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### FUSE Mission

Committed to improving the lives of children with special needs and their families through:

- Education and training
- Public awareness
- Advocacy
- Support
- Resources and Referrals
- Networking
- Community Activities

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# Founders, Funders and Friends

Dear Supporters,

Because of you, FUSE continues to provide resources, information, empowerment and support to hundreds of families raising children with special needs in Indiana.

We have been given a great opportunity, and we would like to ask for your continued support in the coming month. FUSE was selected to participate in the annual Steak'n, Bake'n Raffle hosted by the Rotary Club of Greenfield on October 28, 2017. We are one of ten non-profits competing for grant dollars. To receive a grant, we must get enough votes to place in the Top 5.

How do we do make it to the Top 5? We need your votes! Every dollar we raise counts as a vote for FUSE. The Top 5 vote winners will split the net profits from the event. That could mean an additional \$3,000 to \$5,000 grant to add to the "votes". All of that goes back to improving the lives of children with special needs!

There are a few ways to send in your votes. If you are already giving a monthly donation, please consider combining your remaining donations into one check for this event. For those of you that typically give a year end gift, please consider sending it a few months early this year. If you support us through donations at events, volunteering or in-kind gifts, please consider a donation to help us magnify your support with this opportunity.

To support us at the Steak'n, Bake'n Raffle, make your check payable to FUSE and date it for October 28, 2017. Write Rotary in the memo line. Your donation is tax deductible, and you will receive a receipt after the event. Please mail your donation to 1133 W. Main St., Ste E., Greenfield, IN 46140 by October 23 to ensure your vote counts. We appreciate your support and votes!



## First Ever Inspiring Abilities Expo in Shelby

The Inspiring Abilities Expo is a disability resource fair for families of children and young adults with disabilities. It has been a great success in Hancock County for over 10 years, and we are excited to bring this event to Shelby County to reach even more families!

Disability service providers, nonprofit agencies, government service agencies, and other organizations who provide services to children and young adults will be there to exhibit. This event is a great opportunity to connect products, programs and services with families of children and young adults with disabilities in central Indiana.

The Inspiring Abilities Expo will be held at Shelbyville Middle School, 1200 W. McKay Rd., on October 7, from 9 am to 12 pm. Registration is now available at [www.fuseinc.org](http://www.fuseinc.org)

## FUSE-D Offers Dads a Group of Their Own

FUSE is excited to announce that we will be hosting a monthly meeting just for Dads, which we are calling FUSE-D! Six dads met for the first FUSE-D meeting on September 21 at Mozzi's in Greenfield. Going forward FUSE-D will meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month. The meeting will be held at Mozzi's in Greenfield on October 17.

The evenings will be hosted by two FUSE Dads, Rich Emery and Rusty Schaeckel. Rich and Rusty plan to keep it casual, just giving Dads a chance to meet one another, share a meal, and talk about their families man to man.

## Bringing Together the FUSE Community at the First Barnyard Bash

Families, donors and friends are invited to come together for dinner and an evening of fun, celebrating our successes and growing our community of support.

The evening will include recognition of donors, live entertainment, petting zoo, games, a hay ride and much more.

The Barnyard Bash will be on October 14 from 4 to 8 pm (dinner at 5:30 pm) at the Borgmann Farm, 2615 S. 700 W., New Palestine.

To RSVP contact Sara Cummins at [scummins@fuseinc.org](mailto:scummins@fuseinc.org) or (317)462-9064.



# Families Created Memories Together at the Summer Family Fun Meet Ups

Families have been enjoying Family Fun Meet Ups throughout the summer. They have enjoyed getting to know each other at the Movie in Riley Park, the Shelbyville Pool, the Indianapolis Zoo and the Pleasant View Orchard.

The Family Fun Meet Ups are scheduled to continue through the fall. The next planned event is on October 14 at the Barnyard Bash.

We must say a big thank you to the DOZ Charitable Foundation for their donation of 50 Indianapolis Zoo tickets.

If you or your business would like to sponsor a Family Fun Meet Up contact Sara Cummins at [scummins@fuseinc.org](mailto:scummins@fuseinc.org) or (317)462-9064



## Summer Social Skills Group Gets a New Name — BOSS

FUSE was pleased to offer our social skills development group again this summer to 10 students ages 11-15. The newly named group, BOSS (Building Our Social Skills) is designed for students who need help learning how to make friends, initiate/ maintain conversation, participate in group activities, compromise, and win/lose when playing games. Weekly lessons used a combination of formal and informal activities in a small group atmosphere.



## Adaptive Swim Kicks Off Its Thirteenth Year

FUSE is pleased to offer our 13th annual adaptive swim program for children with disabilities. The adaptive swim program is geared toward non-swimmers and beginning swimmers ages 5-15 with disabilities of all types who need to build swimming skills to become independent in the water. Each swimmer is assisted in the water by a one-on-one volunteer. We are excited to partner again this year with I Can We Can Pediatric Therapy and their adaptive swim instructor, who will provide guidance and hands-on support to our volunteers and swimmers! The program will begin on September 29, 2017, and wrap up on November 17, 2017, with a pizza party.



There is still time to sponsor this year's Adaptive Swim! Contact Sara Cummins at [scummins@fuseinc.org](mailto:scummins@fuseinc.org) or (317)462-9064. Your support could save a life!

Remember FUSE when doing your estate planning. FUSE has an operating endowment at the Hancock County Community Foundation. For more information visit [givehcgrowhc.org](http://givehcgrowhc.org)

## Support FUSE with the Kroger Community Rewards Program!

Visit their website at [krogercommunityrewards.com](http://krogercommunityrewards.com)

Follow the online instructions and link to FUSE using our NPO number 64554



## January to June 2017 Facts and Figures

### Training and Support Programs

455 total program attendance

### Information/Referral

210 information/referral requests fulfilled

Topic areas for information/referral include: adaptive equipment/assistive technology, community-based services, community living options, early intervention and preschool, education K-12, employment, financial planning, habilitative therapy services, health care financing/insurance, legal needs, medical services, recreation, transition to adult services, and others.

### Financials:

<b>Income</b>	
4000 Direct Public Support	22568.35
4100 Indirect Public Support	3171.07
4200 Program Income	1594.00
4400 In Kind Contributions	1250.00
4500 Fund Raisers	38439.36
4600 Grants	1000.00
4750 Endowment Revenue	1282.00
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>69304.88</b>
<b>Gross Profit</b>	<b>69304.88</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
5000 Programs	40161.91
6000 Fundraising	11931.81
7000 Administration	9218.52
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>61312.24</b>
<b>Net Operating Income</b>	<b>\$ 7992.64</b>
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