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Companies Win Awards

Two of S.A.V.E.'S customers have won awards according to the Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce newsletter. The ROHO Group was awarded the 2003 St. Louis Global Excellence Award for their continuing development of technology to meet the seating and positioning needs of people with disabilities worldwide. The ROHO Group uses "Dry Flotation" technology to provide supports for disabled people in wheelchairs and in beds. Their ongoing research has enabled ROHO to grow into a global company. Congratulations to The ROHO Group.



Roesch Inc. was awarded the 52nd Commitment to Community Award on June 5th. Roesch was founded in 1916 as a supplier to the numerous stove foundries in the Belleville area. Over the years Roesch has grown and changed but today they still supply component parts to Original Equipment Manufacturers of cooking ranges, gas furnaces, barbecue grills, ice merchandisers and telephone booths. Congratulations to Roesch Inc. for their outstanding volunteer service and commitment to making life better for residents in the Belleville area.



Our SAVE Endowment is...

GIVING

Every year, part of the investment earnings goes to support a specific need at SAVE.

GROWING

Since only a portion of the earnings is used, our endowment tends to increase in value.

GLOWING

Our endowment provides an ongoing legacy and promotes the values we hold dear.



To request free literature about creating your own endowment at SAVE, Please contact Jule' Colvin at (618) 234-1992 Ext. 25

UNITED WAY CAMPAIGN 2003.....

Submitted by Guy Gregg

For many years SAVE has been proud to be affiliated with the United Way of Greater St. Louis. This is a relationship that provided benefits to both SAVE and to The United Way.

The United Way of Greater St. Louis provides funding and support to over 200 health and human service organizations in the City of St. Louis and 15 surrounding counties in Illinois and Missouri (including 94 organizations that provide services to residents of St. Clair County-including SAVE). One of every three individuals living in the St. Louis Metropolitan area has benefited from services supported by the United Way, and 90% of all funds collected go directly to serving individuals in need.

SAVE supports the mission of the United Way by;

- 1) Providing tours to United Way volunteers that help to educate them about the activities of human service agencies,
- 2) By providing speakers to go out to businesses in the area to solicit funds as part of the annual United Way Fundraising Campaign, and
- 3) By conducting our own Fundraising Campaign here at SAVE whereby employees of SAVE can contribute financially to the support of the United Way.

In turn SAVE receives direct financial support from the United Way that allows us to provide a variety of vocational services to consumers interested in expanding their skills and opportunities.

For many years the late Irene Willeford chaired the United Way Campaign here at SAVE and it was carried out with the same energy and enthusiasm that Irene brought to all of her activities here at SAVE.

This year SAVE is fortunate to have Nikki Shoemaker step into the role of Campaign Chairperson, and we are confident that this years campaign here at SAVE will exceed our initial goal of \$3,000.

This years campaign will get under way here at SAVE in September and its' kick-off will be held in conjunction with a Race Rally & Carnival Day featuring a visit to SAVE by the cars featured in the stock car races held at Belle-Clair Fairgrounds.

We look forward to yet another fun and successful campaign, which will benefit the important work of the United Way and all of those that it serves.



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In Touch With SAVE welcomes your questions and contributions of news of interest to our friends and supporters



NEW SALES MANAGER

S.A.V.E. welcomes new Sales Manager, *Sindy Smith*. *Sindy* has been in sales and public relations since 1985. She has an Associate of Applied Science Degree in Marketing Management from B.A.C. and a Bachelor of Arts Degree from Concordia University in Wisconsin.

Sindy has been a Commissioner with the City of Belleville Historic Preservation Commission since 2000. She has been a past Chairperson of Old Belleville Days and has helped with many community fundraisers for not-for profit organizations within the City of Belleville. She is also involved with the Belleville Labor and Industry Museum.

Sindy has two daughters and lives in the Old Belleville Historic District where she continues her preservation efforts of historical homes.

Welcome to *Sindy*.



JULY SALES

Submitted by: *Jim Schnipper*

Contract sales in July were the highest ever for S.A.V.E. Thank you to the staff and consumers who worked so hard to meet our customers' demands. Thank you to our Customers for their orders.

We are striving to increase our contract sales. This means more work for the consumers. It is rewarding to see our efforts paying dividends.

On some of those days when it was hot, having to work doesn't always seem like a great thing, but everyone worked really hard to make sure we met our commitments. Thank you to everyone for their efforts.



COUNTY FAIR TRIP

On August 7th S.A.V.E. consumers had a fun filled afternoon at the 149th St. Clair County Fair held at the Belle Clair Fairgrounds. *Blaine Schanter*, one of the directors of the fairgrounds, sponsored the S.A.V.E. Day for the consumers.

After a tour of the farm animal area and a walk through the Exposition Hall to see the Arts and Crafts exhibits the consumers enjoyed popcorn and soda provided by *Walton's Catering*.

