First annual skate-a-thon is a skate success!

Thanks to generous friends like you, we raised over $4,000 to help improve community access for seniors and people with disabilities across New Hampshire.

The event brought in over 175 individuals. From kids on ice to adults (who act like kids!) on ice, all ages and abilities laced up their skates and participated in a night that they will surely remember for years to come.

But don’t be fooled, it wasn’t just an open-skating event... it was a true on-ice party! The live DJ ramped up the music with hits like “Uptown Funk” and “Happy”. The only thing that got skaters off the ice seemed to be the hot chocolate and pizza in the warm-up room! Thanks to a number of generous donors, refreshments were well-stocked and the energy never seemed to die down, on or off the rink!

The pledges we received have been outstanding.

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Welcome to the Board

GSIL is very excited to welcome Deborah Ritcey to the Board of Directors.

Joining the Board of Directors of Granite State Independent Living in February 2017, Deborah has over 28 years of experience working with and raising a son with disabilities. Deborah has dedicated her career to improving the lives of those often left behind.

Early in her Career, Deborah started volunteering with local state and national not for profit organizations, to educate folks on living with a loved one with a disability and also provided advocacy for those needing help with understand their child’s rights to an education.

During her career tenure in the healthcare industry, Deborah has solely worked in the Medicare and Medicaid landscape, improving the lives of those recipients. Because of her career goals and personal accomplishments, Deborah has a keen sense of what is needed for all folks, regardless of their abilities, to live as independently as possible.

While with Granite State Independent Living, Deborah is looking forward to supporting the organization and helping the folks we serve to strive and reach their own goals.

GSIL’s newest Board Member, Deborah Ritcey, pictured right.

Put us on your calendar!

Did you know we have an Events page on our website? Now you can scroll through our upcoming events, mark your calendar and make sure you don’t miss a thing!

Check it out: www.gsil.org/events.
and are still coming in! The support that has been shown throughout the event has been incredible and THANK YOU just doesn’t seem like enough.

Because of you, GSIL will be able to help even more seniors and people with disabilities improve their access to the community through GSIL’s Access Modification Program (AMP).

Home and vehicle modifications make a huge difference for someone’s ability to live life independently. Adding a modification, like a showercutout, not only increases their self-sufficiency, but it increases overall safety.

Thank you to everyone who made the event such a success! Your ongoing support is what keeps organizations like GSIL able to provide services for those who need it.

Generous Skate-A-Thon Donors, Sponsors & Volunteers:
- Alpha Graphics
- Avalanche Screen Printing
- The Palace Theater
- Chelby’s Pizza
- Grand Slam Pizza
- Pappy’s Pizza
- Souvlaki’s Pizza
- Granite State Collision Center
  Tamara Krenn and Doug Craw
- The Guillemette Family
- The Nordle-Lajoie Family
- Brianna Smith
- Lillian Hebert, Herbalist
- Marybeth Hammond
- Danielle Roscoe
- Andrea Smith and Family
- Megan Gibeau
- Kathleen Feeney
- Andrea Manseau
- Debbie & Mark Krider
- Rebecca Bennett and Family
- Stephanie Janes
- Joella Stossel
- Dave Petrangelo
- Val Kidder
- Kathy Theisen-Mauser
- Kathryn Semonelli
- The Southern NH Skating Club
  Skaters and Coaches!

Thank you all for supporting GSIL’s first annual skate-a-thon!

Here’s a special GSIL shoutout to Joella!

Joella, GSIL Attendant Care Specialist [pictured left], raised $500 in pledges from 5 friends and family for the skate-a-thon! She also volunteered at the event with her fiance to run the raffle table.

Way to go, Joella! Thank you for supporting the GSIL mission and making a difference in the lives of seniors and people with disabilities in so many ways.
It’s not too late...

...To sign up your team for Hoops on Wheels 2017!

Saturday, May 13, 2017

Rundlett Middle School
*NEW LOCATION*
144 South St, Concord, NH 03301
*Games all day!*

Grab your family and friends because you won’t want to miss this signature event!

All players get the chance to find out what it’s like to maneuver the courts in a wheelchair. You will laugh, your arms will ache and you will walk away with memories to last you a lifetime!

Are you in it for the trophy or in it for the laughs?

You choose how to play. Register your team for the “Competitive Brackets” or the “Recreational Round Robin”.

But best of all, all proceeds directly support services for seniors and people with disabilities across New Hampshire. Funds can be turned in at the door or prior to the event.

Learn more at: www.gsil.org/hoops