



WHAT HAS BEEN UP TO:

Welcome to our Seventh year! We continue to move forward with new growth and search for new opportunities for inclusion! However you have supported us, today we THANK YOU for giving us the chance to continue to serve children with special needs & their families. As we plan for our biggest fundraiser of the year, we thought we'd take a moment to let you know what we've accomplished this past year with your support:

August 22, 2015 – 6th Annual Golf Outing at the Emerald Golf Course, St. Johns

We had another fantastic outpouring of support with teams and donations! We served participants with a hog roast luncheon & dinner. Each golfer received a NMS insulated lunch cooler and a \$15 gift card to the Emerald! Attractions included: Longest putt, Male/Female Longest Drive contests, Closest to the Pin challenge, optional skins game, optional mulligans, and hole-sponsorships.

September 20, 2015 – Soccer Clinic with the St. Johns Soccer Team, St. Johns High School - \$350

- Facilitated soccer clinic for 21 NMS kids.
- Provided a luncheon for all 125 guests after soccer consisting of Little Caesars Pizza, chips, dessert & drink.
- Gave away NMS lanyard and a \$5 gift card to Little Caesars to the H.S. volunteers & coaches.

October 10, 2015 – Adventure Golf at the DeWitt Golf Center, Dewitt - \$1,300

- 50 NMS kids came out to play putt-putt golf and try out the driving range! NMS paid for 178 family & friends to join the kids in golf!
- Each NMS participant went home with a pumpkin.
- Luncheon for nearly 180 people, free pumpkin decorating, face painting & craft stations for everyone.
- NMS lanyard & \$5 Little Caesars Pizza gift card provided to all Fowler & DeWitt athletes & coaches who helped facilitate inclusion!

October 18, 2015 – A Bushel of Fun at Anderson and Girls Orchards - \$1,031

- 49 NMS participants came to enjoy a day exploring the farm with its market, gift shop, ice cream parlor, cider mill & petting zoo!
- No More Sidelines paid for each NMS participant and up to 5 people to enjoy lunch at Grandma Anderson's Ice Cream Parlor & to stuff a life-size scarecrow to take home!
- Each family was also treated to a ½ peck of apples from the orchard.

November 21, 2015 – 4th Annual Homecoming Dance, Pewamo-Westphalia High School - \$1,220

- The gymnasium was decorated & DJ provided music for an evening of fun for 36 NMS kids & 134 friends!
- Provided professional photos of each NMS child & gave away (5) \$25 Meijer Gift Cards to lucky NMS participants!



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- NMS distributed free boutonnieres & corsages for each NMS participant.
- Becker's Bridal, Inc., of Fowler once again provided FREE dresses to those NMS ladies interested
- Refreshments included donuts & cider donated by Uncle Johns Cider Mill & NMS provided a variety of cheeses, meats, crackers, veggies, juice & water for all families & friends.

December 13, 2015 – Lunch with Santa, Liquid Fertilizers, St. Johns - \$800

- Provided luncheon, cookie decorating & craft stations for 70 NMS kids & 267 friends!
- This year we not only had Santa visit, but Mrs. Clause too!
- Santa provided each participant with a NMS ornament to put on their tree!

January 11 – February 15, 2016 – 4th Wall Theatre Clinic, DeWitt High School - \$2,775

- NMS sponsored a program for 25 students where professional theatre staff traveled to DeWitt H.S., providing an enriching 6-week theatre experience with music and movement therapy, creating a showcase performance for family and friends on the final night!
- Each session was directed by one lead teacher, 1 professional actor and 3 student volunteers from DeWitt H.S.
- 4th Wall Theatre Company empowers people with special needs, to break through the fourth wall, get on stage, and shine! Through singing, dancing, and acting, actors-to-be learn about the theatre, the world, and themselves. We learned that YES, theatre is for EVERYONE!
- Each session, we had a drawing where one student went home with a gift card or gift basket!
- Students received a 4th Wall Theatre T-shirt on the night of our final performance.

January 23, 2016 – Basketball with the Ionia Boys & Girls Basketball Teams, Ionia High School- \$300

- Facilitated a basketball clinic for 33 NMS kids.
- Provided luncheon for 125 family & friends plus Ionia athletes after the event.
- Gave away NMS tumbler & lanyard to all Ionia athletes in appreciation of their SEVENTH year serving our kids!

February 21, 2016 – NMS Family & Friend Movie Day (Big Hero 6), Grand Ledge Sun Theatre- \$500

- Provided complimentary movie passes to 36 NMS kids & up to 4 additional guests per child – total of nearly 150 friends & family filled the theatre! Many families remarked that this was the FIRST time they had ever taken their child with special needs to a movie ☺ !!
- Provided free drink & popcorn to each person.
- Gave away \$25 Subway gift cards to 5 lucky NMS participants!

March 13, 2016 – Bowling with the Belding Bowling Teams, Belding, (Hillcrest Lanes) - \$800

- Provided free bowling for 36 NMS kids & their families.
- Provided coupon vouchers for free food & drinks for all 90 participants!
- All NMS children went home with NMS Tumblers & lanyards.
- Bowling athletes went home with NMS tumbler & lanyard for their participation with our kids!

April 23, 2016 – Friends & Family Swim Day with the Waverly & Lansing Catholic Central Swim Teams, Waverly

- *Cancelled* due to a broken pump at the pool ☹ - 30 kids registered

May 10, 2016 – Softball/T-Ball Clinic with the Portland Raiders, Portland

- *Cancelled* due to rain ☹ - 20 kids registered

