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Bollinger Enterprises, Inc.

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Adult Training Facility Start-Up at BEi

Lead Story
ATF Start-Up



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BEi continues to diversify its available program operations to meet support service needs and choices. Nineteen individuals from BEi's workshop program were shifted to a newly licensed "Adult Training Facility" located within the BEi complex. An Adult Training Facility, or ATF, is a program licensed by the Pennsylvania Department of Human Services under a separate set of regulations that provides services including the provision of functional activities, assistance in meeting personal needs, and assistance in performing basic daily activities. The ATF will also focus efforts on participation in community based, offsite activities in the Warren region. The ATF received a boost for that purpose after the Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust awarded a grant in late December to purchase a van to be used by the program.



Congressman Glenn “GT” Thompson Visits BEi



BEi was a stop on US Congressman “GT” Thompson’s five day, sixteen county bus tour of the 5th Congressional District that he represents. Prior to his visit on January 20th, BEi board members, staff, families, and family members served by BEi attended a breakfast meeting in Warren hosted by the Congressman. Later in the morning, GT and a group of about ten people traveling with him spent about an hour at BEi learning about BEi services and the

productive relationships with Warren business community through its contracted work operations that provide diverse learning and earning opportunities at the BEi workshop.

BE inspired Art Program Continues to Grow

The artists at BEi were busy during November and December of 2015 making and selling their art products at two holiday fairs; “What’s New for the Holidays” at the Women’s Club of Warren and at BEi’s Eighth Annual Holiday Craft and Vendor Show. New art product lines continue to be developed and a new location for art classes and storefront product sales established. During the past year the YMCA of Warren generously offered space for the BE inspired Art Program during the Erie Arts and Culture Artist Residency and throughout the remainder of the year. The need for a retail storefront for art product sales and additional art workspace prompted the program to relocate to a downtown Warren retail storefront site, “Seasons On the Avenue.” This location offers a venue for continuous public retail sales of art products made by the BE inspired artists.



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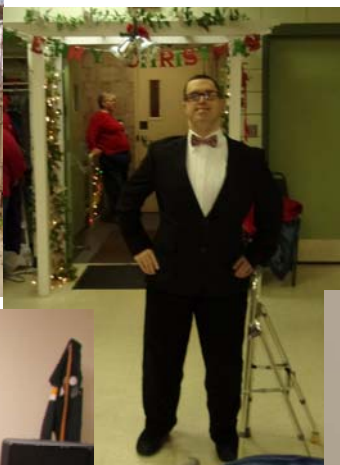
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 James and Romaine Barrett Memorial Fund
 McComas Charitable Trust
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 Donna and Duane Vicini
 Whirley- DrinkWorks!



Grant Received for Vehicle and Facility Improvement Projects

The Pittsburgh based Edith L. Trees Charitable Trust has awarded a grant of \$58,000 to BEi to purchase a vehicle for use with BEi programs and for a complete flooring replacement project in our Bollinger Building at the facility complex. The van will enable access to the community for training and use of community resources. Such training and resource use will be a critical program component of BEi's newly established Adult Training Facility. The flooring replacement project on the second floor of the Bollinger Building will replace a crumbling floor that poses issues for state licensing compliance as well as compliance with Safe, Quality, Food (SQF) certification standards which are necessary for maintaining contract work relationships with BEi's business partners.

Fun Times at BEi !



Leadership Changes at BEi

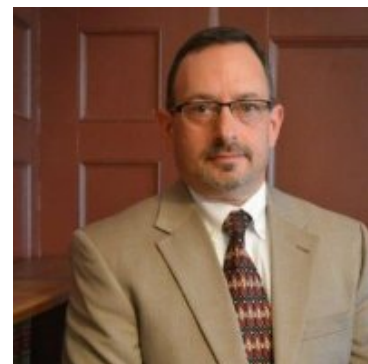
The BEi Boards of Directors and Trustees elected officers for 2016 at the BEi Annual Meeting held on December 15, 2015. The following officers assumed their duties on January 1, 2016.

Board of Directors

President, Laura Bierbower
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Mission

To Enrich the Lives of People with Disabilities

- * **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**



Warren Gives: May 18th, 2016 - How You can Help BEi!

The Fourth Annual Warren Gives Online Fundraising Event will be held Wednesday May 18, 2016, from 6:00 AM to 10:00 PM. Thanks to the public's generosity, Bollinger Enterprises, Inc., has been in the Top Ten for number of contributions received and total amount of contributions in each year since the event was launched in 2013. Funds raised through Warren Gives have improved and enhanced the programs of BEi ranging from funding our Art Program to purchasing production equipment that increased the earning power of our workers in our shop. Last year BEi received \$6,936.90 though Warren Gives thanks to you! This year our goal will be \$8,000. To help you remember to contribute to BEi on May 18th visit www.warrengives.org and click on the "Donating" tab and then click "Send me an email reminder." BEi's doors will be open 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM on May 18th to provide computer access and assistance to make donations.

PLEASE GIVE GENEROUSLY TO BEi THROUGH WARREN GIVES ON MAY 18TH !



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Donate to your favorite
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Wednesday, May 18, 2016