

Hello Again...



Welcome to the spring edition of the BAWAC News! We hope you will be pleased to see all that is happening at BAWAC and how, each day, we continue our mission of service to people with disabilities.

It has been just a year since we launched our first-ever capital campaign. The Empowering Life-Long Abilities campaign has reached 83% of our \$1,000,000 goal thanks to the generosity of many donors and the leadership of Wil Ziegler, Honorary Chair; John G. Wilson and Dan Hunt; Co-Chairs; the Major Gifts Committee; many Campaign Volunteers, and the Continuation Committee. We are working hard to finish the job and reach our goal. Please help us spread the word of our mission and need to friends and family who may wish to support programming for people with special needs.

The campaign has made for so many exciting changes – a new 10,000 sq. ft. addition and a partial renovation of the existing building. And the Helen R. Ziegler Life Transitions Center has blossomed to life! We have exceeded our expectations at this point with 22 people in attendance and several more ready to start. These clients are enjoying the opportunity for continued socialization with friends, individualized personal care, and stimulating activities for fun and engagement. We are gratified by the trust that families and guardians have placed in us to care for their loved ones.

The expansion of the production area has been equally successful. Additional clients are receiving services and more are ready to start. The variety of assembly and packaging jobs has increased now that we can handle larger loads and run more jobs simultaneously. Our average productivity has doubled!

Not to be outdone, the Supported Employment program has had its busiest year in recent memory. The program served 116 clients, with 40 being successfully placed in community jobs and an additional 71 people maintained in existing positions. Employers find that people with disabilities are valuable and reliable employees.

Our transportation service continues to expand, serving 190 people a day, making 350 trips per day for approximately 7,000 trips a month. Our vans travel to eight agencies in six counties providing our passengers with safe and reliable transportation to daily programming.

BAWAC is fortunate to have a dedicated, skilled, and caring staff who work tirelessly to deliver the best services possible. With the committed financial support of the Northern Kentucky community, we are all inspired to work even harder to achieve even more. We invite you to come anytime and see for yourself the amazing work being done here each and every day. We'd be pleased to have you visit!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kenneth R. Schmidt". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Kenneth R. Schmidt
President

Donors

As BAWAC's Empowering Life-Long Abilities Capital Campaign nears its first year of completion of a five-year campaign we are happy to report and acknowledge that we have reached \$834,069.00 toward our one million dollar goal. So many people can share in the unique satisfaction that comes especially to those who helped foster this project through their gifts. BAWAC wishes to acknowledge and thank the following who have so generously shown their financial support:

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If you would like to contribute or find out how you can support BAWAC's Empowering Life-Long Abilities Campaign please use the envelope provided in this Newsletter or if you would like more information please feel free to contact Brian Wigger at 859-371-4410.

Annual Dinner Awards



Ken Schmidt and Lori Hitzfield present the Business Award to Melissa Owenbey and Mark Krautle from Zotefoam



Dan Hunt, Ken Schmidt and Travis Evans present the Personal Achievement Award to Steve Robbins

Annual Dinner



Dan Hunt and Ken Schmidt present to Kerri Kraemer a certificate for 20 years of service



Rick Pratt presented Jan Schmidt with the John Neinaber Spirit of Service Award for her many hours of volunteer service



Rick Pratt and Bob Smith at the annual dinner



Dan Hunt and Ken Schmidt present to Dave Minear a certificate for 10 years of service



Ken Schmidt and Trudy Oldendick present the Personal Achievement Award to Candice Woods



Dan Hunt and Ken Schmidt present to Travis Evans a certificate for 10 years of service



Dan Hunt and Ken Schmidt present to Catherine Meisenhelder a certificate for 5 years of service



Gregg and Tom Austing at the annual dinner



From the Desk of the Development Director BAWAC SAVES STRANDED RIDERS

November marked an exceptionally busy month for the BAWAC transportation department. In the span of two weeks, it accommodated more than 80 individuals with disabilities who were left stranded

with no transportation to programming after the abrupt closure of Senior Services of Northern Kentucky. "BAWAC really stepped up to the plate when the need arose and what they have done in such a short amount of time is nothing short of amazing," said Lisa Cooper, Executive Director Northern Kentucky Area Development District, commenting on BAWAC's response to the challenge of filling a desperate need.

BAWAC was honored to assist. It was a natural fit with our mission of service and years of experience providing transportation service for BAWAC clients. It was an all-hands-on-deck, around-the-clock operation for the staff tasked with making and executing the plan in such a short time frame. As new drivers were added and the van fleet expanded by 16 vehicles, plans took shape and routes were combined, making for a more efficient and economical operation. The result? BAWAC increased its daily trips by 70%, now transporting 190 clients each day to eight agencies in six counties, totaling 380 trips per day for approximately 7,000 trips per month!

