

# MESSAGE FROM THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

In June of 2019, I will celebrate three years serving as the Executive Director of BEi. Coming from a 29-year education background, I had some experience that was helpful to the position, but I also had a lot to learn.

The management teams of Kim Nowell, Jennifer Slack and Ron Heinrich, along with the rest of the BEi staff, were invaluable in helping to navigate the licensing regulations that provide the guidepost necessary to keep BEi moving forward.

The BEi board is made of various community members and representatives from Barber National Institute. The board meetings have been insightful for me as the Executive Director as I work with the Board to implement the web of regulations that apply to BEi programs.

The affiliation with Barber in January 2018 has strengthened the infrastructure with respect to fiscal operations and client management. The Barber staff has worked closely with BEi staff to provide trainings in the management systems that have been put in place.

As BEi looks to the future, I am excited to see how our affiliation will continue to enhance not only business operations but also client programs.

One example of a program that has grown over the past several months is the BEinspired Art program. Our new instructor, Jennifer Kilburn, has been working with our adults to create outstanding pieces of artwork that will soon be on display at BEi and other locations for purchase. Funds from Warren Gives help to support programs like BEinspired.

To enable BEi to continue to enhance programs such as BEinspired Art, please consider a donation to BEi during Warren Gives on May 22 to support our programs.

Sincerely,  
William A. Clark, D.Ed.  
Executive Director



*Barber National Institute Affiliate*

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## THE DAY THAT EVERYONE CAN BE A PHILANTHROPIST

**2019 WARREN GIVES • WEDNESDAY, MAY 22 • 6 A.M. – 10 P.M.**

BEi will again participate in Warren Gives, a special day of giving sponsored by the Community Foundation of Warren County. This event provides 16 hours of online giving to encourage donations to participating non-profits in the Warren region.

Last year, nearly 60 donors contributed more than \$5,990 to BEi. Their donations had an even greater impact with a partial match by the Community Foundation of Warren County. Match dollars are distributed proportionally among organizations based on the amount of donations they receive. For this event, 100% of donations and match dollars go directly to the organization – all administrative and processing fees are paid by the Community Foundation of Warren County.

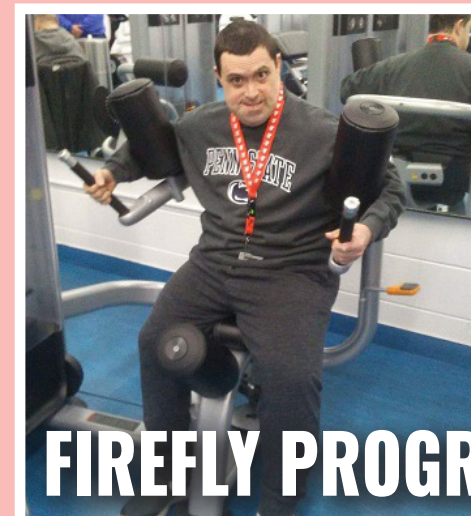


The Warren Gives online donation process is secure and makes donating quick and easy. Just visit the Warren Gives website, [WarrenGives.org](http://WarrenGives.org), to learn more, and mark your calendar now to make a gift on May 22!



In November of 2018, BEi began working with Fairview Paper Box Corporation, a subsidiary of the BOXit Corporation in Columbus, Ohio. The company is based in Warsaw, NY, approximately a two-hour drive from Warren.

Fairview delivers and supplies BEi with all of the necessary products to complete assembly of small jewelry boxes that are shipped to various locations. Our individuals are responsible for checking each cover, fiber insert, and box to ensure top quality. They assemble the parts, and place them in a large shipping box. Our goal is to ship out approximately 20,000 jewelry boxes per week.



## FIREFLY PROGRAM SHINES AT YMCA

Our individuals in the Adult Training Facility Program enjoy participating in the Firefly Program held at the Warren County YMCA. It's a wonderful opportunity for our individuals to get exercise and be a part of our community.



## WORKING FOR A HEALTHIER HEART

To celebrate Heart Month this February, BEi held a Health Fair for individuals and staff to focus on heart health and the importance of healthy eating. Guest speaker Christine Smith, a health and fitness coach, gave a wonderful presentation highlighting the importance of eating a low sugar diet. Our individuals topped it off with a healthy lunch.

