

## *REMARKABLE PERSON, REMARKABLE PEOPLE*

### *The Profile Of Tara Warren*

*Written By DSAW Member, Jeanne Selep*

Circumstances can make ordinary achievements "Remarkable". For example, certain ordinary achievements become noteworthy when accomplished by a person with special needs. There are also many ordinary people in life who become remarkable in their care, concern and efforts to help a person with special needs. The world is full of remarkable people, if you stop and take the time to look around.

Tara Warren is a remarkable person whose life has been filled with remarkable people. Maybe that's because Tara, who has Down syndrome, is not only outstanding herself, but is also the kind of person who brings out the "remarkable" in others. Perhaps many people with Down syndrome have this effect on others. Read Tara's story and judge for yourself.

Tara Warren was born on Aug. 11, 1970 in Madison, Wisconsin. Her birth was expected to be uneventful but instead became an event that changed many peoples lives. Tara's mom, Laverne Warren, had previously given birth to five other children, so she was expecting few surprises the day Tara was born. Tara's dad, Robert W. Warren, was giving a political speech that night. Tara's 16-year-old sister Treiva, was away on a canoe trip in Canada. When Treiva returned from the trip, a friend told her that her mother had had the baby. "I came home at midnight and found my mom crying in the kitchen", Treiva remembers. Tara was born with pyloric stenosis, a condition where the tube leading into the stomach is closed. The doctors had also determined that Tara had Down syndrome and their reaction was not positive. They told the Warren's that there was only a 50-50 chance that Tara would survive the surgery, and the doctors recommended that the surgery not be performed.



*Tara Warren, 32*

Shortly after her birth was the first time that Tara brought out the remarkable in someone, this time in her parents. Robert Warren was at that time the Attorney General for the State of Wisconsin. Previous to that, Robert had been a State Senator and the DA of Brown County. Laverne was already the mother of five children, whose ages ranged from 11 to 22. It might have been simple for the Warren's, with their busy lives and five other healthy children, to take the doctors advice. Instead, Robert had the doctors perform the surgery. "Where there is life, there is hope", was the Warren's philosophy. If she lived, Robert and Laverne would be taking their baby girl home to their busy family.

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### **"Where there is life, There is hope"**

Tara was baptized in the hospital, had her surgery and survived. She first came home from the hospital many weeks after she was born. She had a "big huge scar" across her stomach, and a family that gave her the warm welcome the doctors had not.

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## WELCOME NEW BOARD MEMBERS

Two of our DSAW members have generously volunteered their time and talents to our organization by joining our Board of Directors.



Nancy Heltemes lives in Milwaukee with her husband, Dennis, and four year old daughter, Savanna. Although working part-time, she is active in organizations such as the Friends of the Medical College of Wisconsin and the American Heart Association. Nancy is also a member of TASK (Talk About Special Kids), a local support group for parents of children with Down syndrome.

Nancy & Savanna Heltemes exceptional children. Savanna is a true joy and Godly spirit in our lives and has touched so many others."

Ron Irwin, also of Milwaukee, lives with his wife, Laurie Kovacic, and five children. Sam, who's 14, Marisa, 11, Grace, 6, Rose, who is 2 years old and Max, 10 months old, keep Ron and Laurie busy with their school activities, as you can well imagine. Ron is the Public Relations Manager for a health care company and has broad experience in the field of broadcast journalism. Ron has been actively involved in other charitable organizations such as the Ronald McDonald House of Milwaukee and the American Cancer Society.



Ron enjoys baseball and golfing, though as Ron puts it, "five children don't allow for much time to hit the links."

Ron and Max Irwin

Please help in welcoming both Nancy and Ron to the DSAW Board. We appreciate their commitment to DSAW and their individual areas of expertise are sure to be a valuable asset to the organization. If you are interested in attending a Board meeting, please note that meetings are scheduled for the second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 p.m. at the DSAW office.

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## DO WE HAVE WHAT YOU'RE LOOKING FOR??

