

SAVE Gives Back!

This issue of In Touch with SAVE is about the individuals and businesses who give their time, talent, goods, services and money to help SAVE. From the fundraising efforts described on page 2 to the board members profiled on page 7, we celebrate and thank all those who lift us up every day through their efforts.

It's important to know that SAVE's consumers don't take any of this for granted. Here are two of the ways they give back.



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Project Clean Up!



SAVE consumers continued a long history of service as they cleaned-up Hough Park in Belleville following **Belleville District 118's annual Carnival and Picnic**. For more than 15 years SAVE's industrious workers have tackled the job of putting the park back in order by picking up debris, collecting waste and

gathering those items that can be recycled.

This year approximately 25 consumers joined with staff members Leroy Turner, Sue Helferty, Ila Lopez, Dawna Pruitt, and Ron Geasley.

In addition to the pay and lunch they receive from the school district, the consumers especially enjoy collecting the "quarters" spread throughout the park that turns a day of work into a treasure hunt.

Congratulations Art on the Square!



Art on the Square was named the #1 Art Fair in the country for the third time in 2011! SAVE consumers bundled up in sweatshirts and jackets and volunteered for clean up in the Food Court on Saturday during the show. SAVE has helped out at Art on the Square for years, and our consumers love being part of this event - even when it rains!

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The **Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation** sponsored two successful fundraisers this spring that raised much needed funds for SAVE's programs and increased awareness of the organization's work.

ROHO/SAVE Trivia Night

The Trivia Trolley brought 120 people on 17 teams to the Katy Cavins Center in O'Fallon for the annual ROHO/SAVE Trivia Night. Roger

Schlueter, "BND's Answer Man," led the evening with challenging questions covering a wide variety of topics. Lead sponsor, The Roho Group, was joined by 10 Round Sponsors and 10 Table Sponsors in underwriting the event. More than 30 special items were provided by businesses and individuals for the Silent Auction.

In addition to the fun night for the trivia teams, consumers and volunteers, more than **\$4,900** was raised for SAVE. Thank you to all who helped make this special undertaking a TREMENDOUS success!



On a Saturday morning in June, 91 individuals gathered for an "all you can eat" Pancake and Sausage Breakfast at the Applebee's Restaurant in Swansea. Volunteers from the SAVE and Foundation Boards, family members and staff made sure everyone got their fill.

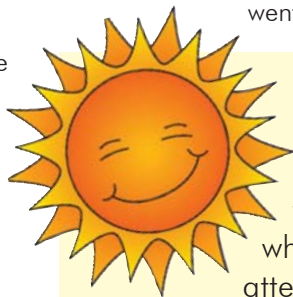
SAVE received more than **\$1,400** from the event. The morning also provided the opportunity for supporters and consumers to become better acquainted as they shared a meal. Plan now to be part of the next Flapjack Fundraiser!

FUNd Raising!

Yep, we're smiling! Thank YOU!



M&I Bank in Belleville donated the proceeds from their **Community Day** to SAVE. Not only did SAVE receive **\$438+**, but some of our folks went to the event and enjoyed it all - especially the food!



Open House

Thank you to everyone who planned and attended the

Open House at SAVE North

in March. More than 75 people toured the facility and had a chance to see what SAVE does.

Our consumers showed off their work and art, Roy-el Catering fed us well, and Tony's Restaurant in Mascoutah made sure no one was thirsty.

Even though it wasn't technically a Fund Raiser, the Open House in March raised almost **\$1,000** for SAVE thanks to our sponsors and the 50/50 drawing.

The Schnucks EScript Card Program donated \$1,125 to SAVE the first year! See pg. 4 for details on how you can get one!

To date, the Spine & Wellness Center has raised more than \$800 for renovations at SAVE. See pg. 5 for more details!

RUMMAGE



Thanks to everyone who donated clothes, furniture, household goods, electronics and so much more to the two SAVE Rummage Sales held in May and June.

The combined total raised for the Residential and Training Programs was more than \$1,600!