## 2017-2018 FACTS & FIGURES

# THANK YOU, DONORS

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### MEMORIAL 2017-2018

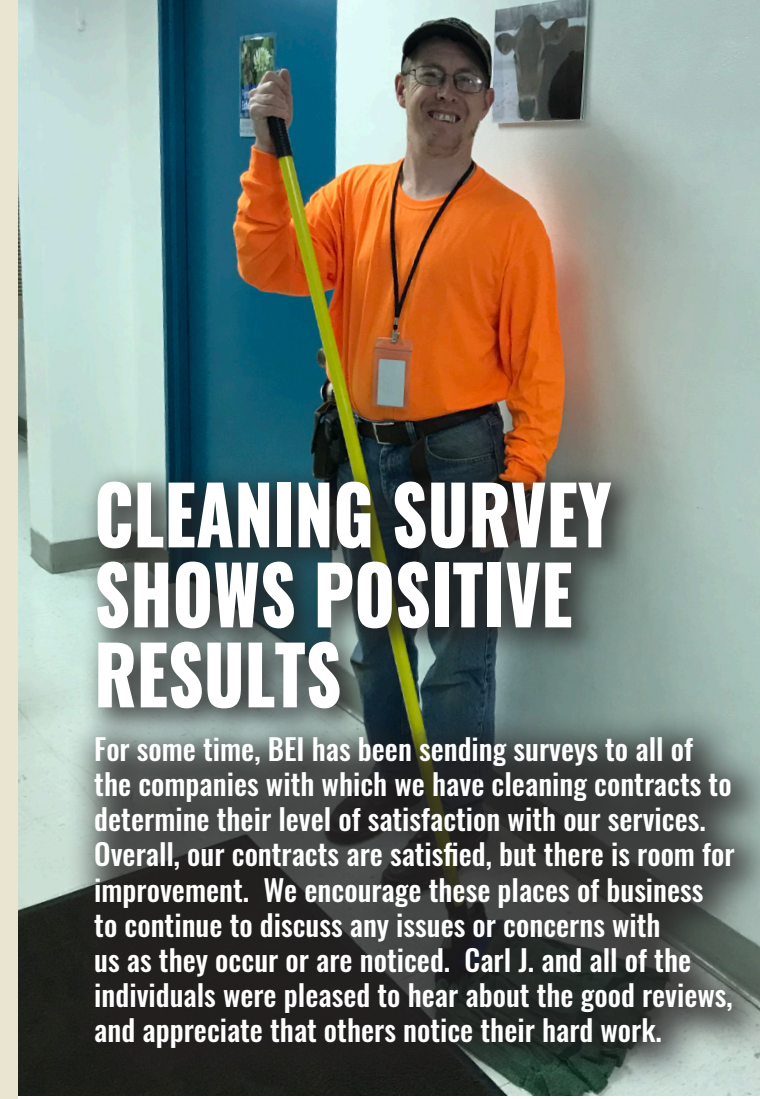
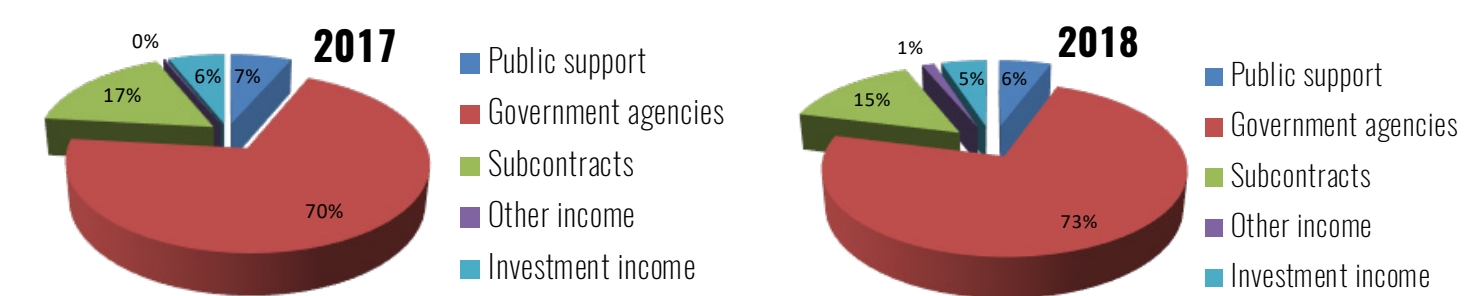
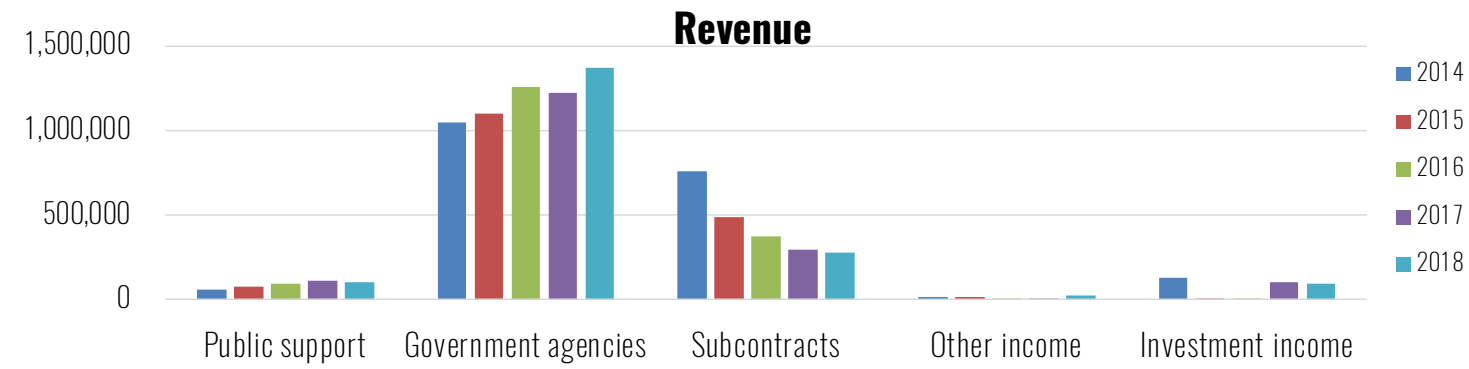
In memory of Linda Tom & Janet Buser

