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St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises, Inc.

Fall, 2010

49 men and women from SAVE competed in Special Olympics Bowling. 11 gold medal winners will bowl in Sectionals at St. Clair Bowl on October 17.



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Barb & Marcus

Chris

Benson

Mike

Marvin

Carol, Sharon, Lois & Nola

Art Scrapbook

A very generous donor gave the SAVE consumers 100 boxes filled with fired ceramics for them to paint for leisure and for profit. This has proven to be a very popular activity at SAVE North, and in many ways, has been great art therapy. **Thank you!**

Oster, Velvet and Angie



June and Danielle workin' hard!

Rashida, Uhlon & June



Going Green!

Thanks to Community Service Aide Rita Gain, whose Tuesday night recycled art class helped SAVE's consumers make projects for the County Fair. (see photos below)

SAVE consumers entered 87 art projects into the St. Clair County Fair! Every creation received a ribbon!

Arts & Crafts class donors!



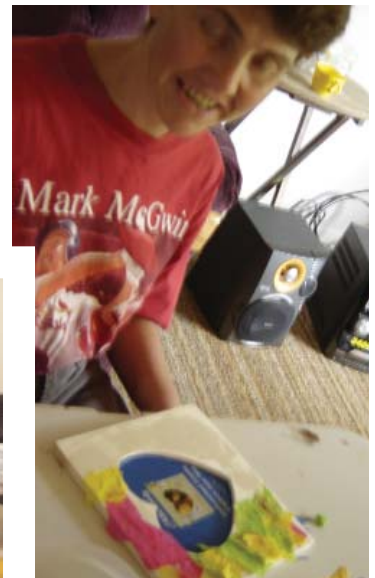
Carol Cottingham, Pat Hoffarth, Kay McGeehan, Mary Ann Buettner, Carolyn Percivall, Barb Hohlt and Julie Hermann donated a variety of items to the art class. We so appreciate your support. The consumers have had a great time using your donations for their projects.

Almost anything can be repurposed to decorate or make a new art object. To make a cash donation, mark it "Art Class" and send to SAVE, % Carol Schwan, 3001 Save Road, Belleville, IL 62221. Call Pat White at 618-236-1731 if you need your items to be picked up. Thanks so much!

Cathy recycles rocks into art.



Joe built a birdhouse for the Fair.



Tammy's picture frame is so creative!



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Executive Director's Corner

Dear Friends of SAVE,

Once again I would like to begin my message for this issue of the Newsletter with a THANK YOU to all our faithful supporters. Even in these extraordinarily difficult economic times, individuals, businesses and organizations continue caring about the men and women at SAVE through financial gifts, volunteer service and in-kind contributions. This generosity is essential to sustaining our programs and services.

The measure of SAVE's success is seen in the quality of life of the women and men who work and live here. I'd like to tell you about two of those individuals.

Jessica participates in the programs at the **North Illinois** site. When she joined our family she was withdrawn and non-communicative, spending most of her time sitting alone off to the side. Then we received a donation of hundreds of fired ceramic pieces and started a ceramics painting program (see pg. 2). For some time Jessica watched the others decorate the various items.

One day, out of the blue, she indicated that she would like to join in. Given a paint brush and paints, Jessica began to meticulously decorate the dog figurine she selected. This was the start of a transformation that now has her smiling and laughing, communicating regularly with other consumers and staff and participating in the programs.

The other person whose life has become happier and more joyful is **Carol Jean**. She recently moved from a group home to one of the residences at Turkey Hill. Since arriving at SAVE, her life has had significant positive changes that have, as her family describes it, made her a "new person." She enjoys semi-independent living along with all the other residents at SAVE, and shares responsibilities for cooking, doing her own laundry, and taking care of her new home. She is able to go for walks, go shopping and enjoy outings to community events. In addition to continuing her work in the community three days a week, she has joined the SAVE work force the other two days. With her new-found freedom and independence, Carol Jean's life is much fuller, richer and happier.

These examples demonstrate the importance of our work and mission. Programs like these are made possible, in part, through our **Community Living Fund**. This special resource, established by the Board of Directors, provides funds to assure that we can continue our high quality residential programs and services. If you would like to share in this effort, please note that your gift is for the "Community Living Fund."

Thank you again for your continued support of SAVE!

