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First came Tag Day!

Joe and Marcus
(left) and Sharon
and Carol (right)
collected money
at area stores for
Special
Olympics.



The BIG Weekend!



**Above: I-r Andre, Mike,
Leland, Randy & Kim
show off their medals.**

**Upper left: The group filed in
for the Opening Ceremonies
behind the SAVE banner!**

**Lower left: All the athletes
posed for a picture when the
games were over.**



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Executive Director's Corner

Friends of SAVE,

In these uncertain times regarding state support for our efforts to empower and enable adults with disabilities to reach their highest potential, I want to assure you that our resolve to do all we can to fulfill our mission and achieve our goals remains steadfast and sure. We continue to monitor the activity of the Governor and state legislature as we look for ways to

present our case for continued - and even increased - support. The assistance we have received from friends and family members is *greatly appreciated*.

In the past we have spoken about the close relationships that develop, not only between the consumers, but with the staff as well. This close day to day contact has become what we like to refer to as The SAVE Family, a tight knit community of men and women who deeply care about one another. This is most clearly evident in the residents of the housing we provide at Turkey Hill. The thirty-one men and women residing in these houses are a family that loves and cares for each other in very special ways.

All of the residents are quick to respond when someone is ill or in need of any kind. **Nola** adds the person to her church's prayer list, and all of the residents extend helping hands wherever they can.

As you walk around the houses in the evening, you are likely to hear music coming from house 127, where the SAVE Rock Group lives. The guys of 127, **Chris, Clark & Shawn** love rock songs and know not only the lyrics, but the artist, band and when it was a hit. On a regular basis you can hear their rendition, which brings visitors to their door.

Holidays are extra special for the SAVE family and include a Christmas cookie bake-off. The guys put on aprons, the gals decorate and bake, and everyone enjoys the fruits of their labors. The season culminates with a gift exchange on Christmas morning followed by a Family Feast with all the trimmings.

In order to provide the opportunities for these life affirming relationships and activities, we budget almost \$100,000 each year beyond what we receive from state support and rental income from the consumers and their families. These funds come from the **Consumer Living Fund** established a number of years ago to assure adequate support for this vital program.

As costs for services and supplies continue to escalate, the need for additional gifts for this fund increase as well. We are deeply grateful for the faithful support we receive from individuals like you who help underwrite these costs, but the reality is we need to identify new sources of support and/or receive larger gifts in the days ahead.

Our Residential Site Manager, **Carol Schwan**, and her staff: **Hans, Gary, Allison, Carleeta, Lena, Brenda, Rita** and **Estelle** are to be commended for their outstanding efforts to make this program a shining example of the dedication that makes SAVE so special.

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 Supports the 969th Army Reserve Unit

On Sunday, May 31, the residential consumers hosted a lunch for the **969th TCD Unit of the Belleville Army Reserve** at Turkey Hill. The event was a send-off for these troops, who left for Iraq in July. Last October, the SAVE consumers "adopted" the 969th as a service project.

The party started with a lunch of fried chicken, lasagna and salad from **Nonna's Restaurant**. After lunch a pick-up basketball game and dancing to the music of DJs from **Night Moves** had everyone on their feet.

Mid afternoon, the SAVE consumers and guests were given rides in a Hummer - just like the ones used overseas. It was fun for SAVE, but a stark reminder of what these men and women were facing for the next year.

The group has a close relationship

with this unit as they have known **Staff Sergeant Robert Goodman** (better known as Bob or Bobby) since 1989, because he is the son of SAVE's Residential Program Manager, **Carol Schwan**.

The first project the SAVE residential consumers did with the 969th was to present them with \$167.51 to put towards their "Homeland Security Family Fund." This fund is used to purchase phone cards, make care packages, send homemade goodies to the troops and insure that the children of or service personnel enjoy the holidays.

The money came from pennies, nickels, dimes, quarters and a few dollar bills collected from the staff

and consumers at Turkey Hill. The gift was presented to **Lt. Pruitt, Commander the 969th, Sergeant 1st Class Glasco and Staff Sergeant Goodman** in October.

SAVE received an accreditation certificate from the U.S. Army acknowledging their support of the troops.



A pick-up basketball game had Kathy scrambling!



Dance to the Music!



The 969th enjoyed lunch with SAVE's consumers.



Rides in the Hummer were a highpoint of the day.

Successful Projects



6th Annual Trivia Night Raises \$5,000+

The sixth annual SAVE Trivia Night, sponsored by the **ROHO Group**, at the Katy Cavins Community Center in O'Fallon was a fun filled evening with more than 150 people in attendance. Host **Roger Schlueter**, "The Answer Man" from the Belleville News-Democrat, stimulated the participants minds, challenged their memories and pitted the 15 teams against each other. It was a tough fight as they vied for the honor of being "2009 Trivia Night Champion."

