
Booster Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

BOOSTER ORGANIZATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Good News From the 2024 Iowa Legislature

After the dust settled from this year's Iowa legislature, there were some laws that were positive steps for people with disabilities and their families.

The "Non-Medical Switching" Bill

This bill prohibits insurers from forcing someone to switch to a cheaper medication if they are stable on their current medication.

Guardian & Conservatorships

This bill creates more uniformity in these laws. Background checks are required and reporting has changed to provide more protections to the individual.

More Accessibility

This bill provides funding to the Iowa Department of Natural Resources to make parks more accessible.

ABLE Accounts

This bill allows people to contribute \$5500 to an ABLE account tax-free. Prior to this bill, the maximum tax-free contribution was \$3785.

One of the bills that did not pass was the **Work Without Worry** bill. This bill would allow Iowans with disabilities to keep their Medicaid insurance and more of their earnings. Under the current system, working individuals with disabilities sometimes have a disincentive to work because they are at risk of losing their important benefits if they earn too much. This bill would allow them to earn up to 300% of the federal poverty level and also keep more assets.

Although this bill did not pass, it did make progress, so the outlook for more discussion and a possible positive outcome is promising for the 2025 legislative session.

This bill would have a direct impact on individuals in the Empowering Abilities Community Employment program as well as Enterprise Associates.

Find out how local legislators feel about this bill and other important topics. Visit the Empowering Abilities website for contact information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

INSERVICE

Hickory Grove and Brady St. inservice day is Tuesday, June 11th. Daily Discovery Services will be closed for participants that day.

JUST IN TIME FOR FATHER'S DAY

Not sure what to get loved ones for Father's Day this year? Not to worry, we've got you!

Grab some Empowering Abilities gear.

Go to: empoweringabilities.org/apparel-shop/

FATHER'S DAY IS JUNE 16TH!

SUMMER BEGINS

The first official day of summer is June 20th. Keep that sunscreen and those water bottles handy.



4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

Day programs will be closed in observance of the Independence Day holiday on Thursday, July 4th.

OPEN HOUSE

Save the Date! We are excited to invite you to an Open House at the Hickory Grove Road facility on **Thursday, September 12th from 11 AM to 2 PM**. We've been working closely with Edwards Creative to transform the building into a stimulating and engaging environment for both participants and staff. Come see everything in action, meet the team, and have some lunch on us.

Get it on your calendars now!

BOOSTER UPDATE

STAFF APPRECIATION ACTIVITIES

The Boosters expressed their gratitude towards the staff who create opportunities and positively impact the lives of their loved ones daily.

In May, the Boosters hosted a delightful luncheon for the staff who could attend. For those in residential programs and others who couldn't make it, pizza certificates were provided as a token of appreciation.

Booster President Jody Mapes stated, "We are pleased to do this annually to show our appreciation for the staff's efforts in supporting our family and friends who utilize these services."

DON'T FORGET

NO BOOSTER MEETINGS

No Booster meetings will be held in June, July, or August. Remember to check the website, Booster newsletter, and the Facebook page for all the latest news.

KNOW
SOMONE
LOOKING FOR
A JOB?

Apply Now

Full time and part time positions are available in both the residential programs and day programs. A variety of shifts and schedules are available to accommodate almost everyone.

Go to: empoweringabilities.org to apply!

Empowering Abilities

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

127

BIRD NUMBER

I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ _____ to the charity noted above.
(one time, flat donation amount)

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY BONUS FUND

Yes, I would like to make an additional donation to the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund in the amount of _____ to help provide the minimum 5% match to all participating charities.

GUESS THE BIRDIES TO WIN A TWO YEAR LEASE ON A 2023 LEXUS!

I guess that _____ birdies will be made.

Only one grand prize will be awarded. Void where prohibited by law. Guesses due by June 26.

BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

1,990 (2015)	2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)
1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)
1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)	1,929 (2023)

PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME

ADDRESS

CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL

Please include payment & make checks payable to: Birdies For Charity

The Boosters are again participating in the Birdies for Charity (BFC) program, presented in cooperation with the John Deere Classic.

When donations are made through BFC using "Bird Number" 127, the Boosters receive 100% of the donations pledged, plus a bonus from the BFC Charity Bonus Fund, which is a guaranteed 5% match, but could be more.

There are also opportunities to win prizes by guessing the number of birdies scored in the tournament. The funds raised support the Boosters who provide social events for participants, including dances, bowling leagues, parties, and picnics. They also support special projects at Empowering Abilities and show gratitude to employees with appreciation events. Clip the form here and send all pledge forms to Birdies For Charity, 15623 Coal Town Road. East Moline, IL 61244.

Forms will not be mailed out separately, so please use the form provided here.

KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS AS YOUR RECEIPT

I pledged \$ _____ one-time donation.

I guessed _____ birdies would be made.

Payment was included with pledge

YES \$

NO

CASH CHECK NO.

Please make checks payable to:

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
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EAST MOLINE, IL 61244





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Registration opens June 6th

**Saturday, August 24th
Sponsorship Opportunities
Available.**

To register, go to
<https://p2p.onecause.com/hunt24>

Timeline

**Doors open at 2 PM
Hunt begins at 3 PM
(Must be back by 6 PM)
Dinner/Prizes 6-7 PM**

If you are interested in supporting the Hunt through a sponsorship, or have questions, contact: Lexi Keppy.

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