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## Consumer Spotlight

### Bringing Beauty & Joy To Others



L-r Velvet, Emily, Rashida and Danielle work on creating new bouquets.

The consumers at the North Illinois SAVE site don't like to be idle. Development Training Program Manager, **Emily Morrison**, set up an agreement with several area funeral homes to call her when families donate funeral flowers. Emily picks them up (sometimes the Homes deliver!) and brings them back to the consumers at the workshop.

The men and women of SAVE put their creative talents to work when the flowers arrive, disassembling the sprays and arrangements and making new fragrant, lovely bouquets. They

have a great time delivering them to places like the Swansea Care Center, Swansea & Belleville firefighters and police, and their families and caregivers. They also send sympathy cards and notes to the families whose flowers they receive.

Thanks to **Kim at Wolfersberger Funeral Home** for this last batch of flowers. They arrived just in time for Valentine's Day! The consumers say they love giving the blossoms a joyful new home.

### Developing Partnerships For A Better Community

The Belleville YMCA and SAVE JOBTrack have developed a new partnership that has strengthened both programs, helped the community and brought employment to a person in need.

In January the 2010 Class of the **Chamber of Commerce's Leadership Belleville** program had their Community Services Awareness Day. While sharing information about SAVE, **Emily Morrison**, Development Training Program Manager, learned from the Y's Vice President of Operations, **Ed**



Iva loves her job at the YMCA.

**Neill**, of their need for help in the laundry. This resulted in JOBTrack's **Dee Andrews** arranging to place one of our clients at the downtown Y. Through networking experiences like this SAVE and other agencies and businesses are making St. Clair County a better place - one person at a time.

# SAVE Works - JOBtrack

## SAVE Animal Lovers!



**Susie** came to JOBtrack in May, 2009. She wanted to work around animals, so **Dee Andrews**, the job developer, started looking for something in that area. Dee found out that there was a position at the **Belleville Animal Clinic**. Dee went with Susie to the clinic for an interview, and Susie shared with them how much she loves animals and would like to work with them. She got the job!

She started working right away and is still employed as an office assistant. They love her there, and she is a dedicated worker. Susie had a job coach for a while and now she is on "follow along." She has office duties and now is being trained to do Xrays. JOBtrack was able to find her a position where she wanted to be - working with animals. We are all proud of Susie's accomplishments!



*photo courtesy of Steve Nagy/Belleville News-Democrat*

*Hope Lennens returns a cat to its freshly-cleaned cage at the Belleville Area Humane Society.*

**Hope** came to JOBtrack in June, 2009. She was volunteering at the **Belleville Humane Society**, and her counselor at the Department of Rehabilitative Services (**DRS**) wanted us to see if we could help her get a job there. The job developer persuaded

Hope's supervisor to put her on as a part-time paid worker. She had a job coach for a while to keep her on track and focused.

One of her job duties is to clean all the cat cages. She is very fond of animals and has a way with them. She is now on "follow-along," and loves what she does.

It's a great reward when we get to place one of our consumers, and with our help and their willingness to work, they are successful.

**Learn more about the JOBtrack program in the Executive Director's Corner on page 3.**



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**Executive Director's Corner**

Friends of SAVE –

It is difficult to read the newspaper or watch the TV news without being reminded of today's high unemployment rates and the devastation that unemployment causes families. I would like to tell you about a unique SAVE program that addresses local unemployment for men and women with disabilities.

**JOBtrack** started over 20 years ago to work with St. Clair County residents with disabilities, who need help finding and keeping jobs in the community. It is a customized employment service that seeks to link individuals seeking employment with area businesses in need of employees. To become a client in the program, individuals are referred by the Illinois Department of Rehabilitation Services (**IDRS**).

Normally clients are in the JOBtrack program for less than 12 months: the first two to three months preparing for employment through classes and counseling; the second three months receiving personal on-the-job coaching by an Employment Training Specialist; and finally six to eight months of follow-up.

We are very fortunate to have a staff of dedicated specialists working with the clients we serve. **Dee Andrews** has been at SAVE for 3 ½ years serving as our Job Developer. She works with businesses in the community who are willing to employ clients. **Cindy Rehg** and **Erica Coca** have over 3 years combined service as Employment Training Specialists. They work individually with clients as they prepare for employment and then provide "on-the-job" coaching to assure success. Currently there are about 50 individuals in the JOBtrack program, and we are able to place 20 to 30 people each year.

Dee Andrews commented, "We are blessed in St. Clair County with a large number of employers who are willing to give people a chance." Some of the businesses that have found valuable employees through the team's efforts are:

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|-------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| <b>Denny's</b>          | <b>Cracker Barrel</b>                 |
| <b>Big Mama's BBQ</b>   | <b>Target</b>                         |
| <b>Wal-Mart</b>         | <b>YMCA</b>                           |
| <b>McDonald's</b>       | <b>Scott Air Force Base</b>           |
| <b>Flying J</b>         | <b>Grant Middle School</b>            |
| <b>Salvation Army</b>   | <b>Belleville Area Humane Society</b> |
| <b>Old Time Pottery</b> | <b>SAVE</b>                           |

This specialized program is a valuable part of SAVE's on-going efforts to assist adults with special needs to find fulfillment, self-sufficiency, and the joy of contributing to and participating in their community. As one of the clients recently said, "I wondered if I was ever going to work again. With Cindy's help, though, I gained the self-confidence to not only try but succeed."

