

Hammond SHARE's Dock at Hog Lake

SHARE Foundation is a not-for-profit Christian organization serving the residential, vocational, and social needs of mentally retarded or other-abled adults. It has a 185-acre community, Sharing Meadows, which provides a tranquil place for other-abled adults to live, work, and relax in peace and dignity. There, the unique gifts of each individual are recognized and appreciated, as they are able to focus on what they are able to do. SHARE Foundation receives no government support whatsoever; they rely solely upon private donations and their own fundraising efforts to support the work. The professional staff is augmented by hundreds of volunteers - friends, students, and professionals, who share their time and their talent while they learn and experience the value of other-abled adults.



Rick Fleming and Tom Parson
(Tom is in the denim overalls)

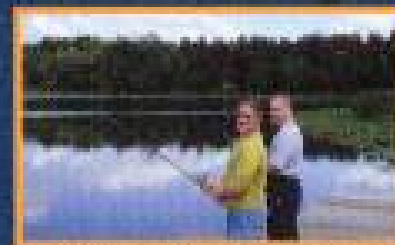


L to R - Father Dennis Blaney,
Rick Fleming, Tom Parson

In the early summer of 2009 the Share Foundation received a donation of 5 floating boat docks from the Hammond Marina. However, they needed to move the docks from the Marina in Hammond, Indiana to the lake at Sharing Meadows. Aker Construction was contacted by Father Dennis Blaney asking for help to transport the 5 dock sections to Hog Lake which is adjacent to the Sharing Meadows campus.

With the help of a donated landoll trailer from Central Rent-A-Crane, Aker fitted the trailer with heavy duty roller lines used to transport the dock sections approximately 50 miles each way one section per trip. It took the team 5 trips and 2 people per trip to move the docks. Upon arrival at the lake the trailer converted into a wedge ramp and the dock sections were placed directly into the water without the need for any lifting equipment. The reverse method was used to pull the sections onto the trailer at the Marina. Once in place volunteers at the Share Foundation fastened the sections together.

The Share Foundation would like to send their thanks to Bill Uporsky and the Warehouse team (Mike Solivais, Tim Folkers, Greg Carnett, Mike Solivais Jr., Mike Poe, Jeff Martin, and Bob Blair) for their coordination and effort in moving the docks. Also, a special thanks to Central Rent-A-Crane's Larry Mista for donating the specialty semi trailer.



Villagers Matt Krups and
Michael Grant



L to R- Matt Krups, Michael Grant,
Scott Paddock and Father Blaney

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