

# In Touch with



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## Consumer Spotlight

The bright yellow seat cushion cords are the most recent contract awarded to SAVE by the Roho Group, Inc. Roho Group has been working with SAVE for the past four years, giving us several different assembly and packaging projects that employ consumers in the Vocational Development program.

This new job involves snapping a black plastic cap to secure the two ends of a yellow "cord" so it can be attached to a ROHO cushion as a handle.

Although not a hard project, the consumers were adjusting to sore fingers the first day they began the job. Getting faster became a competition around the table. Marcia told us, "I'm picking up speed!" The atmosphere of camaraderie in the room didn't diminish how seriously everyone took their work. See pg. 3 for more.



*The black plastic end caps are put onto a bright yellow cord for ROHO Group by SAVE consumers.*



Each person has their own box for completed cords. Front to back: Marcia, Janet and Nola. Standing: Donna



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# From the Editor

Dear Readers,  
 A lot has been going on at SAVE over the past several months, with more to come.

Don't miss the article about the youth group from the Church of the Latter Day Saints in O'Fallon who spent part of a Saturday at SAVE last November (page ). We couldn't believe how much they accomplished in just a few hours.

SAVE welcomed Jim Freeman as the new Director of Development in December. We also said goodbye to Kathy Denham, who died in November. Kathy was Residential Program Manager and had made SAVE her home and her life for over thirty years. She will be greatly missed.

Please keep your notes and letters coming! I want to tell your stories about SAVE! Email me at pwhite1948@charter.net or leave a message at SAVE 618-234-1992.

Pat White  
 Editor



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 card to help SAVE.  
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**In Memory  
 of  
 Kathy  
 Denham**

On Friday, November 2, 2007, Kathy Denham, SAVE's Residential Program Manager, passed away. Kathy dedicated more than thirty years of her life to SAVE and the consumers we serve. In addition to her parents and cousins, they were her family.

If anyone represented the "Spirit" of SAVE it was Kathy. Dedicated, tireless, caring, skilled, funny, giving, committed... are just a few of the words used to describe her by friends, consumers and co-workers. On the door to her office was this sign. It best described Kathy's approach to her work/life.



If success in life can be judged by the number of people we "touch", then Kathy's life was among the most successful of all. Kathy, we miss you.

**SAVE Programs & Services**

**JOBtrack** offers employees who WANT to work and 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 40+ 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](http://www.saveorg.org) or call 214-234-1992. For contract services, contact **Jim Schnipper** at 618-234-1992.

# SAVE Works!



**Contracts like this one from ROHO Group, Inc. employ over 100 developmentally disabled adults in SAVE's Vocational Development program. In addition to**

**ROHO, other employers include the Secretary of State and Empire Comfort Systems. If your business can benefit from working with SAVE, contact Jim Schnipper at 618-234-1992.**



Mike proudly shows his work.



Kelly's getting the hang of it!



Looks like Tracie's got it figured out.



Nola's putting some muscle into it.

## RoHo Group, Inc.

from [www.therohogroup.com](http://www.therohogroup.com)

**R**OHO improves quality of life. Whether you sit in a wheelchair, on a motorcycle or in the cab of a big rig, ROHO products provide protection and comfort. Every ROHO product is the embodiment of research, testing, education, imagination and passionate people.

ROHO, Inc. was incorporated in 1973 by Robert H. Graebe. He began his career as an electrical engineer, but while working on a project for a hospital, he became concerned about a means to heal ischemic ulcers or pressure sores, as they are commonly called.

Through intense research and development, Mr. Graebe invented ROHO® DRY FLOATATION® technology, named such because ROHO medical cushions and mattresses mimic the properties of water, in a dry, air-fluid environment. This technology has been proven in countless clinical studies to assist in effectively healing as well as preventing pressure sores.

