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Foundation Grant Awards Improve BEi Facilities

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BEi has been awarded two grants that will address renovation and infrastructure improvement projects. In October of 2010, the DeFrees Family Foundation approved BEi's grant request to renovate the production area restrooms in the original workshop building at the facility complex. The Women's and Men's restrooms were renovated in the mid 1970's when operations relocated from the first workshop on Conewango Avenue in Warren. Since that time only routine maintenance has been done on them. This grant will fund new flooring, doors, partitions, fixtures, hand dryers, lighting, and exhausts. Energy and water conservation features were built into the renovations. The second grant was received from the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust in December, 2010. The Trees grant funded BEi's request for modernizing and rewiring of the Information Technology (IT) systems and central server. This project will improve the IT infrastructure of BEi, replace aging equipment and address longstanding concerns about a secure and climate controlled location of the system's control panels and server. Both improvement projects will be completed by early 2011.



Contributions:

Barbara Jacobs in honor of
Dr. & Mrs. Jay Endres

Dean & Lisa Huya

Arc of Warren Forest Counties

BEi Blips

Friday, October 15th marked the 10th Annual Oktoberfest at BEi. The inclement weather kept the festivities inside over the lunch hour. Employees purchased hot dogs and kraut, pretzels with cheese, and cider. A good time was had by all and the proceeds were designated for the Red Cross local disaster fund



Life Skills and Therapeutic Activity Programs on the Move!



The BEi Life Skills and Therapeutic Activities programs are growing in numbers of participants and literally on the move in the community! Stephanie Maze, Beate Reddick, and David Kell can be constantly seen daily shuttling people to and from training sites and community events focused on healthy lifestyles, community participation and independent living. These programs of choice are popular with consumers who select them because Stephanie, Beate, and Dave make life and learning interesting and fun! Whether it is learning to cook a heart healthy meal

from scratch, acquiring skills to maintain one's residence, or attending a performance at the Library Theatre, everyone is eager to try out new things. These programs receive support from the United Fund of Warren County, the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust, and public funding through fees for service.

BEi Welcomes New Staff

Amber Cooke (on the right in photo) and Debbie Crone (left) joined BEi staff in November, 2010 as front line Production Supervisors. Both bring a wealth of education and experience to their jobs. Amber has worked as a substitute teacher for the school district and Debbie has worked in manufacturing settings and a family business. Teaching, training, and production skills are highly relevant to BEi business operations and improving skill levels of BEi production workers.



BEi Promotes Services at Human Resources Fair



The Warren County Alliance for a Better Community (ABC) held a public awareness event at the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center on October 10, 2010, to provide information about services availability to educate human resources professionals from local business and industry, social service agency personnel, and the general public. More than 20 agencies, including BEi spent the day explaining how their services can support human resource departments and employees of local companies as individual employee needs are identified. Attending agencies also had the opportunity to share information and resources in support of each others efforts.

BEi's Third Annual Craft Show Successful!



The Third Annual BEi Holiday Craft and Vendor Show, held on Saturday, December 11, 2010, saw steady crowds shopping for Christmas gifts and holiday items from the 29 vendors offering their wares. Overnight, the BEi production workshop was transformed into Santa's workshop for the staging of the show. The festive setting offered something for everyone: Crafts and commercial items for the holidays, a silent auction with 62 items for bid, hot soup and chili for lunch, and many holiday baked goods for sale. Vendors, customers, and auction winners ended the day happy with their sales, purchases, and winnings. Special thanks to BEi staff and board members, and families and friends, who spent many hours volunteering to make the show a success!

BEi Holiday Dance and Workshop Party were Fun for All!

The Jefferson DeFrees Family Center in Warren rocked to the sounds of Dr. Vig on the evening of Friday, December 3, 2010, at the BEi Holiday Dance. The evening was topped off with holiday punch and cookies. Everyone enjoyed the night of dancing and visiting with friends! Later in the month, on Friday, December 17th, more holiday cheer was the order for the day at the annual workshop Christmas Party held at the North Warren Fire Hall. The full afternoon of fun included a catered lunch, more dancing, more punch and cookies, and a holiday sing along.



BEi Boards Hold Annual Meeting



Dean Huya

The BEi Board of Directors and Board of Trustees held their Annual Joint Meeting at the Jefferson DeFrees Family Center on December 21, 2010, to elect officers for 2011, review the annual audit by Kersey and Associates, and to note the successes of the year. Board of Directors Officers elected were: Dean Huya, President; Jasen Diley, Vice President; Kris Whitaker, Treasurer; and Linda Hackett, Secretary. The Board of Trustees elected Bill Harvey, Jr., as Chairman. Year 2010 was a good year for BEi highlighted by the selection for statewide recognition as recipient of the Pennsylvania American Legion 2010 Award to Enhance the Lives of Disabled Persons. This award celebrates the ongoing hard work and efforts of BEi Boards and staff to provide the best services possible!



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Mission

The mission of Bollinger Enterprises, Inc., (BEi) is to enrich the lives of people with disabilities by being the most innovative provider of vocational, life, and social opportunities through a caring and dedicated staff by:

- * *B*ringing opportunities to people with disabilities for independence at work, at home and at play!
- * *E*nhancing self-worth and enjoyment in life!
- * *i*nvolving the community to make it happen!

Check out our website at
www.beiwarren.com



Economic Recovery Felt at BEi

Production business operations were strong throughout the last quarter with no let up through December. Orders from BEi contractors including Whirley-DrinkWorks!, Petrex, Entech, and Interlectric were plentiful with no break for the holidays. One business customer's instructions of: "Put the pedal to the metal" indicates a strong rebound from where the economy stood two years ago. Here's hoping the economic recovery continues at a good pace in 2011!