



In Touch with



St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises, Inc.

Holiday, 2009

Happy Holidays 2009

Dear Friends,

As we enter the Holiday Season, I want to express the deep appreciation of the women and men we serve for your continuing care, concern, love and support as we work together to fulfill their dreams of living a fulfilling life. As one of the consumer winners at our recent Awards Banquet put it, "SAVE is a NEAT place!"

That would not be possible without each of you who provide encouragement and support in so many ways: volunteering for trips and activities; sharing your talents and leadership to strengthen the organization; extending a helping hand or a pat on the back in the accomplishment of a needed task; and the generous financial gifts you send throughout the year.

You not only help SAVE to be a "neat" place, but the PREMIER agency in Southern Illinois for developmental, vocational and residential services to adults with disabilities.

THANK YOU!

As we express our gratitude and celebrate the joy, peace, love and hope of the Christmas season, I am asking you to once again remember SAVE. Please send your donation to SAVE, 3001 Save Rd., Belleville, IL 62221 or donate online at saveorg.org.

Your special gift will:

- ~ Provide encouragement to "Bill" as he learns new skills**
- ~ Enable "Sue" to develop her personal talents**
- ~ Strengthen the interpersonal ties of the SAVE family**
- ~ Make this Holiday Season Brighter & Merrier!**

It is my wish that the coming days will be filled with laughter, happiness and good times for you and all those close to you. All of us here at SAVE hope you are blessed with peace and good health in the New Year.

Thanks For All You Do For SAVE! Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!!

Randolph Law, Executive Director



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Welcome Julie Hermann!

Julie Hermann became the latest member of the SAVE Board in April of this year. A life-long resident of Belleville, Ms. Hermann brings a wealth of business experience as the Chief Executive of two successful companies, JRH Enterprises and JWL Inc..

In speaking about her decision to work on behalf of SAVE, Julie said, "I am impressed at the organization's commitment to provide employment and a productive place in the world for the persons it serves. It is much larger than I thought, with excellent facilities, and room to grow and empower even more adults with developmental disabilities. I look forward to helping advance the SAVE mission and program." Board member George Lewis, who recruited Julie, believes she is a strong addition to the board and "looks forward to her sharing her talents and abilities." In addition to a very busy work schedule, Julie is an avid golfer.

In Memory

SAVE lost a valued employee in October when QMRP Tom Schuchardt passed away. Tom had worked at SAVE for more than 11 years. He made a positive impact on the staff and consumers at SAVE, and he will be greatly missed.

If we're lucky, we might be able to replace some of the skill and knowledge Tom possessed. But finding someone as decent and caring as he was is a lot to ask.

Our thoughts and prayers go out to Tom's family and friends.

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 31+ 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.

SAVE Awards Banquet

2009 Award Winners

**Developmental Training
North Illinois
Ben Massey**

**Developmental Training
Turkey Hill
Mary Gallo**

**Vocational Development
Tineka Howell**

**Residential
Chris Gable**

**Optimist Club
Riccardo Stevenson**

**JobTrack Employer
Big Mama's Barbecue**

**Staff of the Year
Tom Breede
Charles Phipps**

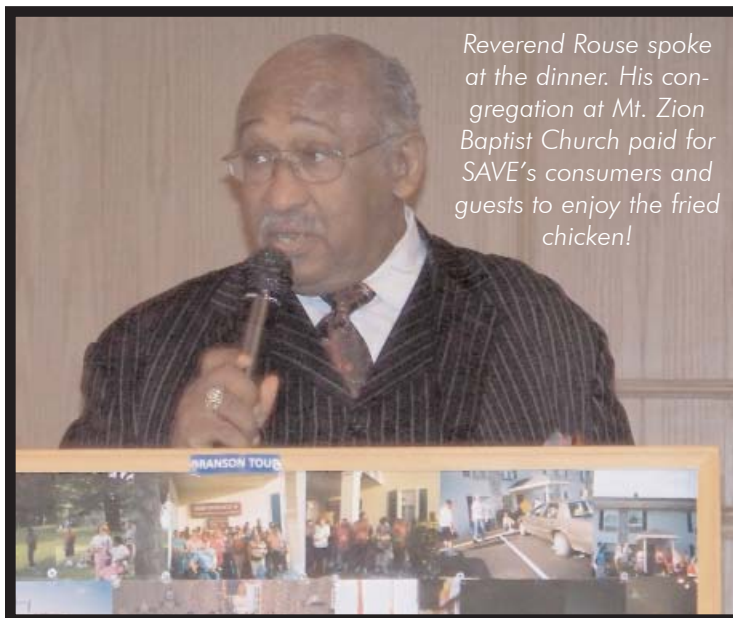
**Ed Bench Memorial
Deb Classen**

**Consumers Choice
Jennifer Miles**
(this is a new staff award voted on only by consumers)

**Volunteer of the Year
Don Forness**

**Friend of SAVE
Frank Booker**

**Board Member of the Year
Hank Keeley**



Reverend Rouse spoke at the dinner. His congregation at Mt. Zion Baptist Church paid for SAVE's consumers and guests to enjoy the fried chicken!



Left: Jennifer Miles receives the Consumer Choice Award from Mike.



Right: Chris proudly shows off his award for Residential Consumer of the Year.



Left: Randy Law congratulates Frank Booker for receiving the Friend of SAVE Award.