In 1997, ROHO, Inc. entered the consumer marketplace with the AIRHAWK® Motorcycle Cushion, which also uses ROHO DRY FLOATATION technology to provide rider comfort and enhance blood flow. And in 1998, the Company introduced the AIRHAWK® truck cushion for use in long-haul transportation and other heavy equipment addressing both the need for improved comfort as well as reduction of lower back pain. Most recently, the Company has developed products for office chairs in both OEM and overlay configurations and entered both the aviation and agricultural markets.

Since its founding nearly 35 years ago, the Company has relied upon superior product technology, dedicated and passionate employees, target marketing programs and formal customer training to improve market share and ensure excellence in all activities, products and services.

Contact RoHo Group, Inc. at (800) 851-3449 or (618) 277-9173.

## Welcome Jim Freeman!



We welcome **James Freeman** as the Director of Development for St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises Inc. (SAVE). Jim brings more than 20 years of fundraising experience to the position, most recently as Philanthropic Advisor for St. Jude Children's Research Hospital in Ohio & Michigan.

In accepting the position Jim said, "I look forward to the challenge of working with SAVE's leadership and individuals in the community to strengthen the support base of this outstanding organization that provides vital services to individuals seeking to fulfill their potential. SAVE's 35 year history of assisting those in need provides a strong foundation for its plans to reinforce and expand its efforts to affirm the dignity and worth of an important segment of the community."

Jim and his wife Betty live in Missouri along with their 5 children and 8 grandchildren. In addition to volunteering at the Wednesday SAVE Bingo sessions, Jim enjoys golf, racquetball, reading, and music. To reach him, call 618-234-1992, ext 25.

## Trivia Night Silent Auction

Don't miss out on the great gifts at the Silent Auction at the SAVE Foundation's Trivia Night. The Auction is a great way to help SAVE and go home with a treasure.

This year you can bid on merchandise, gifts, a belly dance or yoga class, tickets and lots more. Be the highest bidder for round trip airfare for two to Las Vegas on Allegiant Air from MidAmerica St. Louis Airport!



**Say  
Happy Mother's Day  
with a gift to SAVE.  
See insert in this newsletter.  
Give a Memorial gift  
for a mother or  
grandmother who has  
passed away.**

## A Thought About the Future

*from the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation*

Have you thought about including the men and women S.A.V.E. serves in your estate plan? A gift to S.A.V.E. through your will provides a lasting legacy that will help insure the continuation of our vital services to those who need us.

If you would like to make a future gift to S.A.V.E. through a provision in your will or living trust, your attorney might include language such as "After fulfilling all other provisions for my heirs, I give, devise and bequeath to The Lee Hopp St. Clair Associated Vocational Enterprises Foundation, a non-profit 501(c)3 corporation located in Belleville, Illinois, \_\_\_\_\_% of what remains of my estate (or \$ \_\_\_\_\_) for its general purposes."

For additional information about ways to provide future support to S.A.V.E. or to discuss this suggestion, please contact James Freeman, Director of Development at 618-234-1992 ext. 25.




# Every Wednesday Night Belle-Clair Fairgrounds!

200 South Belt East, Belleville, IL 62220

**Doors open at 5:00 p.m.**

**Dinner available for bingo players**

**Bonus and Regular Bingo**

**Early Bird 7:00 p.m.**

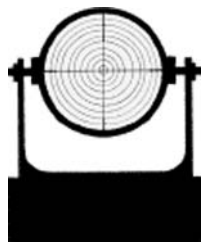
**BINGO-MATES available for Early Bird**

**1st & 3rd Wednesdays - Bring a Friend! 2 for 1**

**Pick-a-color Raffle in 20 numbers or less with a Powerball**

**6 cards for \$5.00 ~ Additional cards \$ .50/ea.**

**\*\* All Proceeds Benefit Adults with Disabilities \*\***



# Spotlight on Volunteers

## The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

by Pat White

On a crisp, clear Saturday morning last November, a caravan of cars, vans and pick-ups drove down Save Road and turned into the residential area. SAVE consumers and staff watched open-mouthed as 105 (that's right, **105!**) youth ages 14-18 and 40 adult leaders from the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, O'Fallon 1st Ward poured out of the vehicles.



