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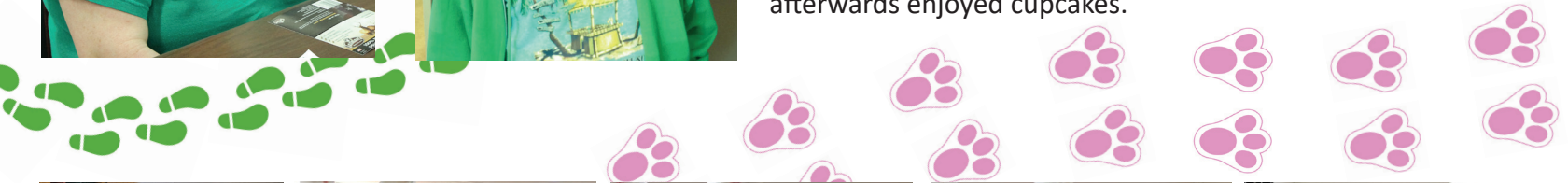
Behind the Seen

Leprechauns & Easter Bunnies

Holidays and theme days are always a special time at Rauch. Everyone loves dressing up and having their photo taken. They especially like the celebrations that often coordinate with those special days. This past St. Patrick's Day and Easter were no exception. March 17th brought a sea of green to Rauch. Many of clients and staff wore green or accented their outfits with the cheerful spring hue to celebrate St. Patty's Day.



On March 25th, the Easter Bunny's ambassador hopped by Fairmont Neighborhood Center. Played by our resident holiday character extraordinaire Branden (an ACCESS & Rauch Industries participant), the bunny posed for photos and hid a whopping 2,500 eggs! The participants at ADA and ACCESS made quick work for finding all those eggs and afterwards enjoyed cupcakes.



DID YOU KNOW?

Last year, Rauch Interpreting Services provided over



Monday, September 12th

Save the Date!



Champions Pointe Golf Club

We're thrilled to announce that **Algood Food Company** is back as the title sponsor of the 8th annual Rauch golf scramble! Algood goes above & beyond for Rauch and the people we serve, providing work opportunities for our clients through jobs outsourced to Rauch Industries (sorting/packaging their peanut butter, jelly, & marmalade).

Join us: Rauch Golf Scramble presented by Algood
Monday, September 12, 2016, at Fuzzy Zoeller's Champions Pointe
More info/registration: rauchgolfs scramble.com

¿Habla español?



Do you speak Spanish? Rauch Interpreting Services has expanded. When Brian Rios was just nine years old, he and his mother moved to the United States. Being new to a country where they didn't speak the primary language, they encountered a variety of obstacles. Not being able to communicate with the public was one of the greatest challenges they have ever faced. Now, Brian, a New Albany High School graduate, holds a Bachelor of Science degree in International Business with a concentration in Latin America from Indiana University Southeast. He has been working as a contract interpreter with Rauch for a little over three years, and just recently transitioned into a new on-staff position as Rauch's Spanish language interpreter. He is passionate about his work and loves that he has the opportunity to make a change in people's everyday lives by giving them the chance to comfortably communicate with society, anywhere from Doctor's office visits to corporate functions.

Rauch's Spanish-language interpreting services are available for your business or personal needs for situations such as: staff meetings, medical appointments, job trainings, job interviews, educational settings, funerals, mental health settings, legal settings, concerts and theater performances, extracurricular activities, and more. For more information or to schedule an interpreter, call 812-542-3080 or 502-550-5384 (after hours).

Community American Sign Language Class

Join us for a Summer Community Sign Language Class! This 8-week course begins June 2nd and will take place Thursday evenings from 6-8 p.m. The class costs \$50 and all materials will be provided by the instructors. Subjects will include finger spelling, vocabulary, ASL grammar, Deaf Culture and history. The instructors are: Dave Calvert and Debbie McQuiggan. The workshop will be held at Rauch Interpreting Services, 215 E. Spring St., New Albany, IN. Contact Karen Newlin at 812-542-3080 or knewlin@rauchinc.org to reserve a seat.



11,417 hours of interpreting— that's 476 days!

Meet Rauch's Newest Board Members

Sam Schad has been a Social Security Disability Representative at Schad and Schad, P.C., Trial Lawyers, since 1995. He is responsible for all aspects of the firm's SSD practice, from handling initial phone calls to the briefing of cases for Federal Court review.

