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## CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS® OPENS NEW OUTDOOR RECREATION FACILITY Project funded by local business owner

**GREEN BAY, WIS. – AUG. 13, 2024 –** Local nonprofit <u>Challenge the Outdoors</u> (CTO) announced a grand opening celebration to commemorate its new recreational facility at Peter's Pond in Angelica, Wis, near the village of Pulaski.

The event will take place on Sunday, August 18, from 1:00 to 5:00 p.m. CDT at Peter's Pond, N2647 Cherry Dr., Pulaski (near highways 29 and 160). Attendees can enjoy a pig roast, refreshments, facility tours and pond fishing. A brief program will take place at 3:00 p.m. This event is open to the public; the media is welcome to cover the event.

CTO provides outdoor/recreational programming for disabled sportsmen and sportswomen. CTO's new home and clubhouse are set on 13 acres. The new clubhouse and Peter's Pond are completely wheelchair accessible. Site features include:

- 2,500-square-foot clubhouse, with a kitchen, restrooms, an office, a large community-gathering space for local organizations and a covered patio
- Three-acre stocked pond with five accessible fishing piers for events
- Additional acreage with planned archery range and walking paths

Prior to the project, CTO had been operating administratively out of office space provided by <u>Home Instead®</u> in Green Bay, a local senior-care franchise owned by Steve and Kristi Nooyen, who also own 14 other Home Instead franchises throughout Wisconsin, Kentucky, Tennessee and Alabama. Steve served as a long-time volunteer and past board member of CTO.

The Nooyens announced in 2020 that they would build a permanent home for CTO. They purchased and donated 13 acres of land in Angelica — approximately 25 miles from Green Bay — plus all building and land development costs. The total cost of the project was about \$1.5 million.

Steve said about the new facility, "This project has been a long time in the making. CTO has done so much to create quality outdoor experiences for people with disabilities over the years, despite not having a permanent home — now it does, along with a fully accessible pond and plenty of land for additional improvements."

Steve and Kristi are also founders of Wheelchair Whitetails, a program that provides hunting opportunities in northern Wisconsin for people with disabilities.

To learn more about CTO, visit <u>CTOForMe.org</u>. You can learn more about Steve and his Home Instead franchises at <u>HomeInstead.com/GreenBayWl</u>

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## **ABOUT CHALLENGE THE OUTDOORS**

Challenge the Outdoors is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization serving the Northeast Wisconsin area. It was founded in 1998 by a group of outdoor sportspersons, most of whom were physically challenged. The founding members all shared a common bond in their passion for outdoor activities, and they believed these activities could help enhance mental and physical well-being as well as overall quality of life. Today, Challenge the Outdoors offers events and services — thanks to more than 100 local volunteers — that enable physically challenged sportspersons to participate in hunting, fishing and other outdoor recreational activities.