

# Booster Monthly Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

## Celebrating a Year of Support

As we wrap up the fiscal year, we just want to say—wow, what a year it's been! We're so proud of everything we've been able to do together in support of Empowering Abilities. Whether it was helping throw some unforgettable dances, organizing fundraisers like the SaveAround coupon books and the Nut and Candy sale, or simply showing up to cheer on the mission—we've loved every minute of it.

One of our favorite things this year was helping host appreciation lunches for the amazing staff and participants. It's a small way to say thank you, but it means a lot to us to be able to give back to the people who make Empowering Abilities such a special place.

We're grateful for every dollar raised, every hour volunteered, and every smile shared. Thank you for being part of this journey with us, and a big thanks to all the groups and organizations who support individuals with special needs in the Quad Cities area!

Here are a few of many amazing organizations that share the same work of uplifting and empowering people with special needs.

### **SAU Bee Inclusive**

These incredible students from St. Ambrose University brought so much heart and energy to our fall dance. Their kindness and enthusiasm made the night unforgettable—and we're so grateful for their continued support!

### **QC Disabilities Coalition**

This group is doing powerful work right here in the Quad Cities—advocating for accessibility, equity, and inclusion every day. We're proud to stand alongside them in making our community better for everyone.

### **Special Olympics Iowa**

Big cheers to all the athletes who headed to Ames in May for the Summer Games! We're proud to support Special Olympics and everything they do to celebrate ability, determination, and teamwork.

Know a group doing great work in the disability community? Scan the QR Code and let us know!



# Important

## Dates

# June

### NO REGULAR BOOSTER MEETING IN JUNE

**JUNE 10**  
STAFF APPRECIATION LUNCH & INSERVICE

**JUNE 14**  
AMERICAN HEART WALK

**JUNE 15**  
FATHER'S DAY

**JUNE 20**  
FIRST DAY OF SUMMER



### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Wishing all the dad's out there happy Father's Day



## BOOSTERS

### Staff Appreciation Lunch

The Boosters will provide lunch for Hickory Grove and Brady St. staff on Inservice Day, June 10 at the Hickory Grove Road location. Any Booster that would like to help should arrive at 10 AM.

*"It's always so nice to have the Boosters here. They already do so much for us and this is just another way to make the staff feel appreciated!"*

*Alexis Dykstra, Director of People & Culture*

### A BIG THANKS!

Thanks to everyone who joined us for the Annual Spring Boosters Dinner. Your presence and continued support mean the world to us and together we can continue to make a difference for the individuals at Empowering Abilities.



## QC DISABILITIES COALITION

### Giving back

We're so proud of our Empowering Abilities crew! A group of staff and participants recently volunteered to help out with the QC Disabilities Coalition Food Drive, and they did an amazing job. They picked up donated food from Hy-Vee and delivered it to the Salvation Army of the Quad Cities, making sure those generous donations got where they were needed most.



### 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.

CHARITY SOLICITED FOR

## Empowering Abilities

BIRD NUMBER

127

### I PLEDGE TO DONATE:

\$ \_\_\_\_\_ to the charity noted above.  
*(one time, flat donation amount)*

### 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)

### MAKE MORE MAGIC with the 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.

### PLEDGE & DONOR INFORMATION (please print)

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

CITY, STATE, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE AND/OR EMAIL \_\_\_\_\_

Please include payment & make checks payable to:  
**BIRDIES FOR CHARITY**

## WHY BIRDIES FOR CHARITY?

- Your charity receives every penny you donate to them!
- We will match your donation to that charity by a minimum of 5%, and up to 10% from our Bonus Fund!
- For tax purposes, we are a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization!
- By entering the contest, YOU have a chance to win!

Simply make a one-time flat donation and mail with payment to the Birdies for Charity office at:

**15623 Coaltown Road, East Moline, IL 61244**

OR



BIRDIESFORCHARITY.COM/DONATE

### KEEP FOR YOUR RECORDS

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

*Quad Cities Golf Classic Charitable Foundation is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit organization, EIN #93-1332421, doing business as John Deere Classic & Birdies for Charity.*

# Chip in for your chance to win!

When you chip in to support local charities, you could win big! But the real champs? Your beloved charities! They score 100% of every donation you make through this program, plus a sweet bonus from the Birdies for Charity Bonus Fund, which guarantees a 5% match. Talk about a win-win!

### HERE'S HOW IT WORKS

To enter the contest, guess the number of birdies that will actually be made by PGA TOUR Pros during the tournament, Wednesday through Sunday.



## GRAND PRIZE: 2 YEAR LEASE ON A 2025 LEXUS!

One lucky supporter of the  **SMART LEXUS OF QUAD CITIES** John Deere Classic's Birdies

for Charity program will win a 2 year lease on a 2025 Lexus, courtesy of Smart Lexus of Quad Cities.

### CONTEST RULES

- Only 1 grand prize awarded. Ties determined by random drawing Open to all participants 21 years or older & a U.S. licensed driver The grand prize shall only be delivered within or around the Quad Cities metropolitan area All guesses must be on an official pledge card & received at the tournament office by June 27 No pledge or purchase required. Need not be present to win. Winner responsible for all sales taxes, registration fees, license plate fees, & income taxes on all prizes, including local, state, & federal taxes Full list of official rules & details found at [birdiesforcharity.com/about/contest](https://www.birdiesforcharity.com/about/contest)



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