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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 Sindy Smith Sales Manager at 234-1992 ext 23.
For employment service opportunities call Lisa Hempen at 277-7294

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In Touch with SAVE welcomes submissions for publication.

Contact the Editor:
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(618) 234-1992 Ext 23

5th Annual Race Rally & Carnival Day

On August 12, 2004 the 5th Annual Race Rally Day & Carnival Day was held. Consumers, staff members and some family visitors got to see up close the colorful race cars that zoom around the fairgrounds most Friday evenings during the summer months.

Also present were several of the drivers. Many of the drivers, such as Scott and Bob Goodman were signing autographs for the attendees. The two men are the sons of Carol Schwan.

In addition to the race cars there was face painting and refreshments. There was a Spin-the-Apple ride available for the more adventurous. This was donated by Tribout Distributors.

This special day was part of the yearly-United Way kick off.



Voter Registration Drive Goes Well at SAVE

On Friday June 11th, 2004, Patty Shevlin and Laura Kaemmerer, Election Supervisors who process voter registration for St. Clair County, were at the SAVE Site at Turkey Hill to register S.A.V.E. consumers to vote.

Also, on display that day was a voting machine, which provided training on the voting process. This was a great opportunity for consumers who are residents of St. Clair County and eligible to participate.

Voting is one of our responsibilities as United States citizens. We thank all who helped with this event.

Laura Kaemmerer and Patty Shevlin at SAVE



DIRECTOR'S

CORNER

We all know the familiar saying, "the only thing that doesn't change is change itself". Here at S.A.V.E. we are, once again, facing some changes. Some will be challenges and some will be blessings. However, whatever the outcome, you can be sure our staff will face them head on!

The most exciting change that we are beginning to explore is the building of a new state-of-the-art facility at Turkey Hill. Anyone who has visited our Turkey Hill site knows that our facilities are inadequate. The layout and ages of our buildings make it more difficult to carry out our goals. This environment negatively affects our staff and programs. As a result, we have recently formed a committee to explore the possibility of tearing down several of our buildings and replacing them with one large building that will better accommodate all of our consumers and programs. While this will most likely be a 3 to 5 year project, our staff is already hard at work on this exciting endeavor. You can look forward to updates about our progress in upcoming newsletters.

A second major change that will soon be affecting our programs relates to new state mandates regarding the funding of programs for the developmentally disabled. These changes will have a major impact on whom we serve and how that service will be provided. The most significant change is that in the future we will only be able to serve those consumers who are Medicaid eligible. Fortunately, we will be able to "grandfather in" consumers that we already serve who are not receiving Medicaid assistance. These new mandates have the potential to impact us in both positive and negative ways.

Lastly, I recently attended a roundtable discussion hosted by U.S. Congressman Jerry Costello. The meeting was about the rising social service needs in our region. We can all be very thankful that people with disabilities have a strong advocate in Congressman Costello.

As always, S.A.V.E. staff and board members are working diligently to continue to provide outstanding services to our consumers. Regardless of the challenges that we face on a day-to-day basis, we remain determined to help our consumers live more happy and meaningful lives.

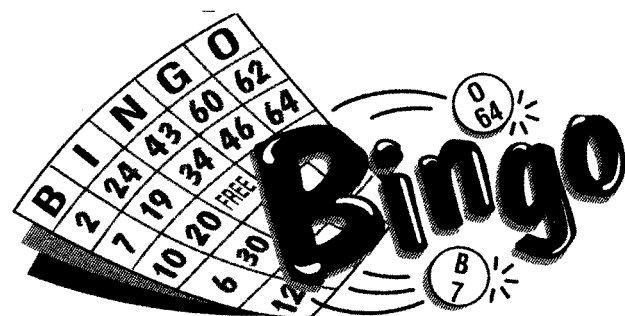
BINGO VOLUNTEERS DESPERATELY NEEDED

Every Wednesday at 6:00 PM S.A.V.E. holds the weekly Bingo Game at the St. Clair County Fairgrounds.

We need ticket sales people and runners. It is a great way to get out for a few hours and have fun, while helping a truly worthwhile cause.

Just come down for an hour or two. You will be truly welcome and you really will have fun. Just show up at 5:45 Wednesday evening and we will show you what to do.

Thanks so much.