Thanks to *Blain Schanter* and the St. Clair County Fair Association for sponsoring the event. *Mr. Schanter* said he was "happy to be able to give something back to the community".



SAVE INC. ANNUAL AWARDS DINNER

You are cordially invited to attend
SAVE's Annual Awards Dinner

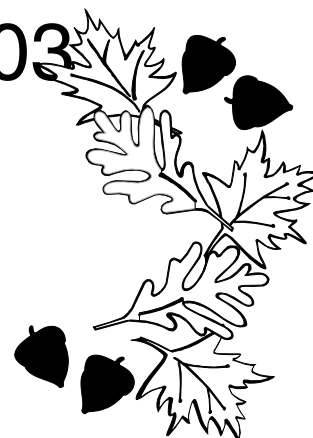
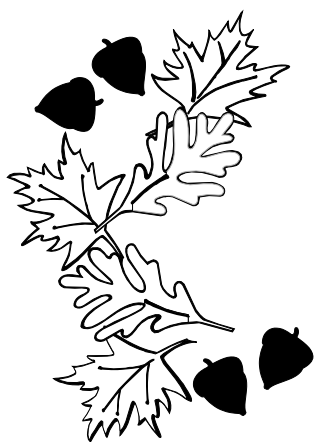
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Friday, September 26, 2003

at

Panorama Lakes

20 South Belt West



\$13.50 per Person (Paid in Advance)

\$14.00 per Person (Paid at Door)

Cash Bar 6:00 p.m. • Dinner Starting at 7:00 p.m.

Mail in Reservations by September 20, 2003

Questions call • (618) 234-1992 Ext 31 or 11

Wheelchair Accessibility Available at Rear Entrance

Make checks payable to: SAVE

Please give us a list of who will be attending for Name tags.

SAVE FOUNDATION....



On June 11th, 2003 the SAVE Foundation Board of Trustees held their Annual Meeting at Turkey Hill, the main office of S.A.V.E.'s three facilities. The meeting was not only an important business meeting, but also a time of reflection upon past accomplishments and of enthusiasm for the future. In regards to the business portion of the meeting, Board members presented numerous successful committee reports and achievements. In a time of reflection, members were presented with Certificates of Appreciation for their outstanding support of the SAVE Foundation. And pertaining to enthusiasm for the future, the Board approved its first Development Plan.

With the adoption of this Development Plan, the Trustees will be moving forward with strong, attainable and strategic goals for the year. A few of the many goals that they have set for themselves are:

1. To increase the endowment fund with an additional \$35,000.
2. To improve the marketing of the SAVE Foundation.
3. To improve our follow-up with SAVE donors.
4. To further develop the Foundation Board of Trustees.

With these goals in mind and a strong Board of Trustees in place, the SAVE Foundation is looking forward to an exciting and profitable year.

Those interested in helping the SAVE Foundation to achieve these goals can contact SAVE's Development Officer, Julie Colvin, at 234-1992 ext. 25, or at jcolvin@saveorg.org.

DUQUOIN FAIR.....

Even in the rain, you can have a lot of fun if you have good friends. On Friday, August 29th, 2003, fourteen of us traveled to DuQuoin to the fair.

We were going there, primarily, to see Charlie Daniels perform. Cindy, who lives here, has a cousin who plays in the band. She contacted him and he sent complimentary tickets to us. It rained throughout the entire trip. We had to pull over once, it was raining so hard!

We went, even though it was raining, because we decided that we would really be disappointed if we didn't go and found out that they still had the concert.

Because it was so wet, we couldn't go to the fair in the afternoon. So, we went to. ...guess where... Wal-Mart, our home away from home. We bought ponchos and those really came in handy.

We had a great time and the concert was wonderful. The Kentucky Head Hunters band played first, their drummer was phenomenal! Cindy's cousin, Mark, better known as "Sparky"; met us backstage after the concert.

Thank you to Cindy, a consumer who lives here, for her organization in setting up this trip for us. Yeah Cindy!

We thanked him for the tickets and all agreed that even walking around in the rain, it was all worth it.



COUNTY FAIR....

Submitted by: Kathy Denham, Residential Manager

It is St. Clair County Fair time again and the consumers worked very hard to do their arts & crafts projects. Some people did their craft projects at their homes and people in the S.A.V.E. residential program have been meeting to complete their projects in the evenings and weekends at the nursing office.

Consumers always enjoy making crafts and it is a way to help people learn to have a hobby and something to do in their leisure time. All projects had to be completed and turned in by Monday, August 4th.

On Monday evening, this division was judged by Loyce Williams and Bonnie Weatherford who have been judges for many years. Bonnie and Loyce said they thought our projects were even more creative and attractive than usual.