### ASK DSAW!

DSAW member, Mary Styba, has the following resource materials for sale:

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Have a question that you would like to pose to our general membership? Have used or new items that were helpful to you at one time that you wish to sell? Send your request to the DSAW office!

## DSAW BENEFITS FROM GMO TICKET SALES

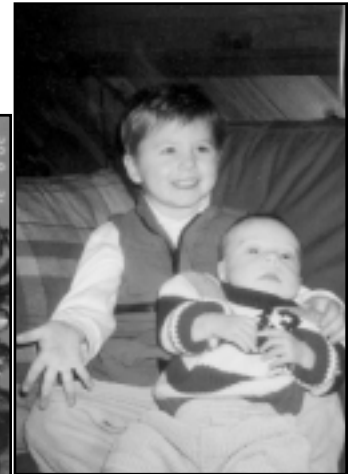
Planning on attending the Greater Milwaukee Open this year? DSAW is participating in the GMO Charities' ticket program and providing us the opportunity to sell tickets for the GMO to be held at the Brown Deer Golf Course. Tickets may be purchased now through May 30, 2003 for \$22.00 each and are valid for any day of the tournament between July 9 and July 13, 2003. DSAW will retain all proceeds. Contact Ellen at the DSAW office at (414) 327-3727 or toll free at (866) 327-DSAW for more info.

## MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THESE UPCOMING DSAW EVENTS

- June 12, 2003** General Membership Meeting to be held at the DSAW Office at 6:30 p.m. Barb Anderson, Transition Coordinator for the Milwaukee Public School District, will be speaking.
- August 18, 2003** 7th Annual DSAW Tom Pipines Golf Classic to be held at Western Lakes Golf Course in Pewaukee, WI. Register your foursomes now! Call the office at (414) 327-3729 for registration material.
- August 24, 2003** DSAW Summer Fun Picnic to be held at Centennial Park in Grafton, WI from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Please call Picnic Chairperson, Mary Mercado at (262) 387-0287 to volunteer and make this year's picnic one to remember.
- September 28, 2003** Buddy Walk to be held at Hart Park, Wauwatosa, WI. Call the DSAW office to volunteer your time and talent or be a corporate sponsor.

## DSAW BRAG BOOK

Jacob Matuszeske, 3  
of Beaver Dam



The Jurries Brothers  
Jonathan (2) & Joey (7 mo)  
of Arbor Vitae



Special Olympians await their chance to compete at the Greater Milwaukee Area District Gymnastics Meet held in February. From left to right are Tom Grisa, Jacob West, Katie Moerschel, Peter Dowsett and Alec Shafer. All participate through Ozaukee County Special Olympics. Congratulations to all our Special Olympians!



Jacob West and Alec Shafer await their award ribbons at the podium.

## Remarkable Person (Continued from Page 1)

Tara started school at 18 months. "I cried when I put her on the bus", remembers Laverne. But the schooling was positive. School staff performed services similar to those in today's birth-to-three program for children with special needs. Tara's earliest school even included swimming several times a month, starting a life long love of swimming for Tara.

Many of these early teachers weren't just doing a job, but were trying (and succeeding) in having a significant and positive influence on a population that truly needs help if they are to succeed. These early teachers also rejected the doctor's opinions that children with Down syndrome faced a bleak future. These people, who sometimes see hope and abilities where parents and professionals don't, are remarkable people.

In 1975, Robert Warren became a Federal Judge and the Warren family moved from Madison to Mequon, Wisconsin, into the comfortable house where Tara and her mother still live today. Tara was enrolled in Donges Bay School, a public school in Mequon. At that time, special-needs children grades K-5 were grouped together in one class. At Donges Bay School, Tara met another remarkable person - Mary Binkelman, Tara's teacher there for five years. Mary was the teacher that taught Tara to read and write, taught Tara math, and helped her speech and development along in many ways.

You can tell from the way that Tara and Laverne talk about Mary Binkelman that she was and is very important in Tara's life. Mary taught at Donges Bay School for 7 years and went on to become a professor at UW - Milwaukee in the Department of Exceptional Education. Now one of Tara's close friends, Mary is still active in Tara's life, and several times has invited Tara to come in to talk to her college students about education and Down syndrome. Remarkable people like Mary are teaching future teachers how capable children with Down syndrome can be, and how to reach and teach them.

