



BOOSTERS

"WE DO SO THEY CAN"

Dates



The Christmas Dance sponsored by the Boosters will take place on **Friday, December 12**.

Join us at 5 PM at the Hickory Grove Rd facility if you would like to help.

There will be no Booster meeting in December. In place of the meeting will be the annual **Booster Members Dinner, December 16 at Mo Brady's, 5:30 PM.**

Empowering Abilities Hickory Grove Road and Brady Street locations will be closed in observance of the Christmas and New Year's holiday.

December 24
December 25
December 31
January 1

Bowling Dates
December 13 and 27

Final Call for Final Sale!

As we wrap up the 32nd annual Booster Bob Ott Memorial Nut & Candy Sale, we're reminded of the incredible legacy this fundraiser represents. For over three decades, this cherished tradition has brought our community together in support of individuals we serve—one delicious nut and candy order at a time.

We're deeply grateful for the continued support from our amazing community, whose generosity helps fund social events and meaningful experiences throughout the year.

Good news! We still have a limited supply of our delicious nuts available—but only through December 31 or until they're gone!

Available at:

- Empowering Abilities, 3402 Hickory Grove Road, Davenport
- The Cut Above, 5263 Jersey Ridge Rd. Davenport

Don't miss your chance to stock up and be part of a tradition that's made a difference for 32 wonderful years!

Pricing

Whole Pecans \$11.25	Cashews \$9.75	Mixed Nuts \$9.75
English Walnuts \$9.00	Roasted Almonds \$9.00	

To check current inventory at Hickory Grove Road or make a purchase, please contact: **Lexi Keppy lexikeppy@empoweringabilities.org**
563-391-4834

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



C.J. Bear is Giving Back!

Every purchase of the 2025 C.J. Bear at Von Maur helps support the **Empowering Abilities** mission! This year's cuddly bear, named after store founder C.J. Von Maur, is dressed for the holidays and ready to make a difference. So, if you're shopping this season, grab a bear and give a little love!

You can purchase your C.J. Bear in Von Maur stores or online!



<https://tinyurl.com/vonmaurbear>

SaveAround the QC Coupon Books

The SaveAround the QC Coupon Books, are packed with great local deals and discounts! They are a great way to save while giving back this holiday season.

You can purchase yours now at any Empowering Abilities facility or online.

Books are \$25 with Boosters receiving 50% of the earnings.

Scan the QR code to get your book!



www.sapaynow.com/285466



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Save the Date! HANDS Auxiliary Trivia

Date: Friday, January 16, 2026

① Doors Open: 6:00 PM |

Trivia Starts: 7:00 PM

📍 Location: Hickory Creek Event Center, Davenport

\$160 per table (up to 8 individuals)

Limited tables available - secure your spot early!



Early Bird Special:

Purchase your table by December 10 to be entered into a drawing for a catered table experience - complete with Happy Joe's Pizzas and more!



Trivia - Test your knowledge and claim bragging rights!

Raffle Baskets & 50/50 Drawing - Win great prizes while supporting a great cause!

Mulligans & Doublers - Available for purchase to boost your score.

Snacks Welcome! Bring your own food and snacks to share with your table.

Cash Bar Available - No outside beverages permitted.

Scan the QR code to register your table.

<https://tinyurl.com/handstn26>



Empowering Abilities
Booster Organization

Empowering Excellence

Honoring Participants, Staff, & Partners

Each year, the Empowering Abilities Annual Recognition Dinner brings together participants, staff, donors, and community partners for an evening of celebration, gratitude, and inspiration. It's more than just a dinner—it's a heartfelt tradition that honors the incredible people who make Empowering Abilities mission come to life.

Participants are recognized for their personal growth, resilience, and achievements throughout the year. Whether mastering new skills, reaching goals, or simply showing up with courage and determination, their journeys remind everyone of the power of perseverance and support.

Staff are celebrated for their unwavering dedication, compassion, and creativity. These individuals go above and beyond every day to uplift others, foster independence, and create inclusive spaces where everyone can thrive.

And honored are the community partners and Hall of Fame inductees—the businesses, volunteers, and advocates who stand beside Empowering Abilities in creating opportunities and changing lives. Their generosity and commitment help ensure that people with disabilities are seen, valued, and empowered to live their best lives.

The Recognition Dinner is a way of saying thank you—for the progress, the partnerships, and the people who make Empowering Abilities a place of hope and possibility.



Achievement Awards

Residential Center/Group Homes

Jesse Ashford

Daily Discovery

Jill Sobie

Endeavor Living

Mark Belgarde

Employment

Quinn Adams



Staff Excellence Awards

Residential Center/Group Homes

Crystal Castile

Daily Discovery

Brittanee Ashby

Endeavor Living

Trena McCartney

Gary Ashcraft Memorial Award

Todd Goldsberry

Hall of Fame

Modern Woodmen of America

Wendy McDonagh

Knights of Columbus

Hispanic Council 14131



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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.

Pay online
here>

OR



[https://tinyurl.com/
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You can send in a check, payable to
Empowering Abilities Boosters, to 3402
Hickory Grove Road, Davenport, IA 52806



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