We couldn't have done it without **Deb Classen, Carol Schwan and Rita Gain**, who spearheaded the projects, and the corps of volunteers who spent hours sorting, pricing displaying and selling everything. Thanks to **Emily Morrison and her staff** who put up with us dropping off the donations and holding the sales at SAVE North.



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Executive Director's Corner

Dear Friends of SAVE,

Recently a number of us were looking to the future anticipating the 40th Anniversary of SAVE in 2012. This caused us to look back as well and review the organization from its earliest days.

Beginning with this issue of *In Touch with SAVE* and continuing in the coming months, we will be highlighting special moments in SAVE's history. To kick off the celebration I would like to focus on an organization that stands out in terms of support and assistance over the past 40 years - the **St. Clair County Mental Health Board**.

In our formative days, SAVE found help and support from this public board that is dedicated to providing services related to developmental disabilities, mental illness/mental health, and substance abuse. Over the years, a close partnership has developed between us and the Board (it is also known as the "708 Board" after the number of the House Bill passed in 1963 that authorized the creation of Mental Health Boards in Illinois). Today we work together helping one another fulfill our missions and achieve our mutual goals of improving the quality of life for persons with disabilities, providing care for those dealing with mental illness, and promoting mental health.

SAVE has become the 708 Board's preferred provider in St. Clair County. SAVE serves the largest number of adults with disabilities through our individual-centered development emphasis and flexibility in addressing new challenges as they have arisen over the years. Furthermore, the Board, under the leadership of Patty Shevlin, has been an invaluable resource for SAVE, providing significant support for programs and initiatives. Their grant enabled us to purchase the North Illinois site, and most recently, they awarded us a \$50,000 grant to facilitate the funding transition of our Vocational Development program and provided the funds necessary to sustain and continue our residential services.

As we celebrate SAVE's accomplishments and proud heritage, we take this opportunity to extend a sincere note of gratitude to the St. Clair County Mental Health Board for its participation in and support of our programs over the years. I look forward to continuing to work closely with the Board's Executive Director, Dana Rosenzweig, and Program Director, Debbie Humphrey, as we look for ways to improve the quality of life for all of the residents of St. Clair County.

Randolph B. Law, Executive Director

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 or call 214-234-1992. For contract services, contact Jim Schnipper at 618-234-1992.

Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation

Making a Difference

by James Freeman, Development Director

Let's try something. Close your eyes and pretend you're in a large room in an unfamiliar building. It's pitch dark. Now, try to leave the building without running into anything. Pretty hard, if not impossible, isn't it? Now, imagine that someone comes up to you, takes you by the hand and leads you to the exit. Receiving that help made a difference, didn't it?

That's what your gift to SAVE does - it makes a difference in the lives of the women and men we serve. While the consumers at SAVE are not trapped in a building unable to see, they are trying to navigate in a big world without many of the skills others have. In order to achieve their potential and realize their dreams, they need our help. (That's really true for all of us, isn't it? No one is 100% self sufficient.)

A lot of times when we receive appeals from an agency for financial assistance, we figure the money we give goes to help an "institution" or "organization" do its work. And while that's true in some respects - even for gifts to SAVE - it's important to know that there are real people being helped.

So, I invite you to return to the big, dark room in the unfamiliar building. Only this time, you can see, so reach out your hand....

...to Sharon who wants to learn to cook a meal for herself and her friends.

...to Bob who needs a motorized wheelchair so he can be independent in his daily life and work.

...to Tony who wants to always be able to compete in Special Olympics where he received a gold medal for doing his best.

...for Mary who wants to learn how to count her money and shop with confidence for the things she'd like to have.

And the list goes on and on...

The next time - or the first time - you send a contribution to SAVE, picture the Sharons, Bobs, Tonys, Marys and more than 200 other men and women saying, "Thank You!" for your helping hand.

You make a difference.

For more information about ways to donate to SAVE, call Jim Freeman, Development Director at 618-234-1992, ext. 25.

Easy Ways to Help!



Are You Using Your Schnucks Escrip Card?

It's the easiest way to help SAVE.

Swipe your card before checking out, and Schnucks will donate 2% - 3% of your purchase to SAVE!

Doesn't cost you an extra dime, and SAVE benefits!

