

Booster Monthly Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

Breaking Barriers: Advocacy Drives Representation Forward

We're inspired by recent stories that spotlight significant progress in disability representation and inclusion. These powerful examples remind us all of the impact advocacy can have in creating lasting change.

Historic Milestone on Broadway

Jenna Bainbridge recently made history by becoming the first wheelchair user to portray Nessarose in the iconic Broadway musical "Wicked." Jenna's groundbreaking role underscores a growing recognition of performers with disabilities and sets a new standard for representation in theater. Her journey highlights that determination and talent have the power to break longstanding barriers.

Spotlight on Autism Awareness

ESPN analyst, Dan Orlovsky, celebrated Autism Acceptance Month by collaborating with his son, Madden, who has autism. Madden contributed creative graphics for ESPN's NFL Live program, showcasing his incredible talent and emphasizing the meaningful contributions individuals with autism can make in professional settings. This heartfelt segment demonstrated to viewers nationwide that inclusion not only enriches

media but strengthens our understanding and acceptance.

Survivor Highlights Strength and Support

Eva, a contestant on "Survivor 48," bravely opened up about her personal experiences as an autistic individual. Host Jeff Probst and her fellow contestants responded with overwhelming support and empathy, creating a powerful moment of understanding and advocacy on national television. Eva's openness sparked essential conversations around the strengths and unique perspectives individuals with autism bring to every community.

These stories are not just headlines—they're proof of the difference advocacy can make in building an inclusive society where everyone's abilities are celebrated and recognized. We are excited to continue sharing inspiring moments like these as we collectively create more opportunities, change lives, and empower abilities.



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Important Dates

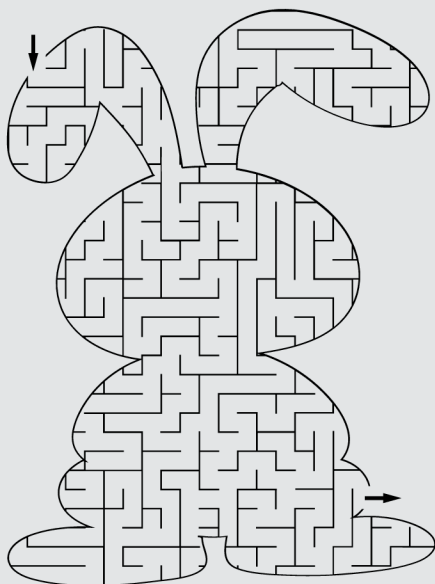
April

AUTISM
ACCEPTANCE
MONTH

APRIL 15
BOOSTER MEETING
1 PM
HICKORY GROVE
ROAD

APRIL 19
THE CITIES SPRING
CLASSIC (FORMERLY
EASTER EGG
SCRAMBLE)

APRIL 20
EASTER



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!



Autism Awareness Month T-shirts

Order yours by:

APRIL 25 AT 4:00PM

Order on our website or by email:

empoweringabilities.org/store

ryanhoadley@empoweringabilities.org

7% tax will be added to all orders



The Cities Spring Classic

(formerly the Easter Egg Scramble)

Saturday, April 19 | Bass Street Landing

*A portion of the proceeds from this event will
benefit Empowering Abilities.*

Scan the QR code or visit the website for more
information or to register!



www.thecities.run



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.



thank you

Thank you to the Boosters and volunteers for
creating a special night for everyone at the
Valentine's / St. Patrick's Day dance. The dance
was a huge success with many memories made!

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 27.

BIRDIES SCORED BY YEAR

1,982 (2016)	2,091 (2019)	2,041 (2022)
1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)	1,929 (2023)
2,355 (2018)	1,905 (2021)	2,315 (2024)

PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

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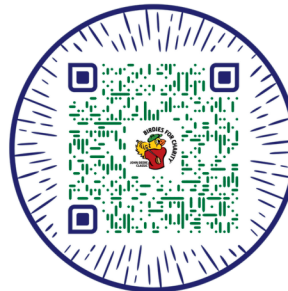
CITY, STATE, ZIP

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL

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

The Boosters will again participate 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.



You can make your pledge online using the QR code or link - OR return your pledge using the form to the left.

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

<https://birdiesforcharity.com/donate?charity=127>

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:

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