In Touch With

SAVE

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

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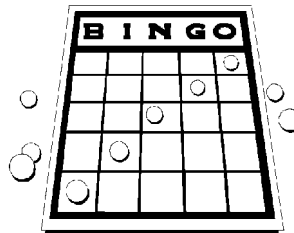


All Proceeds Benefit Adults With Disabilities

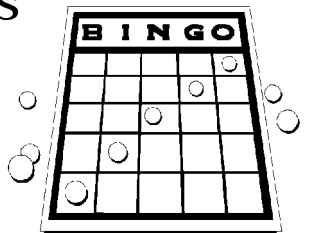
S.A.V.E. BINGO

Every Wednesday Night ¥ Belle-Clair Fairgrounds

Doors Open at 5:00 P.M.



Dinner Available for Bingo Players



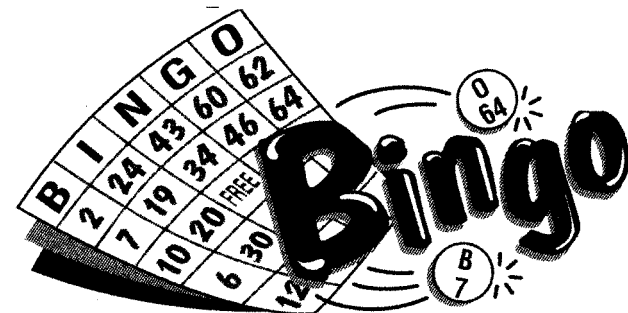
Early Bird - 7:00 P.M.

Pick-A-Color Raffle in 20 Numbers or Less with a

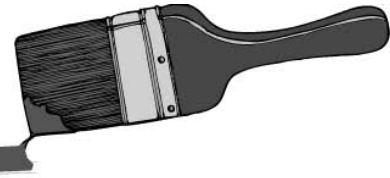
Powerball - BINGO-MATES Available for Early Bird,

Bonus and Regular Bingo

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



VOLUNTEERS PAINT



A group from the Fairlawn Nazarene Church in Topeka, Kansas arrived at S.A.V.E. June 16 to volunteer their services. This group of 13 teenagers and 5 adults came to help S.A.V.E. by painting in Housing. They spent two days painting in two different houses.

According to Kristy Asbeck, one of the group's leaders, each summer they try to find a project where they can volunteer their services. This year they were having trouble finding a project until Ms. Asbeck talked to her father, Gary Kee. Mr. Kee works at Solutia and is involved with United Way at Solutia. He suggested S.A.V.E.

Ms. Asbeck contacted Jim Schnipper at S.A.V.E. According to Jim the group did a wonderful job although "in a couple of cases there may have been more paint on the person than on the walls".

We want to say a very special thanks to the volunteers from the Fairlawn Nazarene Church

- Kristy Asbeck
- Ashly Walker
- Heather Woolaway
- Sean Asbeck
- Kim Tucker
- Laura Andrick
- Kayla Atkins
- Lucas McGarity
- Ryan Hood
- Sherry Walker
- Jefferson Underwood
- Jeremy Alexander
- Steve Woolaway
- Nick Hamme
- Brady Howbert
- Angela Hall
- Stephanie Walker
- Janelle Dirks



GONE, BUT NOT FORGOTTEN



It is quite natural to desire that our lives continue to count for good after we are gone. We don't want our values and influence to evaporate into thin air.

One of the reasons parents and grandparents seek to instill their values into the younger generation is so their influence will stretch into the future through these family members to help shape the world of tomorrow.

S.A.V.E. is preparing for the future because we expect to be around, doing what we do, for generations to come. We plan to be here a hundred years and more, perpetuating the same values you now appreciate and support.

And that is why some of our friends and supporters have established planned gifts for SAVE that keep on giving past their deaths. They want their names and some of their resources attached to an organization that will communicate their values to future generations.

Planned gifts may be established to support the operating needs of S.A.V.E., or to assist in areas of special interest. You can create one now and add to it with an estate gift, or make arrangements to establish one through your will. To learn more about S.A.V.E.'s planned giving program, use the response form below. Or call the planned giving office at (618) 234-1992 ext. 25 and request a complimentary brochure. You will be surprised how easily you can create your own planned gift.

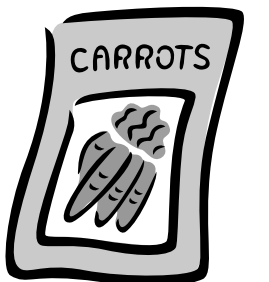
Your own gift will be here long after you are gone... and will ensure that you will not be forgotten!

How Does Your Garden Grow

 Submitted by Sindy Smith

For the past four years staff member Debbi Lucash, has been teaching gardening skills to the consumers. "They really like to learn about the growing cycle. They like to plant seeds, watch the plants grow, pull the weeds, water the plants, and then harvest the vegetables. "Everyday we eat the things that we grow with our lunch," said Debbi. The extra produce goes to the other buildings so that other staff and consumers can eat healthy too.

