

Meet Wade... FUSE Dad, Adaptive Swim Volunteer, FUSE-D member and Supporter

Wade Davison started attending parent support meetings in 2015. When asked why he continues to attend, he jokes that his wife, "Wendy drags me along! No I enjoy it. I enjoy learning more about autism and various other things. Just getting more information." Wade quickly decided that he wanted to be a volunteer during the Adaptive Swim program. He has been swimming with the same swimmer for three years, and they have developed a bond that extends past the pool.

Wade has also been an active member of the male caregiver group, FUSE-D. "It's nice to get out of the house. It's not really a meeting, just hanging out. Things are talked about with the kids, but for the most part it's a release. Like I can eat dinner without worrying about my kids. It's nice getting to know new people. Especially other dads." He was happy to report that with this group they have been able to help educate other families about the Family Support Waiver and the services FUSE has to offer. He hopes that it continues and grows.

"Spread the word about FUSE" is the request Wade has for all FUSE supporters. He believes that creating an awareness about FUSE is just as important as donating. "FUSE helps a lot of families and I think they could be more helpful with the help of supporters."



Destiny Color Guard Receives Standing Ovals

Laughs, duck awards and memories were shared on March 5 to bring the Destiny Color Guard season to an end.

Nine performers and 18 student volunteers participated in the 2017-18 season. Destiny performed at Eastern Hancock, Mt. Vernon and Greenfield Central High School.

Their show titled "Splish, Splash" was a big hit during halftime shows and color guard competitions. The colorful show brought standing ovations and lots of applause at each performance.

We cannot wait to see what this group has in store for us next year!



Get ready to hit the open road and support FUSE!

Cruisin' for FUSE Charity Motorcycle Ride

June 9, 2018

9 am Registration

10 am Kickstands Up

Starting at the FUSE office, 1133 W. Main St., Greenfield Rider fee \$25 * Passenger fee \$10

Ride will end at the Grand Opening party at the new Indianapolis Harley Davidson dealership! Riders can then enjoy the grand opening party with live music, food and drinks, and visit the amazing silent auction FUSE will set up at the event.

Don't ride a motorcycle, but still want to be a part of the fun?

Join us at the party at Harley Davidson of Indianapolis! The riders should be there between noon and 1 pm. Over 21 only allowed in festival area, including our auction location.



PLAN NOW TO JOIN US FOR A SUMMER FRIDAY AFTERNOON OF FUN!

David Borgmann Memorial Golf Outing

Friday, July 13 2018

11:30 am Lunch
1:00 pm Shotgun start

Hawk's Tail Golf Club – Greenfield

\$75 per player

Includes lunch

Complimentary range balls

Hole-in-one contest

Prizes

2018 Facts and Figures

January—April 2018

Training and Support Programs

378 total program attendance

Information/Referral Requests (62)

17 Resource and Referral (general)

14 Education P-12

7 Financial Resources

6 Transition Adult

3 Disability Specific

3 FUSE Specific Questions

3 Recreation

2 ABA Services

2 Legal Needs

2 Mental Health Resources

1 Adaptive Equipment or Assistive Tech

1 Education Postsecondary

1 Family to Family Support

Financials:

	Total	
	Actual	Budget
Revenue		
4000 Direct Public Support	28,826.61	16,460.00
4100 Indirect Public Support	1,687.14	1,580.00
4200 Program Income	713.00	800.00
4400 In Kind Contributions	3,060.00	3,300.00
4500 Fund Raisers	21,038.69	24,825.00
4600 Grants	1,791.39	1,400.00
4750 Endowment Revenue	1,653.00	1,653.00
Total Revenue	\$ 58,769.83	\$ 50,018.00
Gross Profit	\$ 58,769.83	\$ 50,018.00
Expenditures		
5000 Programs	27,764.92	30,917.94
5330 In Kind Consulting Fees	510.00	750.00
6000 Fundraising	10,790.29	7,947.25
7000 Administration	8,884.03	7,535.80
Total Expenditures	\$ 47,949.24	\$ 47,150.99
Net Operating Revenue	\$ 10,820.59	\$ 2,867.01



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Visit their website at krogercommunityrewards.com

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



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Sara Cummins, Editor

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

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Dear Supporters,

You have made the first four months of 2018 very memorable and successful! You are impacting and empowering families and individuals in ways we could never have envisioned.

You were critical in Brackets For Good, the huge awareness campaign we dove into on March 2. With your support we were not only able to raise \$11,627 in two rounds (weeks), but we also reached over 500 new potential supporters. We are very excited about the partnership we have created with our BFG Community Teammate, Covance. We cannot thank you enough for all of your support during the tournament! I was overwhelmed by the response and your dedication to helping us advance. Even the kids got involved and supported us. I was especially touched by our youngest teammate, Owen Eads, who donated the twenty cents he had in his pocket when he visited our office with his mom and grandma to bring their donation.



As we enter the summer, I am truly excited to see what we can do together. We are preparing for two fundraisers, our summer social skills program, BOSS (Building Our Social Skills), and the roll out of our new after school program in the fall! I hope to see many of you over the next few months and look forward to celebrating the big impacts we are making.

With gratitude,
 Sara Cummins, Development Director

Inspiring Abilities Expo in Hancock County Offers Resources and Empowerment to Participants

On March 3 FUSE and 83 exhibitors took over the J.B. Stephens Elementary Gymnasium for the Inspiring Abilities Expo. Over 150 parents and individuals with disabilities and mental health needs attended the Expo to learn about new resources, connect with service providers and to hear the keynote speakers.



Attendees had the option to attend the speaker sessions on ABLE accounts presented by Amy Corbin or the Lifecourse Framework presented by Heather Dane. Both topics related to new programs in Indiana. Both sessions were full and parents were eager to develop a better understanding.

FUSE will host another Inspiring Abilities Expo in Shelby County on September 8. More details will be available closer to the event.

