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Newsletter of Industrial Opportunities, Inc.

TCCC Adult Basic Education Program Annual Awards Ceremony



Tri-County Community College and Industrial Opportunities, Inc. continue to partner to offer Adult Basic Education Program classes. This program started in 1974 and offers reading, math, cooking and other basic classes that the clients enjoy. Each year, the clients as well as the staff look forward to the awards ceremony and the entertainment that is included.

Tourniquets to Ukraine



IOI partnered with Red Oak Church to purchase 169 tourniquets for use in Ukraine. Tactical Medical Solutions, for whom IOI makes tourniquets, offered a cut price on some obsolete tourniquets. IOI and Red Oak shared the cost on the purchase of these tourniquets and Red Oak Church had a couple of mission trips to Ukraine to deliver these life saving devices in hopes of providing some relief from the devastation of war. Joseph Tucker, Pastor of Red Oak Church in Andrews secured this tourniquet purchase and arranged the mission trips to Ukraine.

Celebrating 48 years at IOI



David Hughes has worked at Industrial Opportunities, Inc. for 48 years. Tom O'Brien, CEO/President asked David if he would like a plaque or \$1 for each year. With no hesitation, David replied he wanted "cash"!

Snowie Comes to IOI



Industrial Opportunities, Inc. treated employees and clients to a shaved ice in April and