Randolph B. Law, Executive Director

Welcome to Andrea Pohzehl and Marilyn Vise who joined the SAVE Board this summer. We look forward to working with both of you and thank you for your commitment to SAVE.

SAVE Programs & Services

JOBtrack offers employees who WANT to work onsite job coaches to help train and monitor their progress.

Developmental Training and Vocational Development programs provided consumers with 100,000 hours of employment last year.

Residential Services offers 30+ individuals supervised, independent living in a home and neighborhood environment.

For information on SAVE's programs and services, visit us online at www.saveorg.org or call 214-234-1992. For contract services, contact Jim Schnipper at 618-234-1992.

Beginning with this issue, we are featuring members of the SAVE Board of Directors and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation Board. These faithful and dedicated volunteers provide leadership and expertise that enables SAVE to provide the highest quality educational, training, employment and living opportunities for our consumers.

SAVE Foundation Board Profile: Eric Forguson



Eric Forguson has served on the Foundation Board since 2001. When he was invited by Chairman David Bruchhauser to join the Board, Eric did not have any idea what SAVE was all about. He quickly learned about the high quality programs and experiences being offered to the consumers and witnessed first hand the positive difference and changes in their lives.

He also became aware of the help that SAVE was providing for a family friend, and this made his involvement personal. Shortly after joining the Board he was elected Treasurer, and since that time, he has freely shared his knowledge and experience in helping assure SAVE's financial foundation.

Eric is a native of Southern Illinois living his early years in Fairview Heights, attending SIU Carbondale and establishing a home with his wife CeCe and their two teenage sons in Mascoutah. He has over 19 years experience in the banking industry, and currently serves as Vice President of

Commercial Banking with Midland States Bank.

In speaking about his involvement with SAVE Eric said, "I am proud to be part of an organization that enables the clients/consumers to achieve their goals and realize their potential. It is always uplifting to be around the SAVE clients and staff and see their affirming activities, positive attitude, and HAPPINESS! I look forward to the day when we will celebrate the opening of a new facility that will enable SAVE to provide more high quality services and opportunities and reach out to more men and women. It is fulfilling and rewarding to be part of this special organization."

SAVE Board Profile: Barb Hohlt, B.S., L.E.H.P.



Barb Hohlt obtained her Bachelor of Science degree from SIU Carbondale in Animal Industries, has completed coursework for her Masters in Environmental Health from SIU Edwardsville and maintains her License as an Environmental Health Practitioner. Barb grew up on a dairy farm in Washington County and still routinely helps out with milking and farming chores.

Barb is the Director of Health Protection at the St. Clair County Health Dept., where she has been since its inception – nearly 25 years. Prior to that, she worked for the Bond County Health Department. She oversees the following programs: Emergency Preparedness, Food, Water, Private Sewage, Private Water, Vector, Nuisance, Landfills, Open Dumping, Pollution Prevention, and Infectious Disease and assists with the overall administration of the agency.

She is a leader in public health services not only in St. Clair County, but also serves on numerous committees and organizations in Illinois and Missouri.

Barb has a strong history of commitment to her community. She volunteers for the Dr. Willard Scrivner Public Health Foundation, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation and Hospice of Southern Illinois. "In her day," Barb played softball for many years and is proud to own a Bronze Medal from the US Olympic Festival. She is an avid golfer and enjoys working in her yard and garden.

Since joining the SAVE board in 2006, Barb has been instrumental in helping SAVE apply for grants to replace water lines and upgrade sewer facilities. Additionally, she involved SAVE's consumers in the St. Clair County hazardous waste and electronics recycling day. She serves on the Operations and Marketing Committees and is the first to volunteer when help is needed.



Jr. Service Club of St. Clair County Grant & Special Project

The Jr. Service Club of St. Clair County, an organization of women committed to making a difference and improving the quality of life for St. Clair County residents, continued its long standing support of SAVE this year by awarding us a \$2,000 grant. In addition to the money, the members of the Club took on a special project of renovating and renewing the SAVE sign at the entrance to the Turkey Hill facilities. This has consisted of creating a landscape area at the entrance, renewing the SAVE letters so they would be more prominent, planting roses and ornamental grass and trimming the bushes. The Club annually provides a Halloween Party for the men and women of SAVE which is a fun-filled event that our consumers look forward to each October.

We extend a big THANK YOU to the Jr. Service Club for their faithful and loyal support of our mission.

Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation

The Importance of Your Will

The acquisition of assets during a lifetime is a goal that most of us share. It takes patient, hard work – just like building a house brick by brick. And just as a house cannot stand without a solid foundation, a person’s estate has no security without a concrete plan. A will is an extension of your life’s goals. It is a way to continue helping your family, dependents and charitable organizations that appreciate your support and plan future work around it.

The fact is that if you die without a will, state laws will determine the distribution of your property. The chances that these laws will match your goals and desires are not certain. The following are areas of concern that can be addressed through an up-to-date will.

Distributing Assets to Family

Without a will the state will determine what happens to your property, which family members will receive it, and in what proportions. For example, the court may require that property be evenly distributed among the children of the deceased. While this might be fair in most cases, what if one of the children has not attended college yet or has special needs? Such decisions can be made most effectively on an individual basis through a properly prepared will.

Making Special Bequests

You may want to include in your will people who are not natural heirs, but who have had an impact on your life. You can-

not leave anything to anyone outside your family without a will (or beneficiary designation).

Personal Representative

Through your will you can appoint the person to be responsible for settling your estate. Without a will, the court will name an administrator and approve a fee for his/her services.

Saving Estate Assets

By having a will in proper order, it is possible to eliminate additional costs that might normally be involved in settling the estate. Also, the distribution of assets can be arranged so that any unnecessary estate or inheritance taxes are minimized.

Remembering Worthy Causes

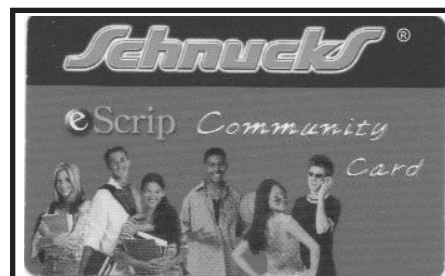
Organizations you have assisted during your lifetime, like SAVE., will miss your help when you are gone. However, through your will you can continue to be an important part of their future.

Memorializing Others

You may choose to make a charitable gift to SAVE. while paying special tribute to a loved one. A memorial gift allows you to perpetuate your loved one’s personal dedication to SAVE’s work. Or you may add meaning to your own giving by remembering a special person through a bequest to SAVE.

Note: This information is not intended as specific legal advice. Consult your attorney. State laws which govern wills are subject to change.

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Thank you!

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If you would like information about this effort to provide a firm foundation for SAVE's programs, please contact James Freeman, Director of Development at 234-1992 ext. 25.

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for June 1, 2010 - August 31, 2010*

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Beloved Niece, Kathy

Aleta Dressel

**Our condolences to the
 friends and family of
 Nestor Zenarosa, M.D.,
 who passed away in June.
 Dr. Zenarosa was an Honorary
 Foundation Board Member for
 many years in addition to
 serving the whole community.**

Reminder:

Please note on your donation if it is for a designated fund such as the Community Living Fund. Thank you!

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones and designate SAVE as the recipient of their memorials. For information on how you can contribute to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation, including gifts, life insurance, bequests in a will or trust, and through other tax planning methods, call 618-234-1992, ext. 25.

SAVE Celebrates!



On May 31, 2009, the SAVE consumers hosted a party to send off members of the **969th TCD Unit of the Belleville Army Reserve** to service in Iraq. Photos and the story were in the fall issue of **In Touch with SAVE**. We are excited to report in this issue that our troops have all safely come home!

SAVE consumers and staff welcomed the unit on June 26, 2010, (you might have seen it on KSDK Channel 5 news). Many happy tears flowed, especially from Residential Program Manager, **Carol Schwan**, whose son, **Staff Sergeant Robert Goodman**, was among those honored for their service. The SAVE consumers have supported the 969th with monetary donations, cards, letters and goodies for more than two years.



The SAVE group (above) gathered with "Mama Carol" (center) to welcome home the 969th TCD Unit of the Belleville Army Reserve (left).

Fall Festival Rummage Sale

Dear Consumers, Staff, Family and Friends of SAVE,

We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to everyone who participated in our yard sale on August 14. We received a wonderful selection of donated items and as a result made over \$1,100 for our Fall Festival!

Thanks to everyone who helped organize the sale, and to all who worked and shopped the day of the sale. We couldn't have done it without you!

The Fall Festival Committee

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October 22, 2010
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Oct. 29 - Staff In-Service Day
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Nov. 25 & 26 - Thanksgiving
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