

TRANSITIONS

Black Hills Workshop & Training Center

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Gala Winners selected

Congratulations **Richard Booth, Matthew Blauvelt, Benjamin Roth, and David Tanner** who have been selected to receive Outstanding Achievement Awards at our annual Recognition Gala on Saturday, November 6 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center.

The Gala is our chance to recognize those who have made outstanding progress at Black Hills Workshop as well as organizations and individuals who help to make their success possible. **Andrea Schaefer**, Director of Barefoot Dance Studio and Outright Dance Theatre, will receive our Community Connection Award for creating opportunities for people from Black Hills Workshop to participate in mixed-ability dance. **Forest Recreation Management** will receive our Volunteer Award for coordinating the annual Experience the Outdoors Day which many people from Black Hills Workshop participate in each year.

For more information about the Gala, contact JoAnne Schriver at 605-718-6205 or Brian Munsell at 605-718-6207.



Winners of the 2010 Outstanding Achievement Awards: Matthew Blauvelt, Benjamin Roth, and David Tanner. Richard Booth not pictured.



Michael Johnson and June Lipscomb honored by NISH

Contract Manager Beth Dubay presents Michael Johnson with his NISH Award for Excellent Achievement and Outstanding Character for Veterans with Disabilities. The



certificate reads: May 2010 the Northwest Region congratulates Michael Johnson of BH Services, Inc. on his nomination for the AbilityOne Honor Roll for Veterans with Disabilities. Michael is employed on the BH Services contract at the Ellsworth Air Force Base Commissary.

BH Services Vice President of Operations Marty Krause presents June Lipscomb the award recognizing her as our nominee for the William M. Usdane Award. In the



background is Carl Dixon, manager of the Bandit Inn food service contract on which June is employed as a cashier and food service attendant. The Usdane award recognizes an AbilityOne employee with a severe disability who has exhibited outstanding achievement and character.

AbilityOne is the program that makes it possible for people with disabilities to be employed on federal contracts across the country. NISH is the nonprofit agency that assists organizations like BH Services to obtain federal contracts. Michael and June were both nominated by BH Services staff for their outstanding service.

VISTA to help create volunteer program



Since its inception, BHW has benefitted greatly from the work of volunteers. Volunteers have assisted with everything from Special Olympics and other recreational activities to fund raising and special events. Ever tightening budgets combined with

the desire of those we serve to live more active lives make volunteers even more critical to our mission.

We're happy to welcome Mike Kaiser, an AmeriCorps VISTA (Volunteers in Service to America) who will be assisting us to develop a more formal volunteer program than we currently have. Mike is in the process of assessing the needs of our agency and the Rapid City community to see how we can create a pool of volunteers to assist us with community activities as well as develop volunteer opportunities for the people we support. "My goal is to create a position for a volunteer coordinator who could recruit, train, and oversee volunteers for the entire Black Hills Workshop."

Mike is a graduate of Indiana Wesleyan University. He is originally from Rapid City but says he was not aware of the scope of the Workshop. He will be with us for one year. Black Hills Workshop hosted ten AmeriCorps NCCC (National Civilian Community Corps) volunteers for seven weeks earlier this year. Along with fitness activities and sports, they assisted in the Elderly Area and the Suzie Cappa Art Center with projects and outings. They also helped on some painting projects, cleaned up the softball field, cleaned the bleachers, and helped reorganize the art center. During their short stay, they had a wonderful impact on Black Hills Workshop and the people we serve.

AmeriCorps is often referred to as "the domestic Peace Corps." Both agencies are committed to service, and both offer challenging volunteer opportunities. But while Peace Corps assignments are all overseas, AmeriCorps members serve only in the United States. One of the many benefits of the AmeriCorps program is that, because it is administered by the Volunteers of America, all the screening and matching is done for us.

Our volunteer program is about relationships and giving. It's about being of service to others and developing true leaders within our agency. If you are interested in being involved, please contact Mike at 209-4350.