For sixth, seventh, and eighth grade, Tara went to Lakeshore Middle School, the next public school in Mequon. Here, for the first time, Tara was mainstreamed into classes with the other children. Many interactions between regular teachers, special education teachers, the parents, and the principal made Tara's Middle school years a success. Tara's education continued at Homestead High School, where she attended both regular and special education classes. In the regular courses she was "mainstreamed" in with the other students. Special education courses helped refine her skills at her speed. She joined the swim team and, encouraged by her coaches, was on the high school team for four years. She had the Homestead High School jacket, and in her senior year her coach Bob Jenkins gave her a letter at Homestead for being "inspirational".

Possibly influenced by her family's political background, she took a Crime and Criminal Justice course in high school. She toured the Oshkosh Correctional Facility on a field trip with that class, an experience that is still quite memorable to her today.

Laverne remembers the teacher calling her and asking if it was okay for Tara to go on that field trip. Cooperation between the teachers and her parents has served Tara well and created many good memories and experiences.

The names of remarkable people, those influential and important to Tara's life and development, flow through the conversation with Tara and Laverne. You can tell that both credit many of Tara's teachers, aides, and coaches as being significant contributors to Tara's life.



*Tara Tooling Around Town*

In 1989, Tara graduated from Homestead High School. When they graduated, students were given a bracelet. Dr. John Box, Homestead High School's principal at the time, said, "If you see my name on your bracelet then you know you graduated with honors." Tara turned over bracelet, and saw John Box's name. Tara had graduated with honors. (Dr. Box is now the School Superintendent for the Mequon Public Schools). Tara loved high school so much that even now she still attends many of the boy's basketball and football games. Tara's parents wanted to see her go on for further schooling after high school. She attended Concordia College, taking developmental English and developmental math, courses designed for students with special-needs. While Tara's mom believes that this particular program no longer exists, the fact that programs like these come and go should not be discouraging. These courses were set up by people with vision and persistence, remarkable people. Educators and parents, (parents can be remarkable; too), grant writers and foundations can help set up worthwhile programming in the future.

After high school, Tara met another set of remarkable people. Chuck and Shari Beyers owned the McDonald's restaurant in Mequon on Port Washington Road. They hired her in 1991 and, with manager Tom Pickett, helped and encouraged her to become proficient at many of the jobs there. Many parents of children with special needs and customers have seen Tara working the cash register there. She was good at taking the orders, assembling the meals, and handling the money and change. These parents noticed her and were inspired by Tara's success at handling this "high interaction" position. "Chuck and Shari Beyers treated her well", states Laverne. Social Security disability (SSD) qualifications require that recipients make less than \$700 a month. SSD provides both important health insurance and a small amount of income to those who qualify under the guidelines. The managers at McDonalds carefully scheduled Tara's hours so that Tara qualified for SSD. Tara's employers were rewarded for their efforts - - Tara was a stable employee who worked there for 10 years.

After she was working at McDonalds, Tara's Dad, Robert, decided Tara should learn to drive a car, no matter how long it

took. "He wanted to prove that she could do it," remembers Laverne, talking about her husband who passed away four years ago. Tara enrolled in a driving school for a couple of years, learning to become a safe driver. There were "many lessons". Once again Tara was successful, and in July of 1994 Tara got her Wisconsin State Drivers License (with no restrictions). With a steady post high school income, and a valid drivers license, it wasn't long before Tara wanted what most young adults want - - her own car. The Warrens helped her find the car of her dreams - - a Dodge Neon. Tara picked out the color herself - purple. Her parents didn't help her buy the car, though. Tara bought and paid off the car by herself, her mother remembers proudly.