In 2005, he was one of 20 non-attorney representatives in the country to become eligible for the SSA's "Non-Attorney Direct Payment Demonstration Project", a program that now includes over 5,000 members. He has been a member of the National Association of Social Security Claimant's Representatives since 1996.

Sam is a vociferous advocate for the disabled and volunteers his time among various medical support groups in the region.



Katelyn M. Hines is an associate attorney at Young, Lind, Endres & Kraft in New Albany. She is licensed in both Indiana (2015) and Texas (2013). She received her Juris Doctor from the Indiana University Robert H. McKinney School of Law in 2013. Prior to attending law school, Katelyn graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Finance from the Indiana University Kelley School of Business in 2010 where she was also a Hudson Holland Scholar and a member of the Honors College.

Katelyn has always been inspired by her younger sister to help persons with disabilities. She served three years on the board of directors for the non-profit Integrate Communities, LLC which provided a summer program for junior and senior high school

students in Floyd County. In 2012, Katelyn attended the National Autism Association Conference and its Special Education Law Day in order to expand her knowledge and skills in order to help school children with disabilities get access to appropriate education.

Katelyn is married and enjoys spending time with her husband, sister, and their three family pups.



WWE Smackdown

Michael, who recently moved into Rauch's Hawthorn Glen Supported Living housing, LOVES WWE. He got to have the time of his life at their recent performance with second row tickets generously donated by the KFC Yum! Center for him and his staff. He even got an autograph from wrestler Dean Ambrose. Thank you KFC Yum! Center for making this possible!

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Rauch Keeps Rolling at 2015 Imagine Awards

On Saturday, March 5, 2016, Rauch hosted its 16th annual Imagine Awards gala. The Imagine Awards benefit the Rauch Foundation and would not be possible without the very generous support of Title Sponsor Horizon Wealth Management.

Rauch was poised to have its most successful event ever, with a record crowd, more sponsors than ever before, and many high-quality, diverse silent auction items.

The attendees began the evening with cocktails and appetizers, and the program began with an invocation by long-time volunteer and supporter Timothy Naville. "Working Hard at Rauch," a video created by former intern Darian Eswine, helped bring Rauch's important work on behalf of people with disabilities to light and focus the crowd.

After the close of the silent auction, entertainer Rion Paige took the stage. She had crafted a message to compliment the night, telling her story of triumph and inspiring the attendees to be a part of Rauch's work to create a community where everyone belongs. The crowd was amazed that someone with such a big voice was, in fact, only 15 years old.



Entertainer Rion Paige

When Rion took her final bow, the winning ticket for a Microsoft Surface Pro 3 package donated by Custom Computers and Consulting was drawn.

Then, it was on to what turned out to be the most amazing live auction Rauch has ever hosted.

Shaun Logsdon of The Logsdon Group got the crowd warmed up with competition for a week's stay in Panama City Beach and an exclusive tour and tasting package with Woodford Reserve's Master Taster.

The most incredible live auction item, however, was something far more meaningful to individuals who receive Rauch services. Prior to the evening, Rauch had raised \$173,972 in grants and donations toward five wheelchair-accessible vans. This left Rauch with \$34,136 to complete the total \$208,108 needed to purchase the vans (\$6,827 per van).

Rauch had tied in the importance of transportation to individuals in its programs and services with table tents and event Power Point features showcasing favorite destinations visited in Rauch's vans. The attendees had the pleasure of "meeting" Brett, Trathen, Una, Michelle, and many other fellow community members.

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Can you help?

Having never asked something of this magnitude of the Imagine Awards attendees, Rauch had modest expectations. If funds to buy two of these five vehicles were acquired, the staff and board members would have been delighted.

The importance of this equipment was made tangible through Shaun's impassioned presentation, and a video crafted for the occasion, "On the Road with Rauch."

This goal of funding two vans came to fruition quickly, with a leading \$6,800 bid from Dr. Joseph Fleck, a Rauch, Inc. board member and 2013 Imagine Award recipient. Next, Mike Kelley (Rauch, Inc. board member) and Dennis Ott (Rauch Foundation board member) teamed up to split a \$7,000 bid.

From there, a total of 80 donors pitched in to support the cause, ultimately soaring past the \$34,136 goal to more than \$46,000 in contributions. Each donor received a miniature van emblazoned with a logo that proudly stated, "I helped Rauch keep rolling!" and decorated with a miniature glow stick to symbolize the light they had brought into the lives of people with disabilities in our Southern Indiana community.

