

Booster Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

BOOSTER ORGANIZATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

Stay in the Know

Although the Iowa legislature will not be in session again until January 2025, we can turn our attention to the US House of Representatives and Senate who have had some bills introduced over the past several years that are of interest to individuals with disabilities. These are some examples:

Senate bill 3076, Disability Employment Incentive Act: This bill encourages businesses to hire people with disabilities by providing tax credits and other incentives like deductions for removing physical barriers.

House bill 883 & Senate bill 320, Stop the Wait Act: These bills allows individuals with disabilities to begin receiving Social Security Disability Insurance (SSDI) benefits in the month they become eligible rather than waiting several months, which is the case currently.

House bill 5408 & Senate bill 2767, SSI Savings Penalty Elimination Act: These bills increase resource limits used to determine SSI eligibility from \$2000 to \$10,000, and it adjusts the limits annually to account for inflation.

House bill 4270, Direct CARE Opportunity Act: CARE stands for "Creation, Advancement, Retention of Employment". This bill attempts to address the shortage of direct support professionals (DSPs) by providing money to states to train, recruit, and retain DSPs.

House bill 7213, Autism CARES Act of 2024: This bill continues several programs that support autism education, research, and resources through September 2029. Without action, these programs will not continue.

If you are interested in these bills or others that may have an impact on individuals with disabilities, you can share your opinions by contacting:

US Senators Joni Ernst at ernst.senate.gov or Chuck Grassley at grassley.senate.gov and **US Representatives** Mariannette Miller-Meeks at millermeeks.house.gov, Ashley Hinson at hinson.house.gov, Zach Nunn at nunn.house.gov or Randy Feenstra at feenstra.house.gov. Mariannette Miller-Meeks represents Iowa's first district that includes Scott County.

Are you ready to vote?

Election day is
Tuesday, November 5th.

Make sure you are registered by
visiting
[sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/
regtovote/search.aspx](https://sos.iowa.gov/elections/voterreg/regtovote/search.aspx)



DATES TO REMEMBER

INSERVICE

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

BOWLING

Bowling season will be rolling up soon! Bowling begins on September 7th at Leisure Lanes again this year. Everyone must arrive by 1 PM, or no later than noon if people plan to eat prior to bowling.



BOOSTER MEETING

Come and enjoy an ice cream sundae at the next Booster meeting. It will be held at 1 p.m. on September 17th at the Hickory Grove Road building.

BOOSTER PICNIC

The Booster Picnic for participants will be held Friday, September 27th, at the Hickory Grove Road facility. Boosters interested in helping should arrive at 10:30 AM.



UPCOMING DATES

Hickory Grove and Brady Street Inservice
--Tuesday, October 8th

Booster Halloween Dance
--Date to be determined

Halloween
--Thursday, October 31st

Daylight Savings Time Ends
--Sunday, November 3rd

SPREAD THE WORD

GIVE A HAND WITH 'HELP WANTED'

Pass the word!

We need your help to get the word out about 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 to apply.

ANNUAL BOOSTERS/BOB OTT MEMORIAL NUTS & CANDY SALE

It's almost time when everyone goes nuts for the nut sale. The shipment will arrive in October. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact Lexi Keppy at lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org 563-391-4834.

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING

Cashews	Almonds
Chocolate Cashews	Black Walnuts
English Walnuts	Bridge Mix
Pecans	Gummi Bears
Spicy Party Mix	Malted Milk Balls
Trail Mix	Mixed Nuts
Dark Chocolate	
Almonds	



Direct Support Professional
RECOGNITION WEEK
September 8 - 14, 2024

RELIAS  ANCOR

Be a part of the celebration!

If there is a person at Empowering Abilities who has made an impact or positive difference in your life or the life of your loved one, please fill out the form below and mail to: **Attn: Lexi Keppy, 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806**
OR send an email to lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org. We will share your appreciation with the staff person and make their day!

Also, during DSP week, check out the Empowering Abilities website, Facebook page and Instagram to see videos from participants who will tell about the difference the DSP's at Empowering Abilities are making in their lives.



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You are Invited to an Open House!



WHERE: 3402 HICKORY GROVE ROAD
WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 12TH
TIME: 11 A.M. TO 2 P.M.

- Tour the newly revamped areas, including the Hall of Fame and Daily Discovery rooms.
- Check out the new outdoor court and picnic area.
- See the latest jobs running in Enterprise.
- Have lunch on us!

**No need to RSVP. Just stop by.
Don't miss out. See you there.**

