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# Booster Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

BOOSTER ORGANIZATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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## LAST CHANCE FOR 2024 LEGISLATIVE SESSION

The 100th day of the 2024 Iowa legislative session is April 16th, which is when the per diem expenses for legislators end. Although the legislature can continue to meet after the 16th, this is an incentive to wrap up their work.

The bill regarding the AEA's and teacher salaries has garnered a lot of attention, but it does not really directly affect the adults served at Empowering Abilities. The following bills may be of interest to adults with disabilities and their advocates:

### **WORK WITHOUT WORRY**

This bill is designed to allow those people who are working and have a disability to not have to worry about how much they make in order to remain eligible for Medicaid benefits. Often, workers must cut back on their hours in order to remain eligible. At this point in the session, the bill has somewhat stalled out, although it isn't dead. It will need to move quickly if anything is to happen to it during the current session.

### **ABLE SAVINGS BILL**

Achieving a Better Life Experience or ABLE accounts are tax-free savings accounts for people with disabilities that allows them to save money without losing their benefits. Anyone can contribute to the accounts and receive a tax deduction of up to \$4028. This bill would increase that amount to \$5500. More can be contributed, but only \$5500 can be deducted. The bill is still being considered by both chambers.

### **BEHAVIORAL HEALTH SYSTEM**

This bill creates a new behavioral health and disabilities service system. There are many pieces to this bill; however, it does not affect most individuals at Empowering Abilities. Only a small number of participants rely on county funding, which is the focus of this bill.

To voice opinions about these or other bills of interest, contact legislators by visiting the ***NEW EMPOWERING ABILITIES WEBSITE*** to find links.

**[empoweringabilities.org](https://empoweringabilities.org)**

# LOOKING FORWARD TO

## INSERVICE

Hickory Grove and Brady St. inservice day is Tuesday, April 9th. Daily Discovery Services will be closed for participants that day.

## BOOSTER MEETING

The next Booster meeting will take place Tuesday, April 16th at 1 PM at the Hickory Grove Road location.

## BOWLING REMINDER

Bowling Banquet will be April 13th, 11:30 AM-1 PM at the East Moline Happy Joes. Last day of bowling will be April 14th at 5:30 PM. REMINDER, anyone eating dinner needs to arrive no later than 4:30 PM.

## BOOSTER ANNUAL DINNER

The Booster year-end dinner celebration for Booster members will be held Wednesday, May 1st, at Mo Brady's. Cocktails will start at 5:30 PM and dinner will be at 6 PM.

## STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH

The Boosters will provide lunch for Hickory Grove and Brady St. staff on Inservice Day, May 14th at the Hickory Grove Road location. Any Booster that would like to help should arrive at 10 AM.



Springtime means spring cleaning! Spring cleaning is a great opportunity to declutter your home, take your gently used items to Stuff, Etc. and support the Boosters. Not only will you be getting rid of some of your "stuff", but you'll also be contributing to a good cause. Just tell them to put your contribution on the Booster account.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

### HANDS Golf Outing

Crow Valley Golf Club  
03 June 2024

\$225 per golfer/\$900 per foursome

#### Registration Includes:

- Green fees and cart
- Golfer gift
- On-course beverages
- Cocktail party with heavy appetizers after golf
- Lunch on the course
- Pin events
- Scoring prizes



REGISTRATION IS NOW OPEN!

Go to:

<https://p2p.onecause.com/handsgolf24>

## SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, August 24th

Scavenger Hunt

\$30 per person

Up to 6 person teams

Includes: shirt, food and beverage, the event, and a whole lot of fun!

More details to come.

If you are interested in supporting the HANDS Golf Outing or the Empowering Abilities Scavenger Hunt through a sponsorship, contact: Lexi Keppy  
563-391-4834  
[lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org](mailto:lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org).

# 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)	<b>2,091 (2019)</b>	2,041 (2022)
1,918 (2017)	N/A (2020)	<b>1,929 (2023)</b>

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 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.

**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  
15623 COALTOWN ROAD  
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244





## EMPOWERING ABILITIES

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

Mark your calendar for **April 20th** and join the fun at Brady Street Stadium for The Cities° Spring Classic, an empowering REGIONAL celebration of running for all.

Register for the  
**Community 5K**  
**Kids Run**  
**Corporate 4X4 relay.**

Come and cheer on Adaptive Athletes as they take their 'victory lap' around the stadium.

Best of all, a portion of the proceeds from this field day of fitness will go to

***Empowering Abilities!***

To register go to [thecities.run](http://thecities.run).



### Time and Cost

**5K- 8:30 AM, \$40**



**Kids 1/4 or 1/2 Mile Fun Run- 10AM, \$20**

**Adaptive Athletes' Race- 10:30 AM, FREE**

**Corporate Relay- 11 AM, \$400 for team of 4.**

**Don't forget to stay for the after-race activities! Live music, food, and beverages.**

**Go to [thecities.run](http://thecities.run) or contact [bdoerrfeld@yahoo.com](mailto:bdoerrfeld@yahoo.com) for more information.**