

Booster Monthly Newsletter

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

A New Chapter in Fundraising Something is Blooming!

As many of you know, our annual Bob Ott Memorial Nut and Candy Sale has been a long-standing tradition and a favorite way to support the Boosters. However, we've recently learned that Terri Lynn, our trusted supplier for many years, is closing its doors. While we're sad to see this chapter come to a close, we're also excited to introduce a fresh and vibrant new opportunity! While we won't be continuing the sale in its traditional form, we do have a small inventory of nut products available this year. As a result, we'll be working with a limited group of outlets for this final offering.

This year, we're launching our very first Mum Sale Fundraiser and we're thrilled to be partnering with the Bohnsack Family Farm to make it happen! These beautiful fall flowers are a perfect way to brighten up porches, patios, and gardens, and every purchase will help us continue funding inclusive social events for individuals with disabilities at Empowering Abilities.

Even if you're not purchasing mums yourself, there are still plenty of ways to get involved.

- You can help by taking orders at your workplace,
- Spreading the word to friends and family, or
- Simply sharing our fundraiser on social media.

We're confident this new initiative will blossom into a successful tradition, and we're so grateful for your continued support as we grow together. **Let's make this Mum Sale a blooming success!**

Important Dates

Disability Awareness Night at the Ballpark **August 8.**

Day services will be closed at Hickory Grove and Brady St Monday, **September 1** for Labor day.

Next Boosters meeting is **September 16.**

Staff/participant Booster picnic at Hickory Grove Road is **September 19**

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shirts today!**
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BOOSTER ACTIVITIES

Bowling is Back, Back, Back!

The Boosters are excited to announce the return of our bowling program for participants at Empowering Abilities! We'll be kicking off the season on Saturday, September 6th at 1:00 PM at Leisure Lanes.

Participants are encouraged to arrive by NOON to order and enjoy lunch together before bowling begins.

Bowling will take place every other Saturday, and a full schedule of dates will be provided on the first day.

We're looking forward to another fun and inclusive season of strikes, spares, and smiles!

Staff and Participant Lunch

The staff and participant lunch put on by the Boosters will be Friday, September 19. If you would like to volunteer, please arrive at the Hickory Grove Road facility at 10:15 AM. Lunch will be served starting at 11:15 AM.

Direct Support Professional Week is just around the corner, and we're excited to begin celebrating the incredible individuals who make a difference every day at Empowering Abilities. The staff are the heart of our mission—providing compassionate care, support, and empowerment to those served.

Starting September 1, an online form will be sent out, where you can highlight a staff member who has gone above and beyond. It's a great opportunity to recognize the dedication and impact of the amazing staff at Empowering Abilities.



September 7-13

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Every Bit Matters

-Be a Booster

In every community, there are people who quietly lift others up, who show up, lend a hand, and make a difference. That's what it means to be a Booster.

The Boosters are more than just a group. We are a group of family, friends, and community members who care deeply about individuals receiving services at Empowering Abilities. We believe that everyone deserves to feel supported, celebrated, and included, and we work together to make that happen.

When you become a Booster member, you're saying yes to compassion, connection, and community. You're joining a network of people who believe in the power of kindness and the importance of showing up for others. Whether you have a loved one receiving services, or simply want to help, there's a place for you here.

Volunteering with the Boosters isn't just about giving your time, it's about creating joy, building relationships, and making a lasting impact. From helping at events to organizing fundraisers or simply spreading the word, every role matters. And the best part? You'll see the difference you're making in real time.

Local businesses also play a vital role in our mission. By supporting the Boosters, businesses show their customers and community that they care. Whether it's through sponsorship, donations, or volunteering as a team, their involvement helps us reach more people and do more good.

There's no special requirement to be a Booster—just a caring heart and a willingness to help. Whether you can give a little time or a lot, your support means the world. Join us. Volunteer. Spread the word. Be a Booster.

To learn more about the Boosters or get involved, visit:

empoweringabilities.org/giving-back/the-booster-organization/



Come to a Booster
Meeting

Bowling Lunches
Dances

Get Involved

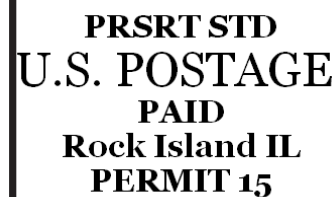
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Mum Sale

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