

DSPs Equal MVPs

Direct Support Professional Week is a national celebration recognizing the vital contributions of DSPs compassionate, skilled individuals who support people with disabilities in living full, independent lives. These professionals play a key role in promoting dignity, inclusion, and empowerment every day. DSP Week is our chance to say thank you and shine a spotlight on their incredible work.

We're excited to honor the incredible staff at Empowering Abilities who make a difference every day. These dedicated individuals are the heart of our mission providing compassionate care and empowering those we serve.

Scan the code below to fill out a quick form and spotlight a staff member who's gone above and beyond. It's a meaningful way to show appreciation and recognize the impact of our amazing team.

Let's celebrate the people who help make Empowering Abilities thrive!



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September 7-13

Booster Events

Bowling kicks off for Empowering Abilities participants! Join the Boosters **Saturday, September 6th at 1:00 PM at Leisure Lanes.** Come early—arrive by NOON to enjoy lunch together before the fun begins. Bowling will be held every other Saturday, with the full schedule shared on day one.

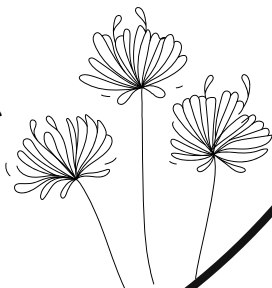
The staff and participant lunch put on by the Boosters will be **Friday, September 19.** If you would like to volunteer, please arrive at the Hickory Grove Road facility at 10:15 AM. Lunch will be served starting at 11:15 AM.



Thank You

We're incredibly grateful to everyone who purchased a mum during our inaugural Booster Mum Sale! Your support directly helps fund activities and events for the participants at Empowering Abilities, all organized by the Boosters.

Thanks to you, we're able to continue creating meaningful experiences and opportunities for those we serve.



Pick up is Sunday, September 14
2-4 PM

Keep the Momentum Going—Booster Membership 2026

Support. Advocate. Empower.

Whether you're a parent, sibling, friend, or community member, your voice and involvement make a difference. By joining the Boosters, you're helping create inclusive opportunities, celebrate achievements, and build a stronger network for individuals receiving services.

Let's keep the momentum going—renew your membership or join us for 2026 and be part of something truly empowering!

Booster Meeting

First Booster meeting of the Booster season will kick off on **Tuesday, September 16 at 1 PM**. It will be held at our Hickory Grove Road facility, 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806. We hope to see you there!

Go Paperless!

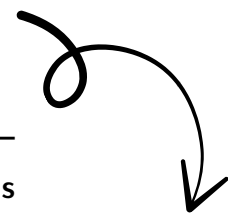
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**Details on how to join or renew your
2026 membership coming in the October newsletter!**



"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

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BLAST FROM BOOSTER PAST



President's Message

Many years ago when my family became involved with the handicapped system, I can recall an individual making a statement that has stuck with me for all these years. "We must never forget the reason for being a Booster." That reason, she went on to explain, was "to support the H.D.C. client." Over the years this fine Booster Organization has done an excellent job of doing just that, thanks to all those dedicated members of those continuum of days.

Our challenge today is even greater; times do change and with change comes uncertainty. The question I would like to ask our members is this; are we doing our very best for the clients we advocate for? Can we do more with the resources we have?

Sincerely,

Bob Ott

1993-1994

Boosters Club Officers and Standing Committee Chairpersons

President- Bob Ott

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To help raise money to support social events for the folks at Empowering Abilities, 32 years ago this month, Boosters were selling raffle tickets for a trip to Phoenix, Arizona,



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We Want to Hear from You!

Do you have a favorite memory involving the Boosters? Whether it's a moment that made an impact or simply something that brings a smile? Share your story with us! We'll feature selected memories in next month's newsletter to celebrate the heart and spirit of our Booster community.

Scan the QR Code and
share a memory.



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