Throughout the evening those in attendance browsed and bid on the forty Silent Auction items. Everything from St. Louis Cardinal Baseball tickets, a solid brass wall hanging/table that had been around the world, certificates for meals at local restaurants and specialty items/services to beautify the person or home were offered. Our thanks to the more than 30 local businesses and individuals who donated items. There was also a representative from a sterling silver jewelry firm displaying beautiful *Bling!*

It all added up to a most enjoyable time with over \$5,000 being raised for the mission of SAVE! The real "winners" of this annual event are the women and men served through the SAVE programs.

A special "Thank You" is extended to all those who helped make this evening another smashing success: the ROHO Group; the consumers who volunteered their time to help throughout the evening; the members of the SAVE Foundation Board; the numerous volunteers and staff who gave freely of their time; and all those donors and buyers of items in the silent auction. Without YOU it wouldn't have happened!

Congratulations to **Team Keeley** for winning the night then donating their prize back to SAVE!

Recycling Day A HUGE Success!

On May 30, 2009 St. Clair County Public Health sponsored a **Household Hazardous Waste and Electronic Recycling Day**.

SAVE was invited to participate with the electronic recycling. We partnered with **Secure Processors of Clay County** to handle the electronic equipment that was turned in.

The day was supposed to start at 8:00 a.m. but people were in line before 7:30, so we started early. The electronic equipment taken in covered a wide range of products including computers, computer monitors, keyboards, TVs, audio equipment and much more.

Almost 2000 households participated in this event, and SAVE took in over 74,000 pounds of electronic waste. SAVE and Secure Processors stacked and palletized enough TVs, computers and monitors to fill three semi trailers!



Consumers and staff receive electronics for recycling from area residents.



Cars lined up to unload household waste and electronics.

No Landfills

All of the electronic waste was disposed of without any going to a landfill. The TVs were sent to a local recycler who specializes in disposing of them. Secure Processors took all the computer equipment to their workshop to be demanufactured and the components sold to recyclers to reclaim the precious metals in the circuit boards.

The plastic housings of the computers and monitors are sold to a plastics recycler who grinds them up for reuse. The metal frames from the computers are sold for scrap.

Thanks to the consumers and staff who worked so hard to make this day a success. Due to their efforts many households not only disposed of unwanted electronics but also protected the environment and kept them from going to a landfill.

**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!**



Mark these DATES!



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

Sunday, August 23, 2009 Special Olympic Bowling

Starting at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.
St. Clair Bowl Fairview Heights
(who will be bowling at this time will be available at a later date)

Sunday, August 30, 2009 Special Olympic Bowling

Starting at 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

September 20, 2009
St. Louis Zoo

A Surprise Trip to be announced!

October 18, 2009 Special Olympic Bowling

Sectionals for everyone who got Gold
St. Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights
Starting at 9 am All Day!

October 28, 2009 Halloween Dance

Location to be announced.

See more of this year's schedule at saveorg.org & in future newsletters.

Volunteers Needed for O.U.R. Trips!

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



Friday, September 25 Panorama Banquet Center (Lower level of BelAir Bowl)

Everyone is invited to join us as we celebrate and recognize the accomplishments of our consumers, volunteers and corporate partners!

Call 234-1992 ext.25 for reservations

Fore!

Calling All Duffers!!

Keeley & Sons Annual SAVE Benefit Golf Outing

Friday, October 9, 2009

4 Person Team Scramble Format
18 holes of exciting golf
Lunch & Dinner
Prizes · Awards · Raffles
· Special Hole Challenges

Locust Hills Golf & Country Club
Lebanon, IL

Call 618-234-1992 to sign up!



Dining To Donate

Applebee's Neighborhood

Restaurant at 2606 N. Illinois St. in Swansea has agreed to donate an amount equal to 15% of the food purchases (alcohol, tips and taxes are excluded) made all day on Friday, **August 28, 2009**, to SAVE to support our mission and program.

The only requirement is that the patron must present the flyer/coupon (see our back cover) to the restaurant at the time of being served.

Take-out orders will also be honored as long as the coupon is presented. This is a **GREAT** opportunity to enjoy a meal out and at the same time provide support for SAVE's important work.

We Need Your Feedback!

Please tell us if you would be interested in receiving the **InTouch With SAVE** Newsletter in a digital format via the internet.

In an effort to "go green" and save money, we want to offer this option to our friends, families and supporters.

What we don't want to do, however, is lose touch with YOU.

Your thoughts, ideas and suggestions about this will be deeply appreciated as we plan for the future.

Send your response to:
Foundation@saveorg.org
or mail
SAVE Newsletter
3001 Save Road
Belleville, IL 62221

Thank you!

Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation

Make Sure Your Wishes Are Fulfilled

Most of us spend decades caring for family members, pursuing a working career and carefully saving for a secure and comfortable retirement.

Given the time and effort invested in this undertaking, it is surprising that studies show that as many as one-half of the Americans alive today fail to make even the most basic plans to provide for the future distribution of their assets. In the absence of a will or estate plan, state laws will create a "substitute will" by applying strict formulas to divide property among near or distant relatives, regardless of individual needs or what *your* wishes may be.

