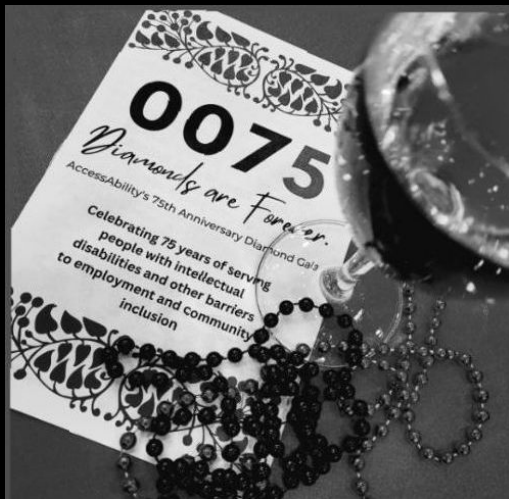


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## 75th Anniversary Gala



Thank you to everyone who attended our 75th Anniversary Gala and to those who participated online. Despite some treacherous weather conditions leading up to the event, it turned out to be a huge success! We were most concerned about comedian Josh Blue being able to make it as he was flying to Minnesota on the day of the Gala, but he arrived right on time and put on an excellent performance. All in all, we had 200+ attendees and even more support from people participating online.

This year's event was held to raise funds for a bus capable of seating up to six wheelchair users. This bus would allow us to provide greater enrichment to those we serve who are wheelchair users by enabling them to join their peers in our community inclusion activities more frequently.

The video from the Fund-A-Need portion of the gala is available to be viewed at the link below. It's not too late to help support our goal!

Commemorative tote bags from the event are also available for purchase on the gala website.



Watch The Video

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# Happy St. Patrick's Day!



## Project Connect Success Story: *Devon*



In mid-December, Devon joined Project Connect to improve his employability through the educational gains offered by AccessAbility, Inc. Through the program, Devon obtained OSHA-10 Certification, Forklift/Scissor Lift Certificates, an updated resume, and a plan for success. After he completed his coursework, he worked in our Production Department while seeking a job that was a good match for his skills and abilities and had growth potential.



Devon was hired by Prospect Foundry in mid-January as a Forklift Operator before quickly being promoted to Laboratory Technician. Earning this position has been an achievement that comes with a whole new set of responsibilities. It is a learning experience that he has undertaken with great gusto! He is responsible for the testing and tracking of iron and chemicals used in their processing and pours. It is a very technical job with documentation and reporting requirements, but Devon has undertaken them with a commitment to quality, both for the company and for himself personally.

Devon has been so proud of his accomplishments and enjoys sending updates.

Ebony, Project Connect's Adult Basic Education Coordinator, shared that he sent an update just last week, saying, "They like my energy and my work ethic. They want me to prosper with the company."

Devon has seen professional and personal growth since completing our program. He signed a lease and will receive the keys to a new apartment in May!

We at AccessAbility, Inc. celebrate the accomplishments he's made and look forward to his future successes. We are all honored by his achievements!



## Disability Services Day

On March 28th, today AccessAbility rallied for support for people with disabilities at the state capital in honor of Disability Services Day. We had the opportunity to listen to some guest speakers, including Governor Tim Walz.

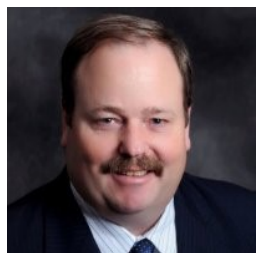
It was a busy place with lots of people present to bring awareness to these very important supports for the disability community. AccessAbility was proud to participate.

## EVENING STARS 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

- April: (4/27) Spring Craft Night
- May: (5/18) Plant Night
- June Dates: (6/22) Paint Night
- July: (7/20) Summer BBQ
- August: (8/10) Ice Cream Social
- August: (8/18) State Fair Day
- September: (9/21) Pizza & A Movie
- October: (10/26) Halloween Party
- November: (11/16) Thanksgiving Dinner
- December: (12/14) Holiday Party

## FUNDRAISING 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE

- June: Bean Bag Tournament
- September: Walk Run & Roll



### Message from the President:

AccessAbility celebrated our 75th year with the "0075 Diamonds are Forever" gala on February 24, 2023. The large snowfall gave us some anxiety inducing moments but our staff, volunteers, and Josh Blue "weathered" the storm to bring us a wonderful celebration. More than 200 people were in attendance with even more participating online.

Thank you to all who have supported us these past 75 years. Your generosity helps us to

continue to do our work. We look forward to the future of this great community organization that has served so many individuals throughout the years.

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