

Celebrating Value and Talent: Honoring National Disability Employment Awareness Month

October marks the 80th anniversary of National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM), a time to recognize the contributions of workers with disabilities and promote inclusive employment practices. This year's theme, "Celebrating Value and Talent," reminds us that people with disabilities bring unique perspectives, skills, and innovation to the workforce.

At Empowering Abilities, we proudly celebrate NDEAM by highlighting the talents and contributions of individuals with disabilities. Through Empowering Enterprise, we provide meaningful employment opportunities and perform high-quality subcontract work for local businesses.

John Deere	Katun
Car Freshener	Mid American Energy
Springfield Armory	Parker Hannifin
Arconic	Moline Forge
Schebler Company	Deck Supply
SJ Smith	HC Duke/Electrofreeze
Eaton	LMT-Lewis Machine and
Davenport Optimist	Tool
Club	RJS and Associates

Partnerships like these are critical to providing meaningful work experiences through Enterprise. We are grateful for the opportunity to empower our associates. Thank you to these partners!

This October, Empowering Abilities proudly celebrates the local businesses and organizations that champion inclusion by employing individuals of all abilities. The businesses and organizations below currently employ some of the folks from Empowering Abilities.

Big 10 Mart (N Brady St, Davenport)
Empowering Abilities: Laundry, Reception
The Fountains
Happy Joe's (Spruce Hills, Bettendorf)
Homegoods
Hy-Vee (E Kimberly Rd, Davenport)
McDonald's (W Kimberly Rd, Davenport)
McDonald's (E Kimberly Rd, Davenport)
McDonald's (Middle Rd, Bettendorf)
Professional Building Services (PBS)
Smokin' Butts
Target
Wallace's

A Big Thanks & Helpful Tips

Thank you to everyone who supported the mum sale - whether purchasing a mum, selling, or helping the day of pick up.
We appreciate you!

- Plant early (if possible) to establish roots before first frost
- Pick a sunny spot—at least 6 hours a day
- Well-drained soil
- Space plants about 18-24 inches apart to allow airflow and reduce disease risk
- Insulate with mulch, burlap cloth or frost cloth



New Fall and Halloween Apparel



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Available Options

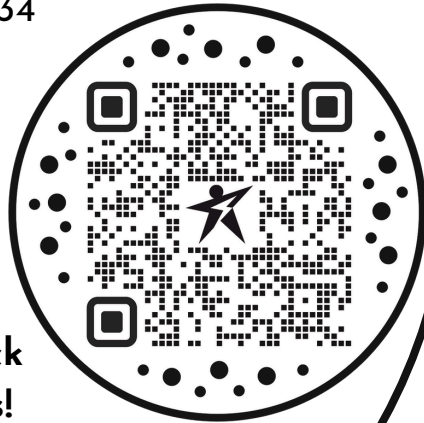
Crew Hoodie Long sleeve T-shirt

Scan the qr code to check out the cool new themes!

www.empoweringabilities.org/apparel-shop/



Trick or Treat



Dates

The next Booster meeting will be **Tuesday, October 21 at 1 PM** at 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport.

The Booster Halloween Dance

Friday, October 24, 6-8 PM.
Volunteers arrive at **5 PM.**

Trick or Treat Times

Davenport, 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 2.

Save the Date! | HANDS Trivia

Friday, January 16, 2026

Upcoming Bowling Dates

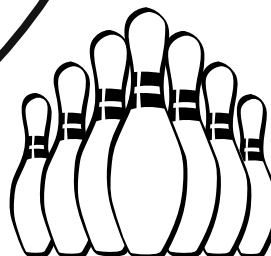
Just a friendly reminder: Booster Bowling happens every other Saturday at Leisure Lanes. Please arrive by 1 PM, or by 12 PM if you plan to eat before bowling begins.

October 4

October 18

November 1

November 15



"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

Empowering Abilities
Booster Organization

Booster Fundraisers

Bob Ott Memorial Nut & Candy Sale

As we wrap up the final Booster Bob Ott Memorial Nut & Candy Sale, we still have a LIMITED inventory of delicious nuts and candies available for purchase. This cherished tradition has been a meaningful part of our fundraising efforts, and we're grateful for the continued support from our community. Nuts are available at our Hickory Grove Road facility and The Cut Above.

To check current inventory at Hickory Grove Road or make a purchase, please contact:

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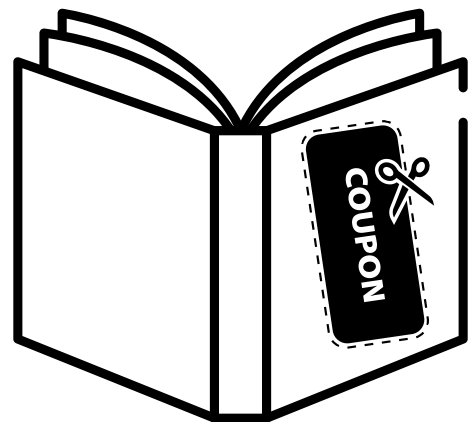
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Thank you for helping us honor Bob Ott's legacy and support our mission!

Product	Price
Whole Pecans	\$11.25
Mixed Nuts	\$9.75
Cashews	\$9.75
English Walnuts	\$9.00
Black Walnuts	\$12.00
Roasted Almonds	\$9.00
Trail Mix	\$5.00

SaveAround the QC Coupon Books

We're excited to announce the return of the SaveAround the QC Coupon Books! Packed with great local deals and discounts, these books are a fantastic way to save while supporting our Booster efforts. Stay tuned for details on how to get yours!





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Keep the Momentum Going—Booster Membership 2026

Boosters are family, friends, and community members who support individuals through events like seasonal dances, staff appreciation, and more. Annual membership is just \$25 and renews each January.

**If you pay online, you do not need to send in
the form.**

Name _____

Email _____

Phone # _____

Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Get the Boosters Newsletter digitally.

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Pay online
here>

OR



You can send in a check to 3402 Hickory
Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806



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