

# Booster Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

BOOSTER ORGANIZATION MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is celebrated in the United States each October to raise awareness about disability employment issues and to highlight the contributions of workers with disabilities.

NDEAM is a time for employers, employees, and the general public to recognize the valuable skills and talents that individuals with disabilities bring to the workplace. It serves to promote a more inclusive workforce, ensuring that people with disabilities have equal opportunities for employment.

The theme for National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) in 2024 is:

***"Access to Good Jobs for All."***

Empowering Abilities offers multiple opportunities for people to make a contribution through employment. The services provided help people learn work skills, find jobs, explore careers, and teach the necessary skills to obtain and maintain a job.

**Enterprise:** Associates work in Enterprise as regular part-time Empowering Abilities employees and receive all the benefits of that status. They perform a variety of assembly and packaging jobs for over 30 local and regional

companies, as well as providing screen print/embroidery services. For more information about Enterprise, contact Scott Bitting at 563-391-4834 or [scottbitting@empoweringabilities.org](mailto:scottbitting@empoweringabilities.org).

**Community Employment:** This program supports individuals in their community work settings by helping them identify interests and abilities, complete resumes, and develop interview skills. Once a job is obtained, on-the-job training, job counseling, and job coaching are available.

**Prevocational Program:** This program offers a variety of paid work experiences, individual and group counseling and instruction, skill building activities, and personalized work services. Prevocational Services are time-limited, and individuals are assisted with job attainment at the end of the service.

**Contract Jobs:** The work crew is comprised of folks that provide cleaning services at a variety of businesses and churches in the area. The associates are Empowering Abilities employees who receive support on the job and paychecks for the work they perform.

To find out more about Community Employment, Prevocational Programs, or Contract Jobs at Empowering Abilities, contact Laura Jardine at 563-391- 4834/ [laurajardine@empoweringabilities.org](mailto:laurajardine@empoweringabilities.org).



## DATES TO REMEMBER

### INSERVICE

Hickory Grove and Brady St. inservice day is Tuesday, October 8th. Daily Discovery Services will be closed for participants that day.

### BOWLING

A friendly reminder that Booster bowling takes place every other Saturday at Leisure Lanes. Everyone must arrive by 1 PM, or no later than noon if people plan to eat prior to bowling. Next bowling date will be October 5th!

### BOOSTER MEETING

*The next Booster meeting will be held at 1 p.m. on October 15th at the Hickory Grove Road building. The Boosters Organization is a great way to get involved and make a difference in the lives of the individuals at Empowering Abilities. We hope to see you there!*

## BOOSTER'S HALLOWEEN DANCE



October 25th from 6-8 PM

3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport  
FOOD, DANCING, AND SOCIALIZING

If you would like to volunteer, please arrive  
between 5-5:30 PM!

### OTHER TIMES TO NOTE

City Trick or Treat Times

Thursday, October 31st

--Bettendorf 5 to 7:30 p.m.

--Davenport 5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

--Eldridge 6 to 8 p.m.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

--Turn clocks back on Sunday, November 3rd



## BOOSTER FUNDRAISERS

### DID YOU KNOW?



Did you know that funds raised from the SaveAround books, Birdies for Charity, and the annual nut sale go toward providing social activities and events for the individuals served at Empowering Abilities?

### SAVEAROUND BOOKS

Coupon books are now available for purchase. Cost is \$25 with Boosters receiving 50% of the profit. These books offer coupons for restaurants, retail, activities, etc. The books are great gifts for the holiday season! Contact Lexi Keppy at 563-391-4834 or [lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org](mailto:lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org). A supply of books is at each Empowering Abilities sites also.

### ANNUAL BOOSTERS/BOB OTT MEMORIAL NUTS & CANDY SALE

#### **NO PRICE INCREASES!!!**

Orders are being taken now. See the next page or the Empowering Abilities website for this year's order blank!

Go to [www.empoweringabilities.org](http://www.empoweringabilities.org), then click "Events and News".

Please send your order form to Lexi Keppy at [lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org](mailto:lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org) or mail to 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806.

Nuts and candy will arrive in early October but get your order in now for the best variety.

When we're out, we're out!

# 31st Annual

Empowering Abilities

Boosters Organization/Bob Ott Memorial

Nut & Candy Sale

	Price	Quantity	TOTAL
Whole Pecans	\$15.00		
Mixed Nuts	\$13.00		
Cashews	\$13.00		
English Walnuts	\$12.00		
Black Walnuts	\$16.00		
Roasted Almonds	\$12.00		
Sweet & Salty Trail Mix	\$10.00		
Spicy Party Mix	\$10.00		
Malted Milk Balls	\$10.00		
Chocolate Bridge Mix	\$11.00		
Chocolate Covered Cashews	\$13.00		
Gummi Bears	\$9.00		
Dark Chocolate Almonds	\$12.00		
	Total		

**Paid Cash/Check No. :** \_\_\_\_\_ **TOTAL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Pick Up Requests** \_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Empowering Abilities



# EMPOWERING ABILITIES

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Davenport, IA 52806  
<http://empoweringabilities.org>

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U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
Rock Island IL  
PERMIT 15

## 2024 BOOSTER DUES JOIN/RENEWAL

\$25 for individual, family or corporate membership

Name\_\_\_\_\_

(Please include both spouses' names, if applicable.)

Business (Associate Members)\_\_\_\_\_

Address\_\_\_\_\_

City\_\_\_\_\_State\_\_\_\_\_Zip\_\_\_\_\_

Phone(\_\_\_\_\_)\_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail\_\_\_\_\_

Please make checks payable to: Boosters

Return to: 3402 Hickory Grove Rd., Davenport, IA 52806