

# Booster Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

BOOSTER ORGANIZATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## EXPERIENCE THE TRANSFORMATION

### REIMAGINED SPACE

In an effort to support the ongoing mission to create opportunities for the individuals served, Empowering Abilities is excited to share the transformative results of a collaboration with Edwards Creative. Together, a reimagined space, focusing on aesthetics, functionality, and sensory experiences has been created in the Daily Discovery West area at the Hickory Grove Road building.

Edwards Creative brought their expertise and creative vision to the table, working closely with Empowering Abilities staff to understand the unique requirements and preferences of the participants. The goal was to create spaces that are not only functional but also uplifting and stimulating. Through thoughtful design elements, vibrant colors, and interactive features, Edwards Creative has successfully transformed the space into a place where both staff and participants feel both comfortable and inspired.



### COME SEE FOR YOURSELF

An Open House is planned for:  
September 12, 2024  
11 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
3402 Hickory Grove Road  
Lunch provided

### WHAT TO EXPECT AT THE OPEN HOUSE:

- **Guided Tours:** Walk through the redesigned spaces and see the innovative features that have been incorporated to enhance the environment. Room designs include "The Mother Ship", "The Arcade Room", "The Wizard Room", and more.
- **Meet and Greet:** Learn from dedicated staff what they do in the Daily Discovery program. See the enthusiastic participants involved in engaging activities.
- **Other Spaces:** Enjoy a tour through other interesting parts of the Hickory Grove Road campus, like Enterprise, the newly revamped Hall of Fame, and the multipurpose court.

## DATES TO REMEMBER

### INSERVICE

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



### 4TH OF JULY HOLIDAY

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

### JULY 1ST--INTERNATIONAL JOKE DAY

What was the most popular dance in 1776?  
Indepen-dance!

What did the flag do when it lost its voice?  
It just waved.

## **NO BOOSTER MEETINGS**

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



### **GIVE A HAND WITH 'HELP WANTED'**

Pass the word!

We need your help to get the word out about our open positions. Job openings include:

- Part time
- Full time
- Day shifts
- Evening shifts
- Flexible schedules

Empowering Abilities jobs have great traditional benefits and many more, less tangible, but other super rewarding benefits.

Send people to [empoweringabilities.org](http://empoweringabilities.org) to apply.



## **HELP PAVE THE WAY**

The idea was hatched with a simple question, "Wouldn't it be nice to have a path that people could use for exercise back here?"

This question was posed as a couple Hickory Grove Road staff took a break in the back of the building looking over the empty grassy area around the new multipurpose court.

The idea seemed pretty reasonable, so an expert was brought in to see if it was possible and to determine the cost. Good news! It is possible, but we need help with the cost.

The path is a necessary addition. Right now, when participants want to take a walk outside, it means walking through the parking lot, which is not ideal. Navigating around cars and just walking in circles is what everyone is forced to do now.

The new path is planned to route around the new multipurpose court and wind through the greenspace behind the building. It will be a path accessible for people using wheelchairs and others.

**Please consider helping to "Pave the Way" by making a contribution to this important project.**

You can send a check to: Empowering Abilities, 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806 or you can go to [empoweringabilities.org](http://empoweringabilities.org) and make a gift online.

Thanks for helping Empowering Abilities participants lead their best life.



# Registration Now Open!

August 24th

3 PM-7 PM

Doors open at 2 PM

NEW LOCATION

**3402 Hickory Grove Road Davenport, IA**

\$30 per person!

Registration includes: T-shirt, food, beverages, a chance to win door prizes, a chance at the first or second place prizes and of course, lots of fun!

Teams of up to 6!

Second place prize- \$150 gift cards for each member on the team.

***Stay tuned for the FIRST PLACE PRIZE!***

Door prizes: 4 Notre Dame football tickets, a family photo shoot including a 14"X11" piece from Orange Door Studios, and more.

**To be guaranteed a shirt, register by August 9th!**

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

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

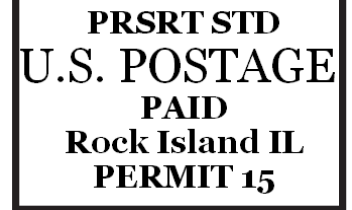
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## "Beat the Heat: Staying Safe and Cool"

During hot weather, the safety and well-being of participants is a priority.

Staying hydrated by drinking plenty of water throughout the day is encouraged. Sunscreen is provided to protect against harmful UV rays. Every effort is made to keep participants cool, offering shaded areas and indoor, air-conditioned spaces to help stay comfortable. Participants' health and safety are top concerns.

All "Beat the Heat" precautions will be practiced on **Special Needs Day** at the Mississippi Valley Fair on July 30th this year to ensure everyone has a fantastic and safe time.

