



*Yeah, we scheme about the future
And we dream about the past
When just a simple reaching out
Might build a bridge that lasts*

*And you ask, "What am I not doing?"
She says "Your voice cannot command.
In time, you will move mountains,
And it will come through your hands."*

Community TIES Celebrates 30 Years!

You are cordially invited to join us in honoring the work of the Waisman Center's Community TIES program throughout the past three decades. We will reflect on providing person-centered, positive behavior support in the community and acknowledge the accomplishments and contributions of past and present leaders.

Friday, April 21, 2017: 2:00 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Monona Terrace Community and Convention Center, Hall of Ideas
Madison, WI

Celebration takes place prior to the *11th Annual Fashion Show for All Abilities*

Emcees: Axel Junker and Josh Lapin, Community TIES

Special Guests: Paul White and Don Anderson

Featured Speaker: Chris Heimerl, MSSW: "Through Your Hands"

Chris Heimerl will draw inspiration from John Hiatt's lyrics as a reminder of what it takes to be sustained and at our best during flourishing or troubled times.

Chris was engaged in the genesis of Community TIES and was one of the original handful of Community Integration Program staff – criss-crossing the state for a dozen years - as community supports unfolded to embrace individuals once believed to require institutional care in Wisconsin.

Throughout the past 24 years as a member of New Mexico's Department of Health, Bureau of Behavioral Support, Chris has continued his life-long passion assisting individuals with intellectual/developmental disabilities and co-occurring mental health issues to transition out of institutional settings into supported community life.

Chris will reflect on his more than 40 years in various human service capacities and draw from his extensive consulting experience throughout the United States to share what he believes inform the foundation of authentic service.

RSVP by Friday, April 14, 2017 to Rachel Weingarten: weingarten@waisman.wisc.edu