Message from the President:

We would like to thank all who have participated and supported the many events we have had in the past weeks. From 5k marathons to a Halloween party, and now going into the holiday season, we have much to be excited about. Coming up, we are looking forward to our December Evening Stars Holiday Event.

Michael J. Krebsbach, MBA, CPA
President and CEO

Don't Forget to Give to the Max!

Giving to the Max allows AccessAbility to continue supporting those with barriers to employment.

A Special Thank You to Our 2023 Funders

- Groves Foundation
- Ameriprise Foundation
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Give to the Max for AccessAbility Inc.

Give to the Max is a statewide outpouring of support for thousands of nonprofits and schools across Minnesota! Our Giving Holiday is scheduled for Thursday, November 16, but you don’t have to wait to support the causes that mean the most to you. You can give now by using the QR code.

Individuals who come to AccessAbility are often faced with multiple barriers to employment and community inclusion, including mental and physical disabilities, homelessness, a criminal history, chemical dependency, minimal work history, and limited educational experience. Through social outreach and innovative, pioneering programs, AccessAbility strives to reduce disparities in our community.

By participating in "Give to the Max", you help AccessAbility to continue to provide opportunities for self-sufficiency for people with barriers to employment and community inclusion.
**Special Olympics**
AccessAbility's Evening Stars Special Olympics bocce ball team competed at the Minnesota State Tournament at M Health Fairview Sports Center! Congratulations to both the athletes and coaches on a successful season! A special thank you to those who are Giving to the Max. You help us to continue to support AccessAbility’s Special Olympic Athletes through career and life enrichment programs.

**Congratulations to the Winners:**
- Nick - Gold Medal
- Mary - Bronze Medal
- Bradley - Bronze Medal
- Kenny - Gold Medal
- Tavarrus - Gold Medal
- Mary Louise - Gold Medal
- Margo - Silver Medal

**AccessAbility’s Run, Walk, 'n' Roll Picnic**
Thank you to everyone who attended our 14th annual Run, Walk, 'n' Roll event! Along with the marathon and picnic, we also had bean bag toss games and raffles.

We raised funds that improved the outdoor space at our facility, focusing on increased accessibility and enrichment for all! At AccessAbility’s center, we will now be able to replace our existing grass with turf, which is an easier surface for our wheelchair users to move around on. Additionally, planned improvements include a bocce ball court, a basketball hoop, and other activity equipment!

We were so grateful that the rain held off long enough to allow us such a nice day! Giving to the Max allows AccessAbility to continue these fun and enriching events.

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**Day and Employment Services Success Story:**

**Whitney**

Whitney joined AccessAbility's Day and Employment Services in September 2017. She is now working at both AccessAbility and Great Wolf Lodge. At AccessAbility, Whitney enjoys the cleaning work she does. At Great Wolf Lodge, she enjoys talking with hotel guests and receiving kind compliments from them. Whitney enjoys both jobs because of her co-workers and how everyone gets along really well.

Outside of work, Whitney enjoys spending time with her 13 nieces and nephews. She also enjoys time with her dog, Milo and cat, Sarah. Originally from Michigan, Whitney has been in Minnesota since 2009.

Whitney says that without AccessAbility, she would not have been where she is today. With AccessAbility’s help, she was able to gain work experience in various industries. Whitney and AccessAbility are very proud of her accomplishments!

"You can always count on her to get the job done right."
-Katie Chambers, Case Manager at AccessAbility

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**EVENING STARS 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE**
- November: (11/16) Thanksgiving Dinner
- December: (12/14) Holiday Party

**FUNDRAISING 2023 EVENT SCHEDULE**
- November: (11/16) Give to the Max Day!

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