You feel safe riding with Tara. She is a conscientious driver. "Buckle Up" she says as you get into her car. Tara's brilliantly colored car is a familiar sight in and around parts of Mequon. Tara had a nice routine while she worked at the Mequon McDonalds. She worked Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 11:00 to 4:00. After work she would drive over to the YMCA and go swimming. On the weekends, the mother and daughter duo would travel up to Laverne's cottage in Sturgeon Bay, Door County, visiting and entertaining relatives and friends. Tara favorite sport is swimming. Since her early childhood she's loved the water, and after High school she didn't give it up. Throughout her life Tara has been involved in Special Olympics. She has participated in gymnastics, basketball, bowling, and swimming events. She has won numerous ribbons, mostly for swimming, with a variety of different strokes. In 1991, she went to the international swim meet for Special Olympics in Minneapolis-St. Paul. "I came within a fingernail of first place," she says, pointing to her fingernail. She won second-place in the competition.

Tara currently swims three days a week at the Brown Deer YMCA, where she is coached by David Anderson. She has recently returned to training for swimming in the North Suburban branch of the Special Olympics, assisted by another coach Kevin Sidel. She is a past member of the County Line Swim Club, and is currently on the Wisconsin State Master's team, a team of regular needs adults who like to compete.

Once again remarkable people, Tara's coaches and Special Olympics volunteers, have helped her along the way. Tara's life is filled with family and friends. Tara has five brothers and sisters: Cheryl Sensenbrenner, wife of Congressman Jim Sensenbrenner, lives in Alexandria, Virginia (Tara was a flower girl at their wedding); Treiva Livesey lives in Mequon, Wisconsin; Iver Warren lives in Burlington, Wisconsin; Gregg Warren lives in Waupaca, Wisconsin; and Lyle Warren lives in Mequon. All of her siblings have children. With 12 nieces and nephews, Tara is a fun aunt, and a welcome baby-sitter. She is also the godmother to Evan, one of Iver's sons. "She remembers birthdays and sends cards," Treiva marvels. "She's very capable."

Tara's best friends include Jenny and Katie. Jenny, who has William's Syndrome, is a lifelong friend Tara met at Donges Bay School. Katie is Jenny's roommate. The trio get together more than once a week for "girls night out" dinners, late night deserts, swim meets, and more. Tara always drives. (Jenny and Katie don't drive). "I do the taxi service, they don't" laughs Tara.

Other friends flow through her life. On the day of the interview for this article, one of Tara's friends from Door County was staying overnight at Tara's house in Mequon. Her pajama clad son toddled in and out of the kitchen as we talked, looking forward to the day's planned trip to the zoo.



*Tara and Mom, Laverne*

Tara is a good companion to her mom, who was widowed four years ago. They travel a lot - in Wisconsin, throughout the United States, and internationally. Tara has traveled to Cancun, Mexico; Germany; England; Norway; and Scotland. Tara and Laverne recently returned from a 14-day tour in Italy. The team visits family members frequently as they move around the country. Tara runs a lot of errands for her mom, and drives her back from the garage when Laverne takes her car in for service. "They are a Tom and Jerry team," says Treiva with a laugh. Civic duties are another of Tara's interests. Tara and her mother work together at the Mequon voting poles, a City of Mequon job Tara has held on voting days for several years. Tara recently accepted a board member position for the Special Needs Day Care and school of LaCausa ([www.lacausa.org](http://www.lacausa.org)), where she is the only board member with special needs. Both Laverne and Tara take this responsibility very seriously.

In 2001, the owner's of the McDonalds where Tara worked, the Beyers', decided to retire. They sold the Mequon McDonald's to another set of owners. Before the Beyers moved on, they gave Tara a McDonald's VIP pin. Tara treasures this pin and carries it around in her purse today.

New owners brought new managers into the McDonald's where Tara worked. The new management looked at Tara and saw disability instead of ability. "Tara is a lot more capable of things than people think she is." Treiva says. Tara reports that they rushed her and yelled at her, embarrassing her in front of customers. "She would come home so upset," said Laverne. Tara's mom Laverne quickly heard multiple reports of the manager's unkind and unprofessional behavior towards Tara, from customers who witnessed the actions and who knew Tara from the community and her church. (One of those customers included Brad Mather, the pastor of the Mequon United Methodist Church, Tara's church.) After about one month,

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## Tara (Continued from Page 5)

Laverne and Tara came to the decision that Tara should quit. Even at the end of Tara's job at McDonald's, Tara inspired remarkable action in people. The management did not see or know of the widespread community of caring people that surround Tara. These people cared enough about Tara to make sure that Tara's mom was informed, looking out for someone whose circumstances made her more vulnerable. These remarkable people are important in the lives of people with special needs.