Call SAVE 618-234-1992, ext 25 for your card.

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2785 South Belt

Safe Lock #1, Lebanon Ave & Hartman Ln.
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Rural King, 9525 Collinsville Rd

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Buck's, 108 S. State

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Dollar General, 707 S. Madison

Mascoutah

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Mascoutah Plaza

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O'Fallon

Mississippi River Cons., Rt. 50 & Scott-Troy Rd.

Lakepointe Center, Rt. 50 East

Casey's, Hartman Lane

Swansea

Belleville Beauty Supply, N. Illinois

Spine & Wellness Center



Raising Funds For SAVE Renovation Project

Dr. Dan Khampraseut and his staff at the **Spine and Wellness Center** in Swansea have adopted SAVE as a community service project this year. Under the direction of Practice Representative, Joyce Strum, the center has developed fundraising projects to secure volunteers, material and funds to underwrite a special renovation project at the Turkey Hill site this fall. The nature and scope of the renovation will be determined by the resources garnered through their efforts.

To date the center has raised over \$800 through a bowling tournament and personal gifts. In addition, a number of businesses have donated material and/or labor for the renovation. Plans are underway for a Trivia Night, Chicken & Beer Dance and Golf Tournament through the summer to raise more funds. If you would like more information about this effort, the programs that are planned, or would like to volunteer material or services, please contact Joyce Strum at (618) 301-0301.



SAVE has become part of the **FundingFactory Recycling Program**. We are now collecting empty laser cartridges, inkjet cartridges and used cell phones. These are then sent to the FundingFactory for recycling, and we receive a cash contribution for SAVE's work in exchange.

It is estimated that over 300 million inkjet cartridges and another 30,000,000 cell phones were thrown away last year and ended up in a landfill. We are helping to alleviate this volume of waste and raise much needed funds for SAVE.

Please donate your empty printer cartridges and used cell phones to SAVE, and we'll take it from there. You can drop off your contributions at either the North Illinois site (620 North Illinois St.) or the Turkey Hill site (3001 Save Rd.). Call Jim Freeman at 618/234-1992 ext. 25 to make arrangements to have them picked up at your home or business and to learn more about this new endeavor.



Ongoing Partnership

The Jr. Service Club of Belleville has been a significant partner in helping SAVE accomplish its mission for a number of years. In addition to planning and conducting volunteer events and services (most recently, the renewal of the signage at the entrance to Turkey Hill), they have provided financial support annually during the last decade.

This year they have given a grant of \$2,500 to support the Community Living Fund and provide assistance for the programs that enable Turkey Hill residents to have a comfortable home. We extend a BIG "Thank You!" to the Jr. Service Club for their dedication to strengthening and furthering our work.

Thank you!

Donations to SAVE and the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation for February 1 - May 31, 2011

ADVOCATES FOR SAVE

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

John & Kim Anderson
Robert & Marcia Atchison
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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 at 234-1992 ext. 25.

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Midland States Bank
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We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones. Thank you 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 Jim Freeman at 618-234-1992, ext. 25.

Foundation Board Member, Steve Voss



What amazes me about SAVE is the community spirit that exists among the consumers and their love and support for one another...it just makes you want to participate and help." That is Steve Voss' comment when asked why he shares his leadership talents with the organization.