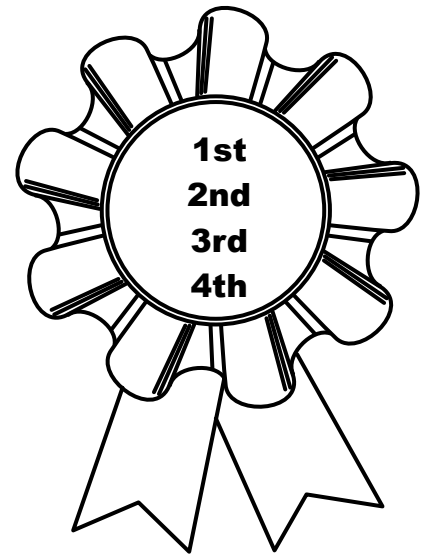
A big thank you goes to Rita Gain who, along with me, put in a lot of evenings to help complete the projects. We even recruited Rita's daughter, Mandy, to help.

We were very successful this year. S.A.V.E. consumers received

- 40 1st place ribbons
- 32 2nd place ribbons
- 18 3rd place ribbons
- 14 4th place ribbons.

With the Best of Show Rosette going to Mary who did beautiful acrylic painting of a house.

Congratulations to all the winners.



All Proceeds Benefit Adults With Disabilities

S.A.V.E. BINGO

Every Wednesday Night ¥ Belle-Clair Fairgrounds

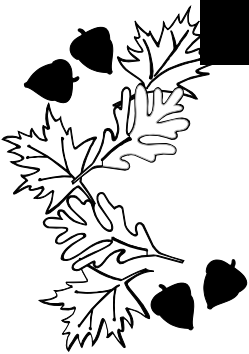
Doors Open at 5:00 P.M.

Dinner Available for Bingo Players

Early Bird - 7:00 P.M.

Pick-A-Color Raffle in 20 Numbers or Less with a
Powerball - BINGO-MATES Available for Early Bird,
Bonus and Regular Bingo

6 cards for \$5.00 - Additional Cards .50c



SPECIAL RECOGNITION....

Several area businesses have longstanding and mutually beneficial working relationships with SAVE. Two deserve special recognition for their efforts to employ SAVE consumers in their establishments.

Thanks

Eckerts has provided work for SAVE consumers in our workshop for some time now, as well as opportunities in their restaurant or grocery area. Currently, three SAVE consumers work at Eckerts as dishwashers. Charles Hoskins has worked at Eckerts on a seasonal basis for several years. He started back on July 14, and is back in his routine there and reports that he really likes his job.

Two others are working at Eckerts for the first time. Randy Bequette and Marcie White have each worked a couple of days per week at Eckerts since mid-July. Marcie, who lives at Belle-Manor, a group home in Belleville, said that the new job is working out well.

"I like doing the dishes," Marcie said. "I feel good about working at Eckerts. The people are nice and I have a good time."

Two other SAVE consumers work at the Ellies at the Orchards Restaurant. Lois and Sharon Parent have worked there for two years, also as dishwashers. Lois and Sharon are employed primarily as dishwashers, but they also help in a variety of ways in the kitchen.

"I like putting rolls out for breakfast" Sharon said. "It's a good place to work and we help each other out."

Ellie Miller supervises Sharon and Lois. "They're great workers," Ellie said. "They're always anxious to help out, and I don't have any more reliable people working for me."

Thanks again to Eckerts and Ellies at the Orchards for giving these people the opportunity to show that they can get the job done.



spotlight on health

**ADA CELEBRATION
HEALTH AND
TECHNOLOGY FAIR**

On July 24, 2003 S.A.V.E.'s Sindy Smith set up and manned a booth for S.A.V.E. at the ADA Celebration Health and Technology Fair sponsored by LINC at the Hope Church in Belleville. It was an interesting day, where many new contacts were formed between organizations. A lot of information was exchanged between vendors. It was informative, as well as rewarding to be among such a great group of individuals. S.A.V.E. thanks LINC for the opportunity to be part of a great celebration.



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Below is the advertisement as seen in the Community Service Spotlight December Greater Belleville Chamber of Commerce newsletter.

AFTER 30 YEARS...



EXTENDS A
THANK YOU to BELLEVILLE and the
SURROUNDING COMMUNITIES

What can S.A.V.E. & JOBtrack offer; Employees **that want to work**.

S.A.V.E.'s Developmental Training and Vocational Development programs provided the consumers with **90,000** hours of employment.

JOBtrack offers customized employment services for **50 adults** through **25 area employers**. JOBtrack consistently **exceeds** program objectives by more than **5% annually** through **follow along** and **job retention services**.

RESIDENTIAL SERVICES offer **70 individuals** through **21 small group** homes the opportunity for supervised independent living.

MISSION STATEMENT: *To offer a wide array of community centered services and supports, which enable individuals with developmental and other types of disabilities, of who are otherwise disadvantaged, the opportunity to live , work, and fully participate in the community.*

For information on outsourcing and fulfillment contracts call Sales Manager at 234-1992 ext 23.

For employment service opportunities call Lisa Hempen at 277-7294

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