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This group partnered with the Neville Public Museum to launch a preview exhibit for an amazing collection of historic photos from the *Green Bay Press-Gazette*. The group's main focus was to create an interactive kiosk that will allow museum visitors to access their community's history via a touch screen. A variety of photographs and more is now accessible to the public, accompanied by captions, documents and oral histories from those who experienced events first-hand.

Caring for CASA

Team members: Aaron Wolf, Brenda Tiedt, Cindy Jelinek, Dan McIver, Heather Milbach, Jeff Johnson, Mike Frey and Tia Schumacher

Status: Event planning stages

This group is developing and planning a signature fund-raising event – a celebrity waiter dinner – for Court Appointed Special Advocates (CASA). The event will help to drive the funds required to provide volunteers for as many children as possible in the area.

CASA represents abused and neglected children while their cases move through the legal and social services systems. CASA volunteers are appointed by judges to watch over and advocate for the best interests of these children. Volunteers follow each case closely

until the child is placed in a safe, permanent home. For many abused children in the Green Bay area, their CASA volunteer may be the one reliable adult presence in their lives.

Last year, CASA of Brown County supported 246 children in need with their 124 volunteers.

Lighting the Way to the Kroc

Team members: Lou Ann Nettekoven, Marcus Reitz, Glenn Buntin, Ryan Van Straten, Eric De Jardine, Lisa Evenson, John Manser and Molly Vandervest

Status: Fund-raising stages

The City of Green Bay is working to ensure easy access to the new Salvation Army Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center, a facility for the low-income neighborhoods that surround the area. The city recognized an excellent opportunity to connect Imperial Lane – a low-income, high crime and high density multi-family street – directly to the center with a lighted trail. The trail, slated to span 1,200 feet, will build upon the efforts of the community policing program to help improve the conditions of this area.

The group's goal is to ultimately install 17 street lights and eight security cameras along the trail. They are a few weeks away from launching their fund-raising efforts with a professional video produced by Launch Film visually highlighting the project plans for

potential donors. Beyond the funding, trail construction and the installation of lights and cameras will begin in summer for 2012.

The Thingamajigger House

Team members (as pictured left to right): Joe Smits, Relene Townley, Stephanie Walker, Tom Swiecichowski, Susan Baranczyk, Kristin Suchalla, John Smith and Tim Rinn.

Status: Complete

This Dr. Seuss-themed house was designed to serve the preschool-aged clients of the Family Services Healthy Families program. The group's goal was to create a fun and whimsical place where girls and boys alike, from toddlers to age five, can imagine, play and perhaps even make their favorite Dr. Seuss books come to life.

The program serves teenage parents and other parents with challenges in our community through assistance with acquiring parenting



skills and creating family bonds. Much of the coordinators' time is spent teaching new parents the value of sharing play and reading time with their children.

"Most rewarding is the happiness we saw on the faces of the staff at the Healthy Families program as the project progressed," said Susan Baranczyk, communications representative for the group.

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