The evening closed with the presentation of the 2016 Imagine Awards to honorees David DeSanctis, Lucy VonRoenn, and Tasman Natural Pet. Videos of the honorees can be viewed at youtube.com/rauchinc. All three honorees gave passionate and inspiring acceptance speeches that provided the perfect culmination for an inspiring evening.

The ultimate net proceeds of the evening were nearly \$90,000, over double the previous best year ever. Rauch couldn't have achieved such a resounding success without auctioneer Shaun Logsdon and his team, Rauch staff and volunteers, the agency's important mission, and most importantly - so many incredibly generous supporters. "Thank you" does not do justice to such an incredible evening.

As one attendee stated, "It wasn't an event - it was a happening."



Thank you to all who helped keep Rauch rolling by generously donating to the van fund.

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Farewell, Dear Friends



It is with great sadness that we share the recent loss of two of "our own," Brent Blancett and Becky Renn. We will remember and miss the uniqueness that each of them brought to our services each day. We express our deepest sympathy to their loved ones and we thank the many Rauch staff members, across all departments, who supported them and brought meaning, fun, and accomplishments, regardless of how large or small, into their days.

Wish List

*Items in bold type
 are most urgently needed*

- **Admission to bowling, local museums, ball games, etc. for client outings**
- **Microwaves (to heat client lunches)**
- **New or gently used wheelchairs**
- Paper dining products (plates, napkins, cups, utensils)
- Teaching aids
- Refrigerators in good working order (4 needed)

rauchinc.org/wishlist

Disability Awareness Month

Every March, in observance of Disability Awareness Month, Rauch offers programming to local schools. Staff and clients visit the schools and talk about what it means to have a disability. They engage the students in activities designed to help them understand what it's like to experience various disabilities. Students attempt to button a shirt while wearing socks on their hands, write their name while looking in a mirror, and connect the dots while wearing goggles smeared with Vaseline. It's always a highlight of our year and a great way to make new friends in the community.

We recently expanded disability awareness activities to year round! If you are interested in having a group of staff and clients from Rauch present to your class or office, please contact Sandy Braunbeck at sbraunbeck@rauchinc.org or 812-945-4063.



A Summer of Fun and Discovery

It's almost time for fun in the sun! Rauch is pleased to offer an opportunity for children with disabilities to enjoy a fun and meaningful summer once again this year. Our Developmental Kids Summer Respite Camp will host three 2-week sessions from June 13 to July 22.

For more information contact Amelia Williams at 812-945-4063 or awilliams@rauchinc.org. You can also visit rauchinc.org/children to access the application.

Rauch Employment Services Selected to Receive Technical Assistance

Rauch Employment Services provides placement services to clients with disabilities and other life challenges referred through Vocational Rehabilitation. Clients of the program obtain and maintain employment through career explorations, job readiness, soft skills training, job development, follow along services, and individual job coaching. These services are designed in accordance with the individual's support needs and preferences. Rauch staff assists each client in discovering and understanding his or her own vocational interests, values, temperaments, work-related behaviors, aptitudes, skills, physical capabilities, learning style, and training needs.

Last year, Indiana Vocational Rehabilitation Services made significant changes to the way this program is structured. Rauch Employment Services is excited to announce that it was recently selected to receive Technical Assistance from the Indiana Institute on Disability and Community (IIDC). This year-long involvement will help Rauch implement the new Vocational Rehabilitation changes and make the program a model site for Vocational Rehabilitation providers across the state. An assessment that focuses on quality and best practices will be conducted to identify areas for improvement, as well as to note program strengths for replication.



Rod (left) with his job coach, Johnny Fussell (right), Johnny is also the Rauch Employment Services Program Manager. Learn more about Rauch Employment Services at rauchinc.org/supportedemployment.



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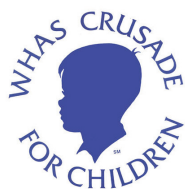


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You can get paid to make smiles happen every day!

Kevin, shown here with Una (left) and Marva (right), has worked at Rauch for over thirty years. We are grateful to employ a tremendous number of wonderful and caring individuals like him who create special moments for the people Rauch serves. The work Rauch does would not be possible without them.

If you've ever considered a career where you get to give back and improve the lives of others, now is your chance.

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