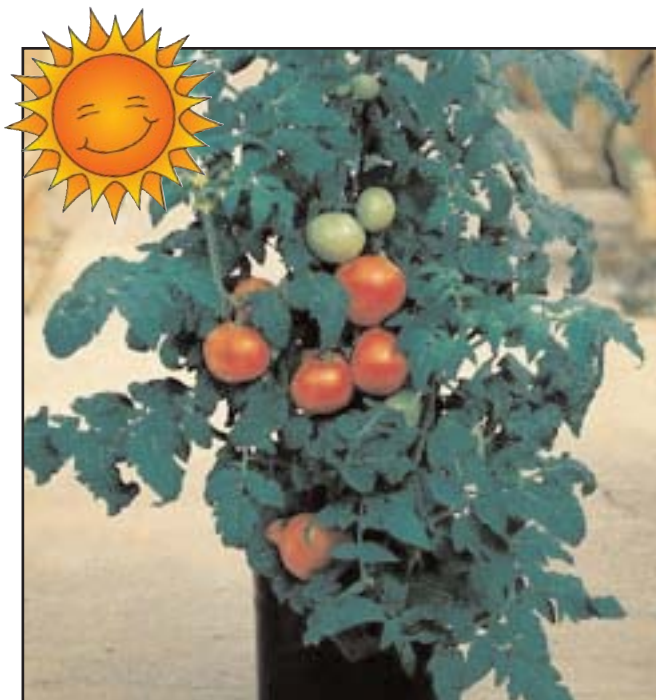
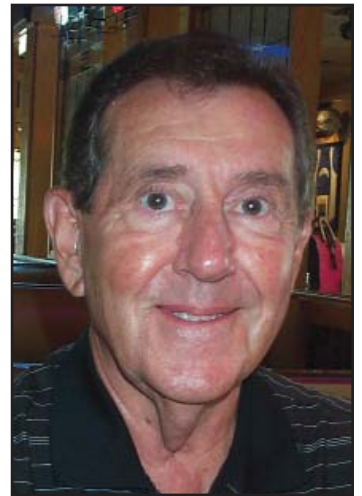
Steve has served on the Lee Hopp SAVE Foundation Board of Directors for 11 years and currently is chair of the Investment Committee and a member of the joint Boards' Marketing/PR Committee. In his daily life he is an Investment Representative for Edward Jones. It was through a client, who was a teacher, that he became personally involved and was invited to join the Board. A regular participant in events and meetings, he says, "I feel like I receive more than I am able to give, and it is an honor for me to be part of this great organization."

A native of the area, Steve attended Althoff High School, Southwestern Illinois College, Southern Illinois University Edwardsville and Webster University for his formal education. He and his wife, Marilyn, have three children. Besides the family and SAVE, his passion is collecting guitars.

SAVE Board Member, Larry Fox

Larry Fox became acquainted with SAVE 10 years ago while serving as a representative of Peabody Energy as a loaned executive to the United Way of Greater St. Louis. In addition to sharing his talents and abilities on the SAVE Board of Directors, he continues to volunteer with the United Way as a Campaign Representative, a member of the UW allocations committee and a volunteer for the one-time grants committee. Larry remembers being very impressed with the work and mission of SAVE during his initial site visit and discussions with Executive Director Randy Law. This led to volunteering and subsequently joining the Board where he serves as an active member of the Finance & Insurance and Marketing/PR committees. Larry volunteers on many other projects, readily joining in the effort to support and further the SAVE mission.

A native of Indiana, he joined Peabody Energy following four years in the U.S. Air Force. He worked for Peabody over 40 years, spending 30 of those years in Montana, Colorado and Wyoming finishing as President of Powder River Coal Company. He retired in the St. Louis area in 2002 and has continued to serve as a consultant for special projects in the mining industry. He and his wife, Kay, have two children and two grandchildren. In addition to his many volunteer jobs including SAVE, he enjoys golfing, fishing, outdoor work and traveling to visit family.



You say "tomayto" and I say "tomahito.." Either way, SAVE consumers come out ahead!

Barb Hohlt, Wendy Hedberg, Carol Kreitner, Lisa Phillips and their friend, Janine arrived at SAVE with armloads of tomato plants and bags of potting soil. They unloaded pots donated by **Effinger Garden Center** in Belleville and proceeded to plant a container garden for each of the houses in the Residential area.

We heard from **Michelle** that in just a couple of days, her house had two tomatoes growing on their plants! Many thanks, ladies, for helping SAVE eat healthy.



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The SAVE Works logo says it all!

Businesses that employ SAVE consumers in our workshops, in their workplace or through JOBtrack benefit on many levels.

The men and women from SAVE are gainfully employed and learning new skills every day, and the businesses are getting dedicated, hard workers who value their employment opportunities.

The community also benefits by increasing jobs. It's a Win-Win all around!

For more information on hiring SAVE, call Jim Schnipper at 618-234-1992.