See more awards on page 5

Jr. Service Club of Belleville Hosts Halloween Party

The women and men of SAVE got an early start on celebrating Halloween this year when the Jr. Service Club of Belleville arrived on the afternoon of October 23 for a Trick & Treat Party. For two hours members of the Club entertained consumers and staff with games, Halloween activities and special treats.

It was a frightful, delightful and fun-filled afternoon for everyone involved. This annual event by the Jr. Service Club has become, as the accompanying pictures show, a highlight in the lives of the SAVE men and women.



"Chef" Tom looks like he's studying the menu!

BOO!

Below: "Cowboy" Chuck is settled in for a good time.



Above: Uhlon is ready to protect and defend the partygoers.



Left: Who is that masked man? It's Tommy!



Right: Darleen, Becky (staff), Nikki, Theresa and Tom (staff) line up for goodies.



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Above: Benny is all smiles as he receives the Developmental Training North Illinois award from Joyce.



Above: SAVE Board President Ty Cottingham (l) presents Hank Keeley with the Board Member of the Year Award.



Left: Randy Law recognizes Don Forness as the Volunteer of the Year.

**Congratulations to all the Winners!
Keep up the good work.**

SAVE Events



Opportunities Unlimited for Recreation (O.U.R.)

**December
5 - State Special Olympics Bowling in Peoria
Good Luck to Sharon, Lois, Carol, Nola and Barb who are representing SAVE at State!**

7 - Christmas Dance at Bel-Air Bowl

Volunteers Needed for O.U.R. Trips!

Contact Sue at 618-234-1992 or sue@saveorg.org to volunteer.



Fore!

Keeley & Sons Annual Golf Outing a Success!

Neither rain, nor wind, nor cold could deter our intrepid golfers from attending the Keeley & Sons Annual Benefit Golf Outing on Friday, October 9, 2009 at Locust Hills Golf & Country Club in Lebanon.

Thirty teams of four golfers were signed up to tee off for SAVE, and eighteen teams actually completed their round in the tournament. Outstanding food and refreshments provided by the Locust Hills staff were enjoyed by all before, during and after the day's activities.

In spite of the inclement weather everyone had a great time. Most importantly, \$28,000 was raised to advance and enhance the programs and mission of SAVE.

All of the consumers, staff and volunteers extend their deep appreciation to the more than 100 golfers who braved the elements; the 120 companies and individuals who were "Tee Sponsors;" the numerous individuals who freely gave of their time to ensure the success of this very special event; and Locust Hills Golf Club for providing a wonderful course and service.

We look forward to the 20th Annual Keeley & Sons Turf Management Classic (Tournament) next year. We're scheduling clear, bright, sunny skies!

Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation

Insuring SAVE'S Vital Mission

If you would like to help SAVE's work of enabling adults with "special abilities" by making a gift through a provision in your will or living trust, you might suggest that your attorney include language such as:

"After fulfilling all other provisions for my heirs, I give, devise and bequeath to the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation of St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises, Inc. (SAVE), a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation located in Belleville, Illinois, ___ percent of what remains of my estate (or \$____) for its general purposes."

Gifts may also be provided for by naming SAVE as a beneficiary of a retirement account, insurance policy or bank or brokerage account.

"For me, giving to help others is a Joy!" - D. Patterson

(Note: The above is meant to provide general information about estate planning. It is not intended as legal or professional advice. Assistance with establishing estate plans with tax and other financial implications should be accomplished with the help of appropriate advisors.)



Flapjack Fundraiser a Delicious Success

More than 125 people came to Applebee's Restaurant in Swansea for the Second Annual Flapjack Fundraiser for SAVE on Saturday, November 7. Sponsored by the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation, this gathering has become a fun time for diners and volunteers alike as they enjoy pancakes, eggs, bacon & sausage with all the trimmings.

This year's event raised over \$1,200 with those involved saying they are already looking forward to next year's breakfast. Thanks to all who helped make this early morning get-together successful – "see ya' next year!"



Thanks to all who attended the fundraiser with family & friends. Special thanks to our kitchen help and servers from the Operating and Foundation Boards.

"In Touch With SAVE" Goes Electronic

Environmental and financial reasons are driving plans to transform the SAVE Newsletter from print to an electronic format distributed via email and online at www.saveorg.org.

Executive Director Randolph Law commented, "We hope to be able to communicate more efficiently and effectively with our constituency through this new medium. More and more organizations are 'staying in touch' through the internet, and we believe this will be most helpful in sharing the SAVE story in the future."

Your help is needed in order to accomplish this goal. If you have access to email, please send your name, address and email address to rllaw@saveorg.org

Your help with this project will directly affect our mission of service to the women and men of SAVE!

Press This Button at
www.saveorg.org
to make a donation to SAVE
online! Use PayPal or your credit card to help SAVE.
Easy, secure & fast!



Thank you!

Donations to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation for July 1 - September 30, 2009

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Thank you to the following members of the ADVOCATES FOR SAVE program. Advocates provide regular financial support of at least \$25/month (\$300 per year).

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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones, and we thank them for designating SAVE as the recipient of these 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.



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the year. Without you, SAVE could not
provide services and care to adults with
developmental disabilities.***

***Please read the Executive Director's mes-
sage on the front page, and thank you for
your generosity during this holiday season!***