**Wonder if these walls have EVER been power washed before?**

Armed with paint brushes, ladders, scrapers, power washers, brooms, rakes and boom boxes, the highly organized group split into teams. Over the next several hours, they cleaned, painted, washed down and spruced up two of the houses and yards on the Hill and cleaned several buses.

Each year, the youth group chooses a non-profit organization and volunteers their help. Last year, SAVE was the recipient of their caring and concern.

What a great day this was! In addition to the huge amount of work they did, the leaders also cooked lunch for everyone and invited SAVE's consumers to join them. Amid much laughter and fun, the consumers got to know these wonderful young people and some even exchanged addresses and phone numbers to stay in touch.

At a recent meeting at the Church, the youth decided they want to return to SAVE next fall and do it all

over again. Randy Law and the staff are already making a list of projects that could benefit from another influx of willing hearts and hands. All of us at SAVE extend a thousand thanks to the leaders and youth of the O'Fallon Church for their generosity and hard work. We love you guys!



Here are more photos of the youth and adult volunteers from The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, O'Fallon 1st Ward, who volunteered at SAVE last November.

Armed with ladders, rags and paint brushes, the group cleaned and painted two houses on Turkey Hill.



After breaking into teams, the groups received instructions from the adult leaders and went to work!



### Opportunities Unlimited for Recreation (O.U.R.) Mark Your Calendar!

May TBA - **St. Louis Cardinals or Gateway Grizzlies**

June - TBA **Let's Go Bowling** (Practices) will begin

July TBA - **Picnic and Gateway Grizzlies vs.TBA**

GCS Ball Park, Sauget

July 18 - **90 Years of Muny Magic**

The Muny Opera, St Louis, MO

Aug TBA - **St Louis Cardinal or Gateway Grizzlies**

September 20 - **St. Louis Science Center**

October 31 - **Halloween Dance** at SLC

November TBA - **Annual Turkey Trot**, O'Fallon, IL

November TBA **Scotttrade Center**

December 1 - **Annual Christmas Dance**

Bel-Air Bowl, Belleville

December 9 - **Way of Lights**

Shrine of Our Lady of the Snows

### Volunteers Needed for O.U.R. Trips!

Call Sue at 618-234-1972 to sign up to go on a trip or to volunteer.



### Special Olympics

**May 3 - Special Olympics Track & Field @ SIUE**

**June 13 - 15 - Special Olympics State Games**

Illinois State University, Bloomington

**August 24 - Special Olympics Bowling**

St. Clair Bowl, Fairview Heights, 8:30am to 3pm (participants will be available at a later date)

**September 7 - Special Olympics Bowling**

St. Clair Bowl, Fairview Heights 8:30am to 3 pm (participants will be available at a later date)

**October 19 - Special Olympics Sectional Bowling**, 9am

Everyone who received Gold at St.Clair Bowl in Fairview Heights

**December 5 & 6 - State Special Olympics Bowling**

Everyone who received Gold at St. Clair Bowl in October goes to State Special Olympics Bowling in Peoria, Illinois

# Thank you!

Donations to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation for October 1, 2007 - February 29, 2008

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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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# ***Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation Trivia Night April 26, 2008***

***sponsored by Boho Group, Inc.***

**Katy Cavins Community Center, O'Fallon, IL**

**Hosted By ROGER SCHLUETER, Belleville News-Democrat's "THE ANSWER MAN"**

**\$12.00/Person (1 Free Drink) ~ Teams of 6 to 10 People**

**Cash Bar (No Outside Drinks, Please) ~ Free Snacks or bring your own**

**Cash Prizes ~ Silent Auction ~ Raffles ~ 50/50 ~ Best Table Decoration Contest**

**Don't Miss This Fun-Filled Evening!**

**Call 618-234-1992, Ext. 47 To Reserve A Table**