The little vegetable garden makes a nice addition to the green space around Bldg. 310. Everything from tomatoes to Brussels sprouts where making proud displays of the culmination of effort put into this small, but productive garden.



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Please send me free information about the SAVE planned giving program

Please contact me by phone. My number is:

_____ and the best time to reach me is:

Name: _____
Spouse: _____
Mailing Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____
Zip: _____

Place the completed form in an envelope and mail to:
Development Office
3001 Save Road
Belleville, IL 62221-7018

STATE SPECIAL OLYMPICS TRACK & FIELD MEET

Submitted by Kathy Denham, Sue Zaring and Sue Helferty

Thirty-six Special Olympics Athletes from SAVE traveled to Bloomington June 11-13th, to compete in the Illinois State Special Olympics Summer Games. We had five athletes who competed in the Swim Competitions, swimming the 25-meter freestyle, the 25-meter backstroke, the 25-meter butterfly, and the 4x25 meter freestyle relay. We had fourteen women who competed in the 50-meter run, the 100-meter walk race, the standing long jump, the softball throw, and the 4x100 meter relay. We had seventeen men who competed in the 50 meter run, the 100 meter run, the 100 meter walk race, the standing long jump, the softball throw, the 10 meter assisted walk, and the 4x100 meter walk race.



The weather was one of the hottest weekends we have had at Bloomington. It is usually cooler there.... But no such luck. The heat played such a role in the weekend that everyone was quite warm by Sunday. However, everyone was really cooperative and enthusiastic in spite of the weather.

Spirits were high on Sunday. The weather was cooler and everyone was ready to cheer on the relay teams. Our final event was the 4x100 meter relay races on Sunday morning.

The first team got a 1st place. Everyone was cheering from our tailgate party in the parking lot by the track. The second team got a 1st place also and our crowd cheered and screamed!

The third team took off and our crowd went wild! We were all cheering and screaming and the third team came across the finish line.... Guess what place?
1st Place!!!

It was a wonderful way to end the meet. We could not have gone without our wonderful volunteers. Thank you to Sue Zaring, Sue Helferty, Pat Sullivan, Becky Thompson, Clarence and Cecilia Thompson, Shorty and Jeanette Napier and myself, Kathy Denham.

We could not do this program without all of our wonderful volunteers who give of their time and efforts to our consumers.

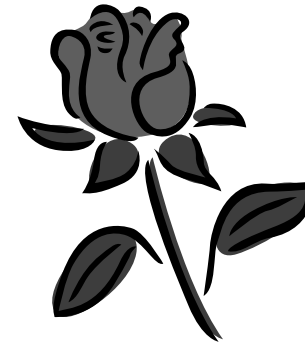
Thanks to our athletes for their wonderful spirit that carried us throughout the weekend.

First Place



Winners

ZONTA CLUB GARDEN PARTY



The women who live in the "Zonta House" went to a wonderful dinner in June at Fischer's Restaurant with the Zonta Club of Belleville. We were warmly welcomed by all of the members who were dressed in "Garden Party" outfits including a wonderful assortment of hats.

The club donates to many organizations as well as giving scholarships to women. Representatives of each organization and scholarship recipients took the opportunity to talk about their organization and thank the club for their support and contributions. There was a music installation of new officers as well.

This is a fine organization and the women enjoyed the "Garden Party" very much. Thanks for inviting us.... We had a wonderful evening with you.

Submitted By Kathy Denham

A LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Sindy Smith

Summer was upon us before we knew it this year. The Opportunities Unlimited for Recreation Program had many activities planed for the folks at S.A.V.E. We attended Cardinal Ball games in July and August as well as a few, Grizzlie Games. What would summer be without baseball?

Also, we attended The St. Louis Muny Opera to see the performance of Meet Me In St. Louis. Everyone had a great time that evening. To round things out, we tried to see if Lady Luck was with us when we boarded the Casino Queen. For some it was, and others it wasn't, but nevertheless it was an enjoyable time for everyone.

As the weather starts to get chilly we look forward to fall activities that are being planned.

Staff and consumers really have fun with The Opportunities Unlimited for Recreation Program. It gives everyone a chance to get out and do activities that we may otherwise not do on our own.

If you have some extra time, and would like to help others while having fun please contact Sue Zaring (618-234-1992 ext. 31) for more information about this truly wonderful program.

We look forward to hearing from you!



Quote for the Quarter

"A happy person is not a person in a certain set of circumstances, but rather a person with a certain set of attitudes."

Hugh Downs