Furthermore, friends and charitable interests are never included in the "will" state law provides.

Plan Ahead

By planning ahead and establishing a will, trust or other document that legally states your desires and wishes, taxes and probate costs can be minimized. More importantly, management of funds if needed can be established, and providing for your spouse, children, friends and charitable interests can be assured. Once these plans are in place you will then enjoy the peace of mind that comes from knowing that your wishes will be carried out.

The assets you have acquired over the years are yours. You have not only the right, but the responsibility to create a plan for the distribution of your possessions when you no longer need them. Ensuring current and future financial well-being for you and your loved ones can be achieved with a minimum effort through the help of your advisors. The members of the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation Board of Directors are always ready to help you achieve your personal goals and objectives.

(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.)

Junior Service Club Funds Special Projects

The Jr. Service Club of Belleville has announced that SAVE will receive a grant of \$2,000 from their 2009 Charitable Grants. The grant will provide:

A new large Gas Grill for the resident consumers at Turkey Hill which will foster closer relationships between the residents as they share in the preparation and fellowship of outdoor meals and barbeques.

A new commercial floor buffer to be used by the janitorial teams serving area businesses and offices through the Vocational Development Program. Also new power hand tools which will improve the skills of consumers engaged in assembly operations.

New Developmental Training resources (games, balls, activities) to advance the abilities and capabilities of the men and women assigned to this important program.

All of us at SAVE, especially the consumers, are deeply appreciative of the longstanding commitment of the Jr. Service Club of Belleville to supporting our programs and enhancing the lives of the women and men we serve. An annual event that everyone looks forward to is the Halloween Party the Jr. Service Club hosts for all of the consumers each fall.

Thank You for making life joyful and helping dreams come true!

Thank you!

Donations to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation for February 1 - June 30 , 2009

ADVOCATES FOR SAVE Charter & New Members

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).

John & Kim Anderson
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Dolores Anne Waller
Pat White

If you would like information about this effort to provide a firm foundation for SAVE's programs, please contact James Freeman, Director of Development 618-234-1992 ext. 25.

SAVE

Anonymous
Belleville District PTA Council
Belleville Midtown Lions Club
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Wade, Donald & Vivian
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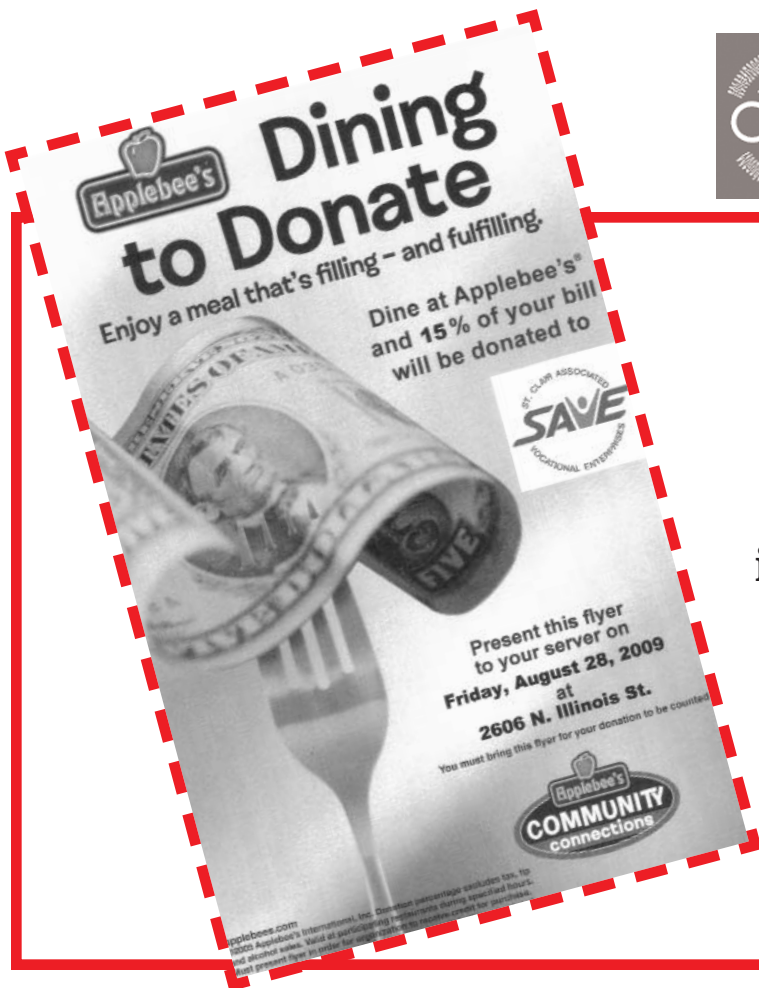
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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones, and we thank them for designating SAVE as the recipient of these memorials. For information on how you can contribute to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation, including gifts, life insurance, bequests in a will or trust, and through other tax planning methods, call 618-234-1992.



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