Suzie Cappa artists show work throughout the area

Dahl Show

Artists from the Black Hills Workshop's Suzie Cappa Center for Art Expression and Enjoyment will show their work at the Dahl Arts Center from September 1-October 4 with an Artist's Reception Friday, September 3, from 5-7. The show, titled *Face Ahead*, will showcase 50-55 Styrofoam heads that have been sculpted into a variety of designs. Also on display will be the new book created by Julie Kowalski, a former volunteer at the Suzie Cappa Center. The book features black and white photos of fifty-one people served by Black Hills Workshop, some with artwork they created at the Suzie Cappa Center. *Face Ahead* will be held in the Dahl's Education Center; enter through Kansas City Street doors.

Open house

There will be an open house at the Suzie Cappa Art Center's gallery and studio located at 3603 Range Road on October 21 from 4:30-7 p.m. Everyone is welcome.

Dunn Brothers

Past Artists of the Year showed their work at Dunn Brothers in July and early August. Those displaying work include Shad Bebout, Amy Fugate, Sara Mellegard, Dick Perrott, Lisa Crow, Cindy Gresch, and Connie Smith. There was also work by Suzie Cappa as well as a few group projects.

Bay Leaf Cafe

Darlene Brookbank, Shawn Stratton, Stephanie Wagner, Katie McOwen, Kathy Reed, Erin Walz, Jackie Wald, and Nancy Weiss all displayed work at the Bay Leaf Café in Spearfish in July. An artists' reception was held on Friday, July 2.

Dare to Dream

Artists Nancy Weiss, Cindy Roan Eagle and Shawn Stratton shared their work at an art show held during the Dare to Dream conference held June 13-15. The annual event is billed as "A Celebration of the Creative Arts and People of all Abilities."

Hands on Arts Festival

Suzie Cappa artists participated in the Sturgis Hands on Arts Festival at the Sturgis Armory June 25-27. Participants created and sold their work.



Art presented at the Sturgis Hands on Arts Festival in June, one of many venues Suzie Cappa artists have shown their work in recent months.

Dear friend of Black Hills Workshop,

The week beginning September 12 has been designated National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week, a week to recognize Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) for their commitment to supporting individuals with disabilities. (See below.) It is well deserved recognition for professionals who often go unrecognized.

The more than 600 people we support continually work towards our vision of all people being good neighbors, valued friends, productive workers, respected leaders, and caring volunteers. Their success is possible in large part because of the talents, dedication, and hard work of the approximately 375 direct support professionals who have made it their life's work to assist others achieve their potential.

DSPs build close relationships with the people they support. They assist them with the most intimate of needs on a daily basis. They provide the vital support that keeps them connected to family and community rather than living in institutions. Behind every success story are DSPs who have assisted the people we support to achieve their goals and dreams. It is a privilege to work with professionals like these, and it is with admiration and gratitude that we honor them during National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week.

Brad Saathoff, Chief Executive Officer

Thank a DSP!

For the third consecutive year, the U.S. Senate unanimously approved a resolution designating the week beginning September 12 as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week." Sponsored by Senator Ben Nelson (D-NE), Senate Resolution 558 recognizes Direct Support Professionals (DSPs) for their commitment to supporting individuals and promoting community-inclusion for individuals with disabilities of all ages. Senator Nelson was joined by Senators Kerry (D-MA), Brownback (R-KS), Dodd (D-CT), Bingaman (D-NM), Johanns (R-NE), Collins (R-ME), Bunning (R-ME), Carper (D-DE), Brown (D-OH) and Udall (D-CO) as co-sponsors of the bill.

"Direct support professionals provide an invaluable service to the millions of Americans living with disabilities. I'm proud to honor these hard-working individuals who give so much to help those in need. Their dedication to service is an example to us all," said Senator Nelson. This acknowledgment by the Senate is significant to the ANCOR National Advocacy Campaign (NAC) as work continues to secure increased funding for DSPs and improve supports and services for people with disabilities.

"We are proud that the U.S. Senate has bestowed this recognition in honor and observation of the direct support workforce and the tremendous impact they have in communities across the country," said Renee Pietrangelo, CEO of the American Network of Community Options and Resources (ANCOR) of which Black Hills Workshop is a member. "The DSP workforce deserves our highest praise and respect for the critical services they provide daily. They are vital to the fabric of our communities and the need for the quality supports provided by DSPs continues to grow at an alarming rate.

