. Jim was a tireless advocate for increased accessibility within the park, including features such as the Quarry Lake accessible trail, accessible fishing piers at Puckett's Pond and Quarry Lake and a wheelchair modified for beach and water use. His life is a tremendous example to the many lives he touched, a life of conscience and character, of commitment and sacrifice, over many years to improve community conditions, with emphasis on increased access for those physically limited.

Many are willing to help build a cabin as volunteer laborers, carpenters, plumbers, electricians. All this enthusiasm is great but unfortunately does not include the "materials" needed to actually build it. We are asking for your financial support to make the dream of building a cabin for people with disabilities a reality.

A total of \$150,000 in donor funds is needed, which we expect to raise within the next 2 years. During the past 2 years, the FHBSPP has collected approximately \$11,500 without soliciting funds from the community.

Everyone needs to get closer to nature and enjoy the scenic beauty found in our state parks. This is especially true for our own local treasure, Harrington Beach State Park. You can help make the accessible cabin a reality for many disabled and special needs campers who might otherwise never be able to enjoy the experience of camping in the great outdoors.

We hope you will consider making a generous tax-deductible, 501(c)(3) donation to FHBSPP/Accessible Cabin.

Sincerely,

Friends of Harrington /Accessible Cabin

c/o Neil Kraemer ; (262) 285-3015

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Testimonials from Kohler's accessible cabin users

"A great big thank you to all of the donors and volunteers who made our lovely stay here possible. Caring for our 5-year old daughter with severe CP is hard and tedious. Our family of five appreciated this respite."

Miller Family – August 2008

"Hear ye! Hear Ye! Kohler Andrae State Park has the most awesome handicapped accessible cabin. It's just so beautiful and enjoyable."

Kathy and Eddie - 2008

"What a treasure! Thank you for the opportunity to enjoy a visit with my mom. We live in Milwaukee but she is a very physically handicapped stroke victim living in a nursing home in Sheboygan for the last eight years. This cabin, and its affordable rate, empowered me to care for her here."

Lori - June 2008

"This handicap cabin is a great addition to the park. This is the only way possible to take our father camping with us, for he is 90+ and wheel chair bound. This is a wonderful change of scenery from the nursing home in Milwaukee for him."

Ted – July 2009

"This cabin has so many features to make people succeed. I applaud who helped make this occur."

"I used to backpack and camp for twenty five years. I have been unable to do so the last ten years. I have truly loved this facility for not only the nature opportunities but the success of being disabled and still able to enjoy being with nature again."

Dr. Karen – May 2009