

FUSE Plans a Big Impact with New Social Skills Program

In December FUSE received some great news from the Hancock County Community Foundation when we were awarded a \$25,000 Big Impact Grant to implement a new social skills program in Hancock County! We are in the process of setting up the program to begin in the fall of 2018. This new Big Impact social skills program will allow us to make social skills training available to students in grades 3 to 6 as an after school program. We plan to run six sites the first year, and our goal is to have at least one group in each of the county school corporations.

Well-developed social skills can positively influence academic performance, behavior, social and family relationships, and participation in extracurricular and community activities. We are excited about the future and what students can accomplish with some extra instruction in this critical life skill! Stay tuned for more information as the program gets underway!



Destiny Color Guard Makes a “Splash” in 2017-18



The Destiny Color Guard opened their performance season to a standing ovation at Eastern Hancock on January 26.

This year’s show, titled “Splash”, features the songs “Singing in the Rain” and “Splish, Splash” and exciting props, such as raincoats, umbrellas and rubber duckies.

Be sure to follow Destiny’s Facebook page to learn about future performances.

10th Annual Strike a Difference for FUSE Bowl-a-thon

On February 3 sixty-five bowlers of all ages came together to knock down a few pins and support FUSE.

The first fundraiser of 2018 was a huge success! Bowlers raised \$10,700! Thanks to sponsors, the silent auction and matching funds the event raised a total of \$21,045! This was a great way to kick off 2018! Thank you to everyone that sponsored, donated and raised funds.



2017 Facts and Figures

Training and Support Programs

1094 total program attendance

Information/Referral

372 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:

Revenue	
4000 Direct Public Support	65,723.56
4100 Indirect Public Support	5,658.02
4200 Program Income	3,219.00
4400 In Kind Contributions	6,325.00
4500 Fund Raisers	58,247.46
4600 Grants	36,200.00
4750 Endowment Revenue	1,282.00
Total Revenue	\$176,655.04
Gross Profit	\$176,655.04
Expenditures	
5000 Programs	78,398.29
6000 Fundraising	25,493.05
7000 Administration	24,326.72
Total Expenditures	\$128,218.06
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 48,436.98
Net Revenue	\$ 48,436.98



Inspiring Abilities Expo

Saturday, March 3

8:30 am—12 pm

JB Stephens Elementary
Gymnasium

Parents and professionals spend the morning connecting with service providers, community organizations, nonprofits and government agencies that can help meet the unique needs of children with disabilities! Hear speakers on saving with ABLE Accounts and the LifeCourse Framework - Creating a vision for a good life for your loved one.

Register at www.fuseinc.org



Support FUSE with the Kroger Community Rewards Program!

Visit their website at krogercommunityrewards.com

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

Remember FUSE when doing your estate planning. FUSE has an operating endowment at the Hancock County Community Foundation. For more information visit givehcgrowhc.org



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Sara Cummins, Editor

FUSE Mission

FUSE empowers families and individuals with disabilities and mental health needs by providing information, training, support and encouragement.

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Thank you never seems to sum up the gratitude we feel from your support. It has never been felt more than the end of 2017 and the first month of 2018.

With your help FUSE was able to raise \$11,200 for the Steak'n, Bake'n Raffle in October! We were awarded a grant of \$5,200 by the Rotary Club of Greenfield on December 2. These unrestricted funds will go a long way to empowering families and individuals in our community.

We were again humbled on December 3 when we were awarded the Big Impact Grant by the Hancock County Community Foundation. Learn more about our plans for these funds on the back of this newsletter.

January 29 brought another new and exciting opportunity to FUSE, Brackets for Good. FUSE was selected to participate in this single-elimination, bracket-style fundraising tournament that has helped raise over \$3 million for Indianapolis area non-profits since 2012. We cannot wait to share our mission with new potential supporters and show the state what great supporters we have on our FUSE team!

Sara Cummins, Development Director

New Look, New Mission, Same FUSE

FUSE is happy to announce our new logo and revised mission statement which reflects our evolution over time! While we have been here serving families since 1996, those young kids from our early years have grown up, and families still turn to us for help for their adult family members. Our updated mission reflects our support of adults as well as the connections we help families make with mental health services. We also updated our logo to reflect our broader mission. We look forward to sharing our mission with new families in 2018!

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16 swimmers and 35 volunteers enjoyed our Adaptive Swim program in October and November 2017. Thank you to our program sponsors Autism Center for Enrichment, JMC Technology Group, Applied Therapy and Behavior Services, Hancock Wellness, ARC of Hancock County and Borgmann Realty.

Help FUSE win \$10,000 in the Brackets for Good Tournament

We are thrilled to announce that we've been selected to participate in Brackets for Good!

Starting Friday, March 2nd at 8 pm, your donations to FUSE at www.indianapolisbfg.org will score points that help us advance in this single elimination, bracket-style fundraising tournament. These points will get us closer to the \$10,000 championship grant. Your donations and the championship grant will go a long way to help us drive our mission forward.

How can you help? Check out how we're doing throughout the round, donate to help us beat our competition, and recruit others to grow our FAN base by sharing why you support FUSE. We'll provide more updates as the tournament gets closer, but following us on social media is a quick way you can start warming up now. Brackets for Good social media will also give you real-time updates when the tournament tips off.

