

Booster Monthly Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

Transforming Spaces, Changing Lives

This year is flying by—and so is the momentum at Empowering Abilities!

With your help, we can reimagine our Daily Discovery East location on Brady Street into a vibrant, accessible space where individuals with disabilities can learn, connect, and thrive.

The individuals who spend their days at our Brady Street location face significant challenges. Many are nonverbal, have profound intellectual disabilities, and rely on wheelchairs for mobility. Their world can be limited by barriers we often take for granted. That's why the space they come to every day must be more than just functional—it needs to be welcoming, engaging, and filled with dignity, purpose, and possibility.

Your gift will:

- Spark Innovation through programming that build creativity and independence.
- Strengthen Community by creating opportunities for connection and growth.
- Inspire joy by helping individuals find purpose and fulfillment every day.

Take Sarah, for example. When she joined Daily Discovery, she struggled to find accessible activities. Now, thanks to supporters like you, she's found her passion in our book club—gaining confidence, friendships, and a love for reading.

Every dollar of your gift will go directly toward this transformation. Make your gift today and help us build a space where everyone belongs.

Thank you for believing in the power of inclusion.

With gratitude,

Jeff Ashcraft
President & CEO
Empowering Abilities

P.S. Every dollar donated brings joy and helps create a space where individuals with disabilities feel valued and supported. Your gift—of any size—makes a lasting difference. Give today and be part of something truly special.



Ways to Give

Send check payable to Empowering Abilities, 3402 Hickory Grove Rd, Davenport, IA 52806

Or, scan the QR code to donate online.

<https://empoweringabilities.networkforgood.com/projects/254041-reimagining-daily-discovery-east>



Important Dates

July



**NO REGULAR
BOOSTER
MEETING
IN JULY**

**JULY 4
DAY SERVICES AT
HICKORY GROVE
AND BRADY ST.
WILL BE CLOSED.**

**JULY 26
35TH
ANNIVERSARY OF
THE AMERICANS
WITH DISABILITIES
ACT**



Staff Appreciation Lunch

A big thank you to all the Boosters who helped provide lunch for the Hickory Grove and Brady St. staff on Inservice Day.

Your time, effort, and support are truly appreciated, and the staff enjoyed it and felt the love!



Birdies for Charity



To everyone who donated to Birdies for Charity the Boosters thank you. Your support helps the Boosters create joyful, inclusive social events for the amazing participants at Empowering Abilities. From dances to picnics and everyone in between, your generosity helps create unforgettable memories in our community.



QC DISABILITIES COALITION



Mark Your Calendars!

Disability Awareness Night
Friday, August 8, 2025
Modern Woodmen Park



Celebrate inclusion and community with the Quad Cities River Bandits and the Quad Cities Disabilities Awareness Coalition – a group of organizations dedicated to increasing access, inclusion, and empowerment for people with disabilities across the region.



Sign Up Digitally!

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Prefer to go paperless? Just share your email and we'll switch you to digital-only updates. Scan the QR code to sign up and stay in the loop – the smart, sustainable way!

Making a Footprint in the Community

At Empowering Abilities, the participants are not just active, they're making a real impact in the community! From sports and service to advocacy and friendship, they're showing the world what inclusion and empowerment truly look like.

One of the most exciting highlights this year has been Unified Bowling, where participants team up with community members for fun, friendship, and a little friendly competition. It's more than just a game, it's a chance to build confidence, teamwork, and lasting connections.

The athletes are also proudly representing Empowering Abilities through SCA Thunder, the Scott County Adults Special Olympics team. Whether they're training, competing, or cheering each other on, they're showing what it means to be strong, determined, and united.

They are also giving back in meaningful ways. They volunteered for the MLK Food Drive, helping collect and deliver donations to designated drop-off locations across the community. Their dedication and teamwork helped ensure that families in need received essential food supplies.

You would think with all the activities happening the participants would be too busy for anything else! Wrong! They are even volunteering out in the community at places like New Kingdom Trailriders, where they assist with therapeutic horseback riding sessions, building bonds with the animals and supporting others in the process. And during the Heart Walk, our participants showed up in full force, volunteering their time and energy to support heart health awareness and community wellness.

From sports to service, our participants are showing up, giving back, and making a difference. They're not just part of the community—they're helping lead it forward.

"The greatness of a community is most accurately measured by the compassionate actions of its members." -Coretta Scott King





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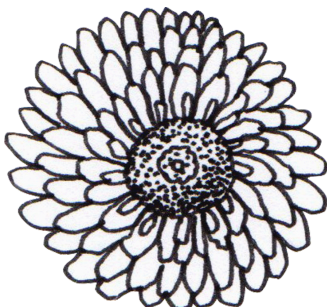
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Mum's the word.... For Now!

Something beautiful is blooming this fall – and we're keeping it under wraps just a little longer! Stay tuned for details about our upcoming Mum Sale... you won't want to miss it!



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know July is Fragile X Awareness Month? Fragile X Syndrome is the most common inherited cause of intellectual disability and autism. In 2000, Congress officially recognized July 22 as National Fragile X Awareness Day, and the month has since become a time to educate, advocate, and support families affected by this condition.