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employment and community  
inclusion since 1948**

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A Holiday Message from the President:

As we end 2022, we would like to thank all who have supported AccessAbility throughout the year. We had a great year as we were once again able to hold our events such as the Evening Stars social events, the 12th Annual Walk Rock and Roll, and the Partner's Appreciation Event. We were also able get our production operations back in full swing providing many work and training opportunities for the people we serve.

AccessAbility, founded in 1948, is approaching its 75th year anniversary next year. We plan to celebrate this milestone with a "0075 Diamonds are Forever" 75th Anniversary Diamond Gala on February 23, 2023. We hope to see you there.

We extend our warmest greetings to you for the holiday season for making our progress and growth possible!

Michael J. Krebsbach, MBA, CPA  
President and CEO

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***Diamonds are Forever***  
**ACCESSABILITY'S 75th ANNIVERSARY DIAMOND GALA**

*Cocktail Reception • Dinner • Comedy Show • Raffle • Silent and Live Auction*

**February 24th, 2023  
from 5:30 pm to 9:30 pm  
at Delta Hotels by Marriott- Minneapolis Northeast  
1330 Industrial Boulevard NE  
Minneapolis, MN**

Tickets for AccessAbility's 75th Anniversary Gala are on sale now! Ticket purchases include a buffet-style dinner, two drink tickets, and a performance by comedian Josh Blue. Throughout the night, there will be several auction and raffle opportunities.

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

We are thankful to our three new Ruby Sponsors for the gala, Groves Foundation, Board Vice Chair Pat Foley, and myHRcounsel, for their generous support to honor AccessAbility's 75 years in operation.

Please consider contributing to our fundraising efforts.

**Purchase Tickets  
Now!**



## **2022 Open House and Appreciation Night**

In September, we hosted our Open House and Appreciation Night for the first time since the pandemic. It was great to see everyone again and to celebrate their contributions that have made the continuation of our mission possible!

Some highlights from the tours were the recent improvements to our facility, including a sensory exercise room, new adaptive technology, and a showroom for our Imagine Design products.



In honor of his lifelong support, Skip Groves of the Groves Foundation received the Legacy Award. The Distinguished Employment Partner Award was presented to UPS due to their willingness to hire people with barriers to employment. A special thank you to both of them!



We are so grateful for everyone who came and for all who've supported AccessAbility over the years.



## Evening Stars Holiday Events

Evening Stars: Thanksgiving Dinner was held in November, and it was a success! Even with the snow and the bad road conditions, every single person that signed up for the event attended (80 total persons served and staff)! Thank you to everyone who attended and a special thanks to Lake Elmo Inn and AccessAbility's staff for making this night wonderful!

Our next event is Pizza & a Movie, which will be held on January 12th at 6 pm. If you can't make that event, we hope to see you on February 9th at 7:30 pm for our Valentine's Dinner!

# Honoring 2022 Funders



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We appreciate the support of the following funders for our programs that help at-risk and vulnerable adults integrate into the workforce and their communities.

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- Jaye F. and Betty F. Dyer Foundation
- F.R. Bigelow Foundation
- Groves Foundation
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- Lions Club of NE Minneapolis
- Old National Bank Foundation
- Otto Bremer Trust
- Poehler-Stremel Charitable Trust
- Schulze Family Foundation
- St. Paul Foundation
- Target Foundation

## Imagine Design Products in Hyvee

Program Participant Rachel was on hand to help a customer with sales of our Imagine Design cardinal wood plaques product at the Hyvee store in Shakopee.

It's our busy season for participants who work in our Imagine Design business segment as we launch new products just in time for the upcoming January 2023 gift market trade shows.



In addition, in December, AccessAbility acquired the soft and wood product lines from

another local Twin Cities gift manufacturing company, Artistic Reflections. Beginning this month, new designs in towels, t-shirts, pallet art, porch boards, wood plaques and blocks, skinny word plaques and wood postcard plaques will be available as Imagine Design integrates these lines into our product offerings.

You can find our products in gift stores around the country and also on Wayfair, Walmart.com, and Amazon, as well as, our own retail website.

Please see our retail website here: [www.imagine-design.org](http://www.imagine-design.org)

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