The resolution passed by the Senate identifies the critical role DSPs perform in assisting individuals with disabilities of all ages to remain connected to their families and communities. "July marks the 20th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and provides another reason to celebrate the contributions of DSPs," said Renee Pietrangelo, ANCOR CEO. Today our federal and state policies, in keeping with the 1999 U.S. Supreme Court Olmstead Decision, assert the right of individuals to live in their homes and communities.

"National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week" is celebrated annually across the country to honor the tens of thousands of workers who enable our most fragile citizens and their families to live healthy community-oriented lives. "No matter the nomenclature," says Pietrangelo, "whether they are known as direct support professionals, direct care workers or direct service staff, National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week is a way to demonstrate gratitude for what direct support professionals unselfishly do for so many."

ADA celebrates twenty years

In July, Black Hills Workshop and other groups serving people with disabilities celebrated the twentieth anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The law passed on July 26, 1990, but did not become effective until January 26, 1992. It opened up services and employment opportunities to the 43 million Americans with disabilities. The law was written to strike a balance between the reasonable accommodation of citizens' needs and the capacity of private and public entities to respond. The ADA means that we can all benefit from the skills and talents of individuals with disabilities and also gain from their increased purchasing power and ability to use it. It also means fuller, more productive lives for all Americans, not just those with disabilities. An ADA celebration was held throughout the week of July 26 in Rapid City.

Lighting the torch



Shad Bebout was chosen to light the torch at the State Track & Field Special Olympic Games held in Sioux Falls May 20-22. Congratulations Shad!

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Golf classic held July 19

Thirty-five teams endured stormy weather to play in the Black Hills Workshop Foundation Golf Classic at Meadowbrook Golf Course on Monday, July 19. Proceeds from the event will be used to purchase furniture for two new homes that will be available this fall for people we support. Pictured are members of the Rapid Chevrolet &



Cadillac team, our Gold Sponsor. Randy Harms, Rob Kortan, Kathy & Kevin Randall also took second place in the second flight of golfers. Our Platinum sponsor was FCE Benefits. Silver sponsors were Bank West and Black Hills Corporation. And Bronze Sponsors were RBC Wealth Management, First Gold Hotel, LZS Consulting, and Toyota of the Black Hills.

**Black Hills Workshop
Foundation**

Golf Classic II

Friday, September 17

Shotgun Start-Noon

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Spearfish**

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**Two person scramble, 18 holes,
cart, & lunch included**

Call Brian Munsell at 718-6207

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Meeting the need



Employees and people served by Black Hills Workshop volunteered at Meeting the Need camp on June. Pictured above: Shelly Blank, Diane Flahaven-Neu, Suzette Coy, and Waylon Larvie take a break from cleaning cabins. Meeting the Need, located near Keystone, South Dakota, is a retreat center for people with disabilities and their families.

New book features people served by BHW



Fifty-one people served by Black Hills Workshop are featured in a new book that was created by Julie Kowalski, a former volunteer at the Suzie Cappa Center. She took amazing black and white photos of people, some with artwork they created at the Suzie Cappa Center. Books can be purchased at the center for \$50.00 each, plus tax. Pictured on the front cover is Adam Pierce.

BH Services celebrates five years at Offutt

On June 1, 2005 individuals with disabilities from the Omaha area went to work at the Offutt Air Force Base commissary doing shelf stocking, janitorial, and warehouse work, as well as receiving merchandise. Today the contract employs more than 30 people with disabilities. Congratulations commissary on five successful years.

Bebout performs at Sturgis Community Center

Shad Bebout was invited to perform during a fund raiser at the Sturgis Community Center, June 11. He and local dancer Adante Carter performed a dance duet they had done previously in *Winter Bloom*, Outright Dance Theatre's debut on Valentine's Day. (See below.) The fund raiser benefitted a local dancer who will be attending a national training.



Shad Bebout (front) and Adante Carter during Outright Dance Theatre's debut performance Winter Bloom.