Donations received from July 1, 2017 through June 30, 2018.

### WARREN GIVES 2018 DONORS

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## CLEANING SURVEY SHOWS POSITIVE RESULTS

For some time, BEi has been sending surveys to all of the companies with which we have cleaning contracts to determine their level of satisfaction with our services. Overall, our contracts are satisfied, but there is room for improvement. We encourage these places of business to continue to discuss any issues or concerns with us as they occur or are noticed. Carl J. and all of the individuals were pleased to hear about the good reviews, and appreciate that others notice their hard work.



## WELCOME!

We would like to welcome Jennifer Kilburn as our new art instructor. She comes to us with an educational background from Messiah College and more than six years of experience as a mixed media artist. Jennifer is excited to be a part of the program and is looking forward to facilitating fun and engaging experiences for all involved.

## OUTSTANDING EMPLOYEE FOR 2019 FIRST QUARTER



Tyler H. has been employed at BEi since March 7, 2006. He was part of the initial crew that was assigned to clean the courthouse beginning in November 2017. Tyler enjoys working and earning a paycheck. If he had his way, he would work all day, every day. He exemplifies a strong work ethic, and continues to be a positive role model for his coworkers in the facility and within the community. Tyler enjoys going out into the community, and will offer to fill in for a coworker whenever needed. His quality of work consistently exceeds expectations, and he is great at initiating tasks. Although Tyler enjoys all of his time within the community, his favorite job is using the shrink wrap machine with his brother.



Targeted Pet Treats staff celebrates the successful work instruction experience with students Cheyenne Dishon and Aaron Evans.

## STUDENTS EXPERIENCE NEW WORK OPPORTUNITY

Students from Warren High School are building skills and gaining valuable experience in a new Community Work Instruction Program (CWIP) at Targeted Pet Treats (TPT) in Warren. This new program was developed by the Office of Vocational Rehabilitation (OVR), BEi management and representatives of TPT. Students Cheyenne Dishon and Aaron Evans, along with job coach Kelly Martin, went through orientation and training with Targeted Pet Treats personnel and quickly integrated into the TPT work force. Members of the BEi team have quickly acclimated to their surroundings and responsibilities, working after school four evenings each week. Both Cheyenne and Aaron are pleased with the opportunity provided by the BEI-TPT program, the ability to earn a paycheck and the possibility of continued employment after graduation. Also, Targeted Pet Treats appreciates the new partnership with BEi which allows the company to help the Warren community and hopefully integrate future additional students into the workforce.

## SPOTLIGHT ON OUR BOARD



John Kersey has lived in the Warren area most of his life. He holds a bachelor degree in Economics/Accounting from Edinboro University and a Master of Business Administration from Gannon University. John is a certified public accountant and the owner of Kersey & Associates, PC, a local CPA firm providing accounting, auditing, and tax services in the region for over 40 years. John lives in Warren with his wife, Barbara, and daughter Jennifer. He is active in community organizations and church, and enjoys outdoor activities.



## HELPING HANDS

BEi staff and adults pitched in to help clean up damage from a recent tornado that struck in the area. Supervisor Tim Ferrie worked with Dustin and Kurtis to assist with clean up efforts in Starbuck.



## CREATIVE EXPRESSION IN BLOOM

BEi art instructor Jennifer Kilburn, left, works with Christine and Samantha to create artwork that will be available to the public for purchase. The BEinspired Art Program is held in the community, enabling adults to work with local artists to enhance their artistic skills. Their artwork and other items are then sold in local stores and in the community. Adults also often exhibit their work at venues throughout the region.