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# Booster Monthly Newsletter

“WE DO SO THEY CAN”

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## Staying Informed and Ready to Advocate

At Empowering Abilities, our commitment to advocating for our mission, participants, and employees remains steadfast. In a time when there is a lot of noise surrounding policy discussions in Washington, we are focused on cutting through the chatter to understand what matters most to those we serve.

We are actively monitoring the evolving landscape and conducting thorough research to stay informed about potential changes that could impact our participants and team members. Advocacy is a vital part of how we support our community, and as new information becomes available, we are prepared to take thoughtful, strategic action to ensure the voices of those we serve are heard and represented. Our priority is to ensure that the people we support and those who work alongside us are represented and protected. We are committed to working with our partners, policymakers, and advocates to amplify the voices of our community and promote policies that uphold the dignity, rights, and opportunities of individuals with disabilities.

Until things become clear, there is no need for any action at this time.

Our approach is to remain vigilant, well-informed, and proactive. Our leadership team is engaged in conversations at the local, state, and national levels to anticipate changes and develop strategies that address potential challenges. We recognize that the decisions made in Washington can have significant implications for our services, funding, and the daily lives of our participants and employees.

As developments unfold, we will continue to provide updates and opportunities for our community to engage in advocacy efforts. We believe that when we come together, our collective voice is powerful and can influence meaningful change. Thank you for standing with us. Together, we are making a difference.



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ABILITIES**

# Important Dates

## March

**MARCH 5**  
**SPREAD THE WORD**  
**TAKE THE PLEDGE!**

**MARCH 9**  
**DAYLIGHT SAVINGS**

**MARCH 11**  
**DAILY DISCOVERY**  
**SERVICES CLOSED FOR**  
**PARTICIPANTS**

**MARCH 18**  
**BOOSTER MEETING**  
**1 PM**  
**HICKORY GROVE ROAD**

**MARCH 20**  
**FIRST DAY OF SPRING**

## Booster Dance!

The Booster dance has been rescheduled from February 14 to March 14!  
6-8 PM

Volunteers should arrive between 5-5:30 PM. It's going to be a night of fun, music, and dancing. We'd love to see you there!



## Let us know your preference!

We want to ensure you receive information in the way that works best for you! Scan the QR code to let us know your preference—email only or print.



## ST. PATRICK'S DAY SHIRTS

### Order yours by:

**MARCH 12TH AT 4:00PM**

Order on our website or by email:  
[empoweringabilities.org/store](http://empoweringabilities.org/store)  
[ryanhoadley@empoweringabilities.org](mailto:ryanhoadley@empoweringabilities.org)

7% tax will be added to all orders!



SHORT SLEEVE  
S-XL \$10  
2XL \$12  
3XL+ \$13

LONG SLEEVE  
S-XL \$15  
2XL \$17  
3XL+ \$18

SWEATSHIRTS  
S-XL \$28  
2XL \$30  
3XL+ \$32



## Spring Sale-Nuts & Candy!

Enjoy 25% off per bag of our delicious nuts and candy! Whether you're stocking up on snacks or satisfying your sweet tooth, these treats are a perfect choice. Don't miss out—grab yours today!



**Call 563-391-4834 to check the inventory!**



Join us in supporting the Spread the Word campaign to promote inclusion and acceptance for all abilities. This movement is all about breaking down barriers, fostering connections, and building a world where everyone belongs.

**TAKE THE PLEDGE ON MARCH 5, 2025!**

# HANDS Auxiliary Golf Outing



**New Location**

DAVENPORT  
COUNTRY CLUB

**02 JUNE 2024**

CONTACT AMBER WOOD FOR  
SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES.

AMBERWOOD@EMPOWERINGABILITIES.ORG

**563-391-4834**

\$250 PER GOLFER/  
\$1,000 PER FOURSOME

## Registration Includes

GREEN FEES &  
CART

GOLFER GIFT

ON-COURSE  
BEVERAGES

AFTER GOLF DINNER

LUNCH

PIN EVENTS

SCORING PRIZES

SCAN TO REGISTER



<https://p2p.onecause.com/handsgolf25/event/golf-registration/register>

## The Cities Spring Classic (Formally the Easter Egg Scramble)

Get ready to lace up your running shoes and celebrate spring with us! The Cities ° Spring Classic returns on Saturday, April 19th, 2025, at 10 AM, bringing a bi-state running experience to downtown Moline, Illinois, at Bass Street Landing.

This year's event features a scenic 5K route crossing the I-74 bridge to Bettendorf, Iowa, and back. Whether you're a seasoned runner or just looking for a fun way to get active, there's something for everyone!

Stick around for the after-party at Bass Street Landing, featuring craft beverages, delicious food, and live entertainment. Kids can enjoy free Easter goodie bags, bunny ears, face painting, and family-friendly games!

A portion of the proceeds from this event will benefit Empowering Abilities, the leading service provider and advocate for individuals with disabilities in our community.

Scan the QR code  
or go to the below  
site to register!

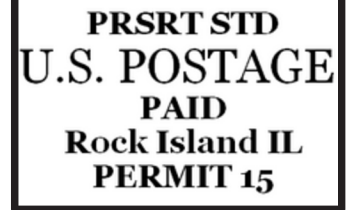


[www.thecities.run](http://www.thecities.run)



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# DDAM: A Month of Awareness

## WEAR ORANGE

Developmental Disability Awareness Month, observed every March, is dedicated to raising awareness about the experiences, challenges, and achievements of individuals with developmental disabilities. It highlights the importance of inclusion, accessibility, and equal opportunities in all aspects of life, including education, employment, and community engagement. This month also serves as a reminder to celebrate the contributions of individuals with developmental disabilities and to advocate for policies and programs that support their independence and well-being. By fostering awareness and understanding, we can work toward a more inclusive society where everyone has the opportunity to thrive.

- Contact legislators to advocate.
- Invite people to take a tour of Empowering Abilities.
- Invite someone from Empowering Abilities to speak to a group you may be involved in.
- Volunteer for Booster activities and events.
- Participate in or become a sponsor for the HANDS Golf Outing that raises money to support people with developmental disabilities.
- Encourage businesses to partner with Enterprises that provides work for adults with disabilities.