

USED EQUIPMENT RESOURCES

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The INFO SERIES has been developed to provide you with general information. The descriptions do not describe the full extent of services or products. We encourage you to evaluate all information and determine which is most appropriate for your particular needs. Contact one of our Independent Living Specialists for more information.

Southeastern Wisconsin Organizations	
Home Medical Companies	Sometimes Home Medical companies have used equipment that is "lightly used," and they will sell it at a reduced cost.
Disability Organizations	Sometimes these organizations are able to provide assistance. For example, if a person has cancer they may be able to receive help from the Cancer Society. Other examples of organizations that are formed to assist a specific disability are the Multiple Sclerosis Society, Post Polio Resource Group, and Diabetes Association.
Kenosha Area Loan Closet 262-605-6646 800-472-8008	Those in need of wheelchairs, walkers, canes, bath benches, or other medical supplies, can now borrow them from the Kenosha Area Loan Closet for Durable Medical Equipment. The County Aging and Disability Resource Center, Easter Seals-Southeast Wisconsin and Kenosha Area Family and Aging Services Inc. consolidated separate programs. There are no eligibility requirements or time limits for use of the equipment. Items are loaned on a first come, first served basis. Donations are tax deductible. For information on donating or borrowing equipment call the Resource Center.
Kelsey's Loaner Closet – Kenosha - Ben Lake 262-657-7188	This effort specializes in equipment for children. Call if you are interested in donating equipment or in need of information about Family Support services. Type of equipment includes specialized strollers, positioning chairs, therapeutic positioning aides such as tumble forms, toileting and bathing devices, specialized car seats, helmets, utensils, tricycles, safety gates, and sensory motor items (books, swings, ball pool/therapy balls).
Love Inc. 480 S. Pine St. Burlington, WI 262-767-1478	A local organization providing services for the local community and surrounding area. They accept donations and provide them to individuals in need.
Society's Assets, Inc. Independent Living Department 5200 Washington Ave. #225 Racine, WI 53406 262-637-9128 800-378-9128 Offices in Kenosha and Elkhorn are listed at the end of this Info Series.	Society's Assets sometimes has donated items to give away. Items can also be found through - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A classified section in the quarterly newsletter that will list the item, a description, a name, and contact information. • Items are posted on a bulletin board and emailed to staff for more immediate circulation.


<p>Wisconsin Assistive Technology Initiative (WATI) Polk Library 800 Algoma Blvd. Oshkosh, WI 54901 920-424-2247 800-991-5576 info@wati.org www.wati.org</p>	<p>WATI is a statewide project to make assistive technology devices and services more available to children with disabilities. They offer a “Used Equipment Marketplace” as a clearinghouse for individuals or agencies, who wish to buy, sell, donate, loan, or rent assistive technology for individuals with disabilities. WATI does not store any equipment, they provide buyer/seller contact information to interested persons.</p>
<p>Wheelchair Recycling Program 4521 Helgesen Road Madison, WI 53718 608-243-1785 Email: wrp@chorus.net www.wrp.org</p>	<p>Wheelchair Recycling sells mobility equipment at a reduced cost. Equipment has been cleaned and refurbished by State Department of Corrections workers. See an Independent Living Coordinator at Society's Assets for information on what is available.</p>
<p>Eyeglasses & Low Vision Equipment</p>	
<p>OcuSource.com, LLC PO Box 4519 Walnut Creek, CA 94596 888-299-6657 Email: support@ocusource.com www.ocusource.com</p>	<p>Used devices become available as users upgrade to newer technology, the unfortunate passing away of the user, or progression of the vision disorder. Visitors can compare new and used products to find the best product that meets their specification. OcuTrade is focused on blindness and low vision products, making it convenient to find exactly the product desired.</p>
<p>Recycle for Sight – Eyeglasses 800-747-4448</p>	<p>Some Lions Clubs sponsor free eye exams and glasses to local residents on a predetermined day in December. Some clubs also assist in obtaining a limited number of glasses for people in need.</p>
<p>Hearing Aides</p>	
<p>HEAR NOW & Salvage Hearing Aid Donations 6700 Washington Avenue South Eden Prairie, MN 55344 800-648-4327 http://www.sotheworldmayhear.org/forms/learnow.php</p>	<p>HEAR NOW works to provide hearing aids to individuals and families with limited financial resources. To find out what the criteria are or obtain an application, contact the office or visit the web site.</p>
<p>Telephones</p>	
<p>Society's Assets, Inc. Independent Living Department 5200 Washington Ave. #225 Racine, WI 53406 262-637-9128 800-378-9128 Offices in Racine, Kenosha, Elkhorn</p>	<p>Society’s Assets may have donated phones to assist individuals that are unable to afford adaptive phones. The agency is also able to help assist in the purchase of adaptive phones through special grants.</p>
<p>National Programs</p>	
<p>Internet Sites</p>	
<p>Atmatch.com www.atmatch.com</p>	<p>Atmatch.com is a service developed specifically for individuals with disabilities and their families and friends. It works like Ebay for assistive technology. It is a marketplace for a wide</p>

	range of assistive technology and durable medical products. The site provides users with links to regional and national resources in a variety of related fields. Registration is free.
Michigan Disability Rights Coalition (MDRC) www.atxchange.org	At the AT Xchange you can you can find equipment for sale or for giveaway. You can also list used disability-related equipment to sell or donate with people who need it. The Xchange is a free service! The AT Xchange is primarily for residents of Michigan, although they do accept entries from neighboring states.
Disabled Dealer Magazine www.disableddealer.com	This national resource for buying and selling adaptive equipment online and in print has a customer base of over 300,000 per month.
Freecycle Network www.freecycle.org	The worldwide (!) Freecycle Network is a grassroots movement of people who are giving (and getting) stuff for free in their own towns. Each local group is run by a local volunteer moderator. Membership is free. Everything posted must be free. Respond to the posting directly. It is up to the giver to set up a pickup time for passing on the item.
usedHME.com P.O. Box 952 Green Bay, WI 54305-0952 920-445-0124 Email: info@usedHME.com www.usedhme.com	A FREE web listing service for Home Medical Equipment. Equipment that can be found: mobility scooters, powerchairs, stairlifts, liftchairs, wheelchair accessible vans and much much more.

Other Info Sheets you might be interested in –

- How to Buy Adaptive Equipment
- WisLoan and Telework Loan
- Funding and How To Get It
- Using the Library for Research

The listings on this Info Sheet should in no way be construed to constitute an endorsement of a company, organization or its service, nor should exclusion be construed to constitute disapproval. The information that appears in this publication was obtained from the company/organizations listed above.

 <p>SOCIETY'S ASSETS www.sai-inc.org info@sai-inc.org</p>	<p>Racine Office 5200 Washington Ave. #225 Racine, WI 53406 (262) 637-9128 V/TTY (800) 378-9128 V/TTY</p>	<p>Kenosha Office 5727 6th Ave Kenosha, WI 53140 (262) 657-3999 V/TTY (800) 317-3999 V/TTY</p>	<p>Elkhorn Office 615 E. Geneva Street Elkhorn, WI 53121 (262) 723-8181 V/TTY (800) 261-8181 V/TTY</p>
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