
Booster Monthly Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

Opening Doors to Employment— and to Belonging

One of the most powerful ways to empower individuals with disabilities is through community employment, and we're proud to stand behind the program that's making that happen every day.

The Empowering Abilities' Employment Services program is proof that with the right supports and the right partners, individuals of all abilities can thrive in the workplace. From job coaching and resume help to on-site training and employer engagement, the program removes barriers and builds bridges to opportunity.

Just ask local business partners who welcome program participants onto their teams and into their work families. The impact is real. Confidence grows. Paychecks come home. And inclusion becomes a part of the everyday culture.

We are incredibly proud to recognize the local employers who have opened their doors—and their hearts—to

Empowering Abilities' Employment Services participants.

These businesses aren't just hiring; they're investing in people, potential, and a more inclusive future. At places like Big 10 Mart/Godfather's Pizza, Happy Joe's, Hy-Vee, and McDonald's, participants are thriving as valued team members, bringing enthusiasm, reliability, and unique talents to the workplace. Managers regularly tell us that these team members lift morale, increase customer satisfaction, and remind everyone what it means to lead with compassion and community.

What makes these employers truly exceptional is their willingness to go beyond the job description. They take time to learn, to adapt, and to lead by example—proving that inclusion isn't just possible, it's powerful. Whether it's creating flexible roles, offering mentorship, or simply making space at the table, these companies are showing what it means to truly welcome all abilities. Their leadership sends a strong message: when we embrace diversity in our workplaces, **everyone** rises.

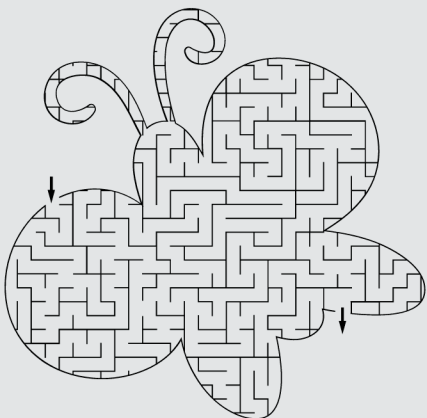
Important Dates *May*

**NO REGULAR
BOOSTER MEETING
IN MAY**

MAY 20
**BOOSTER SPRING
MEMBER DINNER**
5:30 P.M.
**MO BRADY'S
STEAKHOUSE**

MAY 26
**DAILY DISCOVERY
WILL BE CLOSED IN
OBSERVANCE OF
MEMORIAL DAY**

JUNE 10
**STAFF
APPRECIATION
LUNCH**



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.



**Booster Organization
ANNUAL SPRING DINNER
TUESDAY, MAY 20**



5:30 p.m. Cocktails | 6 p.m. Dinner

Please RSVP by Thursday, May 15, 2025.

We'd like to invite you to join us for the Annual Spring Dinner on Tuesday, May 20 at Mo Brady's Steakhouse!

Thank you for supporting the Empowering Abilities Booster Organization!

<https://forms.office.com/r/gKRqLtmXFX>



JUST IN TIME FOR MOTHER'S DAY

Not sure what to get loved ones for Mother's Day this year? Not to worry, we've got you!

Grab some Empowering Abilities gear.

Go to: empoweringabilities.org/apparel-shop/



Stuff^{etc}

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 Empowering Abilities Booster account.

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 2025 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)

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.



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:

BIRDIES FOR CHARITY
15623 COALTOWN ROAD
EAST MOLINE, IL 61244



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New Location



DAVENPORT
COUNTRY CLUB

02 JUNE 2025

\$250 PER GOLFER/
\$1,000 PER FOURSOME

Registration Includes

GREEN FEES &
CART

GOLFER GIFT

ON-COURSE
BEVERAGES

AFTER GOLF DINNER

LUNCH

PIN EVENTS

SCORING PRIZES

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SCAN TO REGISTER



<https://p2p.onecause.com/handsgolf25/event/golf-registration/register>