

# THE EXCHANGE

September/October 2009

## Accrediting agency to visit

You'll recall that in 2007, Black Hills Workshop became one of only 15 agencies worldwide at that time to receive a 4-year accreditation from the Council on Quality and Leadership. As part of the accreditation, Black Hills Workshop receives ongoing training and consultation from the Council. Council representative Jeff Shoemaker will be here October 26-27 to meet with staff and the people we support to continue this work. **Family members are invited to an exit meeting on Tuesday October 27 from 3-4 p.m. in the training room at our administration building, 3650 Range Road. If you would be interested in attending, contact Janice Arnio at 718-6206.**

## Training offered to family members

Family members of those supported by Black Hills Workshop are invited to attend any in a series of e-learning opportunities provided by the Council on Quality and Leadership. The following webinars will be held in our training room, 3650 Range Road. RSVP to Janice Arnio, 718-6206.

**Note:** These webinars focus on the Personal Outcome Measures, a tool to learn about people's definition of quality of life and a way to understand their priorities and preferences.

Tuesday, October 27, 1 p.m. - 2:30 p.m. - Application of Personal Outcome Measures for Children & Youth.

Tuesday, December 15, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. - Decision Making Around Personal Outcome Measures

Tuesday, January 12, 1 p.m.-2:30 p.m. Using Personal Outcome Measures as a Tool for Planning with People.

## Doree Alexander to retire after 44-year nursing career

The public is invited to an open house to honor Doree Alexander, RN, BSN as she retires from a 44-year nursing career. Twenty-three of those years were spent at Black Hills Workshop providing health services to people with disabilities and training other employees. **The open house will be held October 30, 1-3 at the Black Hills Workshop administration building, 3650 Range Road.** Refreshments will be served and cards are welcome.



## Gala tickets available

**Anthony Capra, Brian Essex, Keven Moulton, and Luke Utecht** will be honored with *Outstanding Achievement Awards* at our annual Recognition Gala on Saturday, November 7 at the Rushmore Plaza Civic Center. The Gala is our chance to recognize those who have made outstanding progress in our programs as well as businesses and individuals who have supported us. **Evelyne Villines** will be honored with an *Outstanding Advocate Award* and **Dr. Richard Renka** will be honored with our first *Medical Support Award*. For ticket information contact JoAnne Schriver at 605-718-6204.



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## Calendar

•**Bowling** is held every Thursday at 10:30 and 3:30 at Robbinsdale and at 3:30 at Meadowood.

•**Halloween Dance**, Sunday, October 25 from 2-4:30 in the Black Hills Workshop Gymnasium. Prizes for the best costumes. Dance to music by Yo Vinny.

•**Regional Bowling Tournament**, 12:00-3:00 p.m. Meadowood Lanes, Friday, October 23.

•**State Bowling Tournament**, November 13-15, Aberdeen.

•**Christmas Dance** Sunday, December 6, 5:30-8:30 at the Ramkota. Dance to music by Yo Vinny. Ramkota.

For information contact Black Hills Workshop at 343-4550.

## TwISTeD NiGHtmAreS

The Black Hills Workshop will host its annual Haunted House Friday & Saturday, October 23-24 from 7 p.m. -10 p.m. at the Workshop 3603 Range Road. The Haunted House is open to the public but is not recommend for children under the age of 8. Admission is one nonperishable food item which will be donated to the Food Bank. Last year, almost 900 people attended the Haunted House.



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