Through the support we receive from **IDRS** and the **St. Clair County Mental Health Board** we are able to **CHANGE LIVES** for people in St. Clair County.

**Thank you!**

**SAVE Programs & Services**

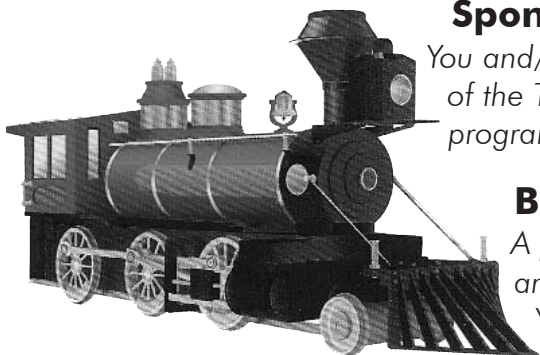
**JOBtrack** offers employees who WANT to work onsite job coaches to help train and monitor their progress.

**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](http://www.saveorg.org) or call 214-234-1992. For contract services, contact Jim Schnipper at 618-234-1992.

# Help Make This Trivia Night the Best Ride Ever!!



## **Sponsor A Trivia Round - \$100 (only 10 available)**

*You and/or your company will be recognized before, during and after one of the Trivia Question Rounds. Your support will also be emphasized in the program for the evening.*

## **Be A Table Sponsor - \$50**

*A placard will be placed on one of the team tables showing that you and/or your company have provided special support for the event. Your support will be listed in the evening's program.*

## **Silent Auction Item(s)**

*Revenue generated by the friendly auction competition furthers the programs and mission of SAVE. Please provide a description and dollar value of your donation. Your item will be described in the Silent Auction listing, and you will be identified as the donor.*

## **Donate a Door Prize(s)**

Spring cleaning? Why not donate your unwanted treasures to SAVE? "Think Green!" Don't throw it away, fill our door prize table!

To sign up as a sponsor, provide an item for the Silent Auction or donate a door prize, contact James Freeman, Director of Development, at 618/234-1992 ext. 25.

# ***All ABOOOOARD!!***

**Get your ticket to the 7th Annual SAVE Trivia Night!**

**Saturday, May 1, 2010, Doors open at 6:30pm**

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

**Sponsored by the Roho Group**

**Hosted by Roger Schleuter**

**Belleville News-Democrat's "The Answer Man"**

**\$15/person (includes two drink tickets)**

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**to make a donation to SAVE**

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# Lee Hopp S.A.V.E. Foundation

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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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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.

## Test Your Will IQ!



**Are you aware that a majority of adults do not have a will? How much do you know about wills? Here is an opportunity to check your "will IQ."**

**Mark the following statements "True" or "False" and discover if you know what a will can and can't do.**

- | T   | F   |  |
|-----|-----|--|
| ___ | ___ | A will is an effective way to make sure those I leave behind are taken care of in the ways that I desire.      |
| ___ | ___ | If I don't have a will when I die, my possessions and assets will be divided according to my state's laws.     |
| ___ | ___ | I can continue my good works beyond my lifetime by naming a charity like S.A.V.E. in my will.                  |
| ___ | ___ | Most attorneys who specialize in estate planning will provide cost estimates in advance for drawing up a will. |
| ___ | ___ | Even if you think you have a small estate, you can still benefit from having an up-to-date will.               |
| ___ | ___ | Owning assets jointly with a spouse is not a substitute for a thoughtful, up-to-date will.                     |

The answer to all of the questions is True. Congratulations if you got them all right! If you missed a few, don't worry. You may just need to learn more about wills – and a good place to start is to call SAVE's Director of Development, James Freeman. Ask him to send a **Wills Information Kit**. You may also want to talk with an advisor who is well-informed about estate planning.

# Thank you!

Donations to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation for October 1, 2009 - February 28, 2010

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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.

# SAVE Plays!

## Knights of Columbus Host Special Olympians

2009 marked the 12th year that the **Granite City Knights of Columbus Council** has invited the Special Olympic athletes in the area to enjoy a FREE evening of great food and dancing, dancing, dancing!

The Knights of Columbus Council welcomes this group with open arms and big hearts, and the athletes always have a great time. **Thanks!**



SAVE consumers (front table l to r) Susan, Vickie, Patty, Michelle, Charlie and Kathy danced all night at the Knights of Columbus party in February.

# SAVE Gearing Up for 2010!



*It's time for another awesome year of fun and renewing friendships at Special Olympics.*



Andre, Leland and Randy line up for the Opening Ceremony at the Special Olympics 2009 Summer Games at Illinois State University.

**April 10, 2010**  
Track and Field Time Trials  
McKendree University, Lebanon

**May 1, 2010**  
Spring Games  
SIU-Edwardsville

**June 11-13**  
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Illinois State University, Normal



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