

Booster Newsletter

“WE DO SO THEY CAN”
 BOOSTER ORGANIZATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Recognizing Excellence and Achievement

The Empowering Abilities Annual Recognition Dinner held recently is truly a special event, celebrating the incredible dedication and hard work of both staff, participants, and Hall of Fame honorees.

At the heart of the evening were the awards presented to participants for the incredible progress they made throughout the year, and for the tireless work they did to achieve their personal goals. Their accomplishments are a testament to their resilience, determination, and the transformative support they receive. From mastering new skills to achieving milestones, each participant's journey is a reflection of their hard work and the dedication of those who support them.

The dinner also recognized staff members who have shown exceptional dedication in their work. These individuals have not only excelled in their roles but have also demonstrated an unwavering commitment to supporting people with special needs. Their passion, innovation, and care are integral to the mission of Empowering Abilities, and their contributions continue to inspire those around them.

Established in 1994, the Hall of Fame honors individuals, volunteers, and organizations who have supported people with disabilities in a variety of ways. Past honorees have included

companies that provide work opportunities to individuals with disabilities, people who have given generously of their resources, and those who have shared their time and talents by volunteering or working to ensure people with disabilities lead their best life.

Achievement Awards

Daily Discovery
Kathy Kindle

Residential Center
Nicole Lester

Endeavor Living
Sean France

Employment
Harold Benson

Staff Excellence Awards

Daily Discovery
Kristi Army

Residential Center/
 Group Homes
Anne Tudzin

Endeavor Living
Mark Barnes

Administrative Services
Erin Albertson

Gary Ashcraft Memorial Award

Katie Biemann

Hall of Fame

**Carol Foster- Empowering Abilities
 Chief Administrative Officer**

The Bev, Leo, and Kathy Kerker Family

Quad City Bank & Trust



DATES TO REMEMBER

INSERVICE

Hickory Grove and Brady St. inservice day is Tuesday, December 10th. Daily Discovery Services will be closed for participants that day.

BOOSTER CHRISTMAS DINNER

Booster members will celebrate the season on December 17th, 5:30 PM at Mo Brady's. Guests will order off the menu, with Boosters providing dessert. The next meeting will be February 18th, 1PM at the Hickory Grove Road facility.

RSVP to: lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org or 563-391-4834.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

Hickory Grove and Brady Street will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Years Holiday. **December 24th, 25th, and 31st, and January 1st.**

BOOSTER CHRISTMAS DANCE

The Booster's dance for participants will be Friday, December 13th from 6-8 PM at Hickory Grove Road. Anyone interested in volunteering should arrive at 5 PM.



HANDS TRIVIA NIGHT

When? January 17th

Where? Hickory Creek Event Center
3504 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport

Time? Doors open at 6 PM

Cost? \$10 per person/\$80 per team

To book a table, contact Lexi Keppy,
lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org/563-391-4834

Raffle baskets & 50/50

Bring your own snacks

Full bar available for purchase. No outside beverages.

BOOSTER FUNDRAISERS



GREAT STOCKING STUFFERS



SAVEAROUND BOOKS

Coupon books are now available for purchase. Cost is \$25 with Boosters receiving 50% of the profit. These books offer coupons for restaurants, retail, activities, etc. The books are great gifts for the holiday season!

Contact Lexi Keppy at 563-391-4834 or lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org.

A supply of books is at each Empowering Abilities location also.

ANNUAL BOOSTERS/BOB OTT MEMORIAL NUTS & CANDY SALE

NO PRICE INCREASES!!!

Orders are being taken now. See the next page or the Empowering Abilities website for this year's order blank!

Go to www.empoweringabilities.org, then click "Events and News".

Please send your order form to Lexi Keppy at lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org or mail to 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806.

OR BUY YOUR SNACKS HERE!

K&K Hardware

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Main at Locust Pharmacy

The Gentry Shop

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Simplicity Salon

A Cut Above

On the Avenue Salon

North Scott Family Hair

31st Annual

Empowering Abilities

Boosters Organization/Bob Ott Memorial

Nut & Candy Sale

	Price	Quantity	TOTAL
Whole Pecans	\$15.00		
Mixed Nuts	\$13.00		
Cashews	\$13.00		
English Walnuts	\$12.00		
Black Walnuts	\$16.00		
Roasted Almonds	\$12.00		
Sweet & Salty Trail Mix	\$10.00		
Spicy Party Mix	\$10.00		
Malted Milk Balls	\$10.00		
Chocolate Bridge Mix	\$11.00		
Chocolate Covered Cashews	\$13.00		
Gummi Bears	\$9.00		
Dark Chocolate Almonds	\$12.00		
Dark Choc. Sea Salt Caramels	\$11.00		
	Total		

Paid Cash/Check No. : _____ **TOTAL:** _____

Name: _____

Phone: _____

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\$25 for individual, family or corporate membership

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(Please include both spouses' names, if applicable.)

Business (Associate Members) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone(_____) _____ E-Mail _____

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