The end of Tara's 10-year career at the Mequon McDonalds shouldn't be discouraging to parents of children with special needs. Instead, it should highlight how remarkable some people really are. People like the Beyers and Tom Pickett are important for adults with special needs. The community of caring people who look out for people with special needs of all ages are important.

Tara's mom enjoyed having Tara to herself for the next year and a half. They traveled more. Tara was not sure what kind of position to apply for next. Her initial thoughts were "Not fast food," referring to the fact that she had put on some weight during her time at McDonalds that she wanted to lose. Tara's mom encouraged her daughter to take some computer courses at MATC, and the mother and daughter team took one computer course together. "I think she knows more about computers than I do", Laverne said.

Throughout 2002, Tara patiently pursued looking for a steady job by herself. No other adults helped her. She did not receive help from any government agencies while looking, although apparently there is a not well publicized program in Ozaukee County (and in each county in the state of Wisconsin)

which is set up and funded to help adults with disabilities obtain jobs.

One hopes that Tara's applications were received kindly. "I think people look at her and make certain assumptions, but those assumptions aren't true. She handles it with a lot of grace. She handles it better than most of us do. I think that's one of the most remarkable things about Tara", states Brad Mather, the pastor at Tara's church. Others share the concern that people look at Tara and don't see how capable she is and that preconceived notions block them from judging her as a person.

Tara searched for an employer willing to give her a chance, (that next remarkable person), and in January 2003, her persistence paid off. Tara received not one but two job offers. The McDonald's in Cedarburg, Wisconsin is one of over 15 corporate owned stores in a Southeastern Wisconsin profit center, and they have a solid history of employing people with disabilities. They quickly offered her a job. Culvers, the custard restaurant, offered her a job one week later. "They called me a little late for that." Tara said. She had already accepted the position at McDonald's.

Tara's week once again includes a steady job among a bundle of other activities. But most of all, Tara has been blessed with a life full of friends, family, and remarkable people. Throughout Tara's life, people from Birth-to-Three, school, and Tara's post high school years have contributed significantly to Tara's rich life. Laverne's and Tara's memories reflect the importance of these people, and will hopefully inspire others whose life touches a child with special needs to become "Remarkable". Whatever the future holds for Tara, it is sure to be full of her large and loving family and a surrounding community of remarkable people.

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## To You, My Sisters

*By Maureen K. Higgins*

Many of you I have never even met face to face, but I've searched you out every day. I've looked for you on the internet, on playgrounds and in grocery stores. I've become an expert at identifying you. You are well worn. You are stronger than you ever wanted to be. Your words ring experience, experience you culled with your very heart and soul. You are compassionate beyond the expectations of this world.

You are my "sisters." Yes, you and I, my friend, are sisters in a sorority. A very elite sorority. We are special. Just like any other sorority, we were chosen to be members. Some of us were invited to join immediately, some not for months or even years. Some of us even tried to refuse membership, but to no avail. We were initiated in neurologist's offices and NICU units, in obstetrician's offices, in emergency rooms, and during ultrasounds. We were initiated with somber telephone calls, consultations, evaluations, blood tests, x-rays, MRI films, and heart surgeries.

All of us have one thing in common. One day things were fine. We were pregnant, or we had just given birth, or we were nursing our newborn, or we were playing with our toddler. Yes, one minute everything was fine. Then, whether it happened in an instant, as it often does, or over the course of a few weeks or months, our entire lives changed. Something wasn't quite right. Then we found ourselves mothers of children with special needs. We are united, we sisters, regardless of the diversity of our children's special needs. Some of our children undergo chemotherapy. Some need respirators and ventilators. Some are unable to talk, some are unable to walk. Some eat through feeding tubes. Some live in a different world.