Our staff really stepped up to make this happen but we could not have done it alone. With gratitude, we acknowledge the exceptional leadership of the Northern Kentucky Area Development District; transportation broker, LKLP; the financial support of the United Way for conversion of three large vans for wheelchair accessibility; and the many other social service agencies who united in a spirit of cooperation to get our stranded riders on their way!

Respectfully,
Brian Wigger
Development Director



Logan, Patty, Ken and Jim checking out one of BAWAC's new vans.



Tom Torline and family and friends from Advanced Construction provided our Christmas lunch and served us as well.

Thanksgiving Dinner

On November 23, 2015 the Women on Mission from Hebron Baptist Church sponsored its annual Thanksgiving lunch for BAWAC clients and staff. The afternoon began with a gracious welcome and prayer from Pastor Shawn Dobbins followed by a delicious lunch of turkey with all the trimmings served by members and friends from Hebron Baptist Church. The day continued with wonderful entertainment by Reverend Randy Wallace from the Oak Ridge Baptist Church who led us in music and humorous and faith-filled story telling. BAWAC truly remains thankful for our friends at Hebron Baptist Church for treating us every year to a great time.



Kenny Scherder and Donna Rice at the Thanksgiving dinner



Susan Martin and Mark Thomas at the Thanksgiving dinner

Christmas Party



Patty Buddy receives her 40 years of employment certificate



Gary Cayze receives his 40 years of employment certificate



Greg Ziegler receives his 35 years of employment certificate



Debbie Hodges receives her 25 years of employment certificate



Brett Hegna receives his 15 years of employment certificate



Brandon Miller receives his 15 years of employment certificate



Chris Bryan receives his 10 years of employment certificate



Todd Mason receives his 10 years of employment certificate



Logan Fields receives his 5 years of employment certificate



Cheryl McGraw leads the clients in acting out the Twelve Days of Christmas - a BAWAC favorite!

Plan to Attend BAWAC's 26th Annual Charity Golf Outing.

BAWAC, Inc. a community rehabilitation center, is pleased to announce that its 26th Annual Charity Golf Outing will be held on Tuesday, June 7th at Boone Links Course, 19 Clubhouse Dr., Florence, KY. Registration begins at 8:00 a.m. with a shotgun start at 9:00 a.m. Again this year, Lewis Johnson, NBC Olympic Commentator, will host the event. New this year is a closest to the pin challenge with Lewis.

A scramble format will be used and in addition to the featured challenge there will be hole-in-one; putting; closest-to-pin; and a men's and women's division of the longest drive contests.

We will serve breakfast, lunch on the course and dinner in the clubhouse.

To register and/or designate your level of sponsorship, please mail or email the enclosed entry form.

If you have items for goodie bag distribution, please call 859-371-4410 for pick up.





Twenty-Six
BAWAC, Inc.
ANNUAL CHARITY GOLF OUTING



Hosted by Lewis Johnson



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Tuesday, June 7, 2016
Boone Links, 19 Clubhouse Dr., Florence



Dominion Liquid Technologies

TIME: 8:00 Registration; 9:00 AM Shotgun Start

A continental breakfast, lunch at the turn, and buffet dinner will be served to all golfers.

#	Item	Includes	Cost	Amount
<input type="checkbox"/>	Platinum Sponsor	Three foursome registrations, sponsor recognition, course banner, full page ad in the program, 12 golf shirts	\$3,000	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Medallion Sponsor:	Foursome registration, course banner, full-page ad in the program, 4 golf shirts	\$1,000	
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<input type="checkbox"/>	Individual Registration:	Green fees, cart, meals and drinks	\$100	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Dinner Guest	I would like to attend the dinner only	\$25	
<input type="checkbox"/>	Goodie Bag Donation	Gift Cards and/or 144 items for goodie bags Call and we will pick up the items: 859-371-4410		

TOTAL

Please fill out the information below and return this form with your check made out to *BAWAC, Inc.*, to:
BAWAC, Inc., Golf Outing, 7970 Kentucky Drive, Florence, KY 41042
or email to: vicki.whitaker@bawac.org.

Name/Company: _____ PHONE: _____

Contact name & email: _____

Address: _____

Players participating in the foursome: (This helps us to place their names on carts)

	NAME	EMAIL ADDRESS (This will help us eliminate paper & postage next year)	PHONE
1.	_____	_____	_____
2.	_____	_____	_____
3.	_____	_____	_____
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WE NEED DONATIONS: If you are interested in promoting your company through a donation of contest prizes or goodie bag items, please call Vicki or Brian at 859-371-4410.



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Olympic Commentator**

**Come and challenge Lewis in
a closest to the pin contest.**



26th Annual Golf Outing

**June 7, 2016
Boone Links Course**

Come!

**Join us for a great day of
Golf, Games, Prizes, Food
and Friendship!**