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# HEY MATES! OUTBACK FUNDRAISER AN AUSSIE GOOD TIME

April 6th was the date, Outback Steakhouse in Greenfield was the place and 170 DSAW members, family and friends were there to enjoy a bloomin' good time! Food, fun and door prizes were shared by all who attended. The Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin brought in over \$2000 in lunch proceeds and raffle ticket sales.

Special thanks go to Mary Ellen Janezick of Mary Ellen's Keepsake Crafts who donated a ceramic tea light, candy dish and wooden wall plaques as raffle prizes. Thanks to the Admirals Hockey team for donating 12 free Admiral tickets.

BIG THANKS go to Mike Hyland, Manager of the Outback and his wait staff for their time, great food and wonderful service. All of which was donated.

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### *To You, My Sisters (Continues from Page 6)*

We do not discriminate against those mothers whose children's needs are not as "special" as our child's. We have mutual respect and empathy for all the women who walk in our shoes.

We are knowledgeable. We have educated ourselves with whatever materials we could find. We know "the" specialists in the field. We know "the" neurologists, "the" hospitals, "the" wonder drugs, "the" treatments. We know "the" tests that need to be done, we know "the" degenerative and progressive diseases and we hold our breath while our children are tested for them. Without formal education, we could become board certified in neurology, endocrinology, and physiatry. We have taken on our insurance companies and school boards to get what our children need to survive, and to flourish. We have prevailed upon the State to include augmentative communication devices in special education classes and mainstream schools for our children with cerebral palsy. We have labored to prove to insurance companies the medical necessity of gait trainers and other adaptive equipment for our children with spinal cord defects. We have sued municipalities to have our children properly classified so they could receive education and evaluation commensurate with their diagnosis.

We have learned to deal with the rest of the world, even if that means walking away from it. We have tolerated scorn in supermarkets during "tantrums" and gritted our teeth while discipline was advocated by the person behind us on line. We have tolerated inane suggestions and home remedies from well-meaning strangers. We have tolerated mothers of children without special needs complaining about chicken pox and ear infections. We have learned that many of our closest friends can't understand what it's like to be in our sorority, and don't even want to try.

We have our own personal copies of Emily Perl Kingsley's "A Trip To Holland" and Erma Bombeck's "The Special Mother." We keep them by our bedside and read and reread them during our toughest hours. We have coped with holidays. We have found ways to get our physically handicapped children to the neighbors' front doors on Halloween, and we have found ways to help our deaf children form the words, "trick or treat." We have accepted that our children with sensory dysfunction will never wear velvet or lace on Christmas. We have painted a canvas of lights and a blazing yule log with our words for our blind children. We have pureed turkey on Thanksgiving. We have bought white chocolate bunnies for Easter. And all the while, we have tried to create a festive atmosphere for the rest of our family.

We've gotten up every morning since our journey began wondering how we'd make it through another day, and gone to bed every evening not sure how we did it. We've mourned the fact that we never got to relax and sip red wine in Italy. We've mourned the fact that our trip to Holland has required much more baggage than we ever imagined when we first visited the travel agent. And we've mourned because we left for the airport without most of the things we needed for the trip. But we, sisters, we keep the faith always. We never stop believing. Our love for our special children and our belief in all that they will achieve in life knows no bounds. We dream of them scoring touchdowns and extra points and home runs. We visualize them running sprints and marathons. We dream of them planting vegetable seeds, riding horses and chopping down trees. We hear their angelic voices singing Christmas carols. We see their palettes smeared with watercolors, and their fingers flying over ivory keys in a concert hall. We are amazed at the grace of their pirouettes. We never, never stop believing in all they will accomplish as they pass through this world.

But in the meantime, my sisters, the most important thing we do, is hold tight to their little hands as together, we special mothers and our special children, reach for the stars.



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### ON THE UP WITH DOWN SYNDROME

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The **vision** of the Down Syndrome Association of Wisconsin is the understanding of the value of people with Down syndrome in our lives and the community. We will continue to strive towards full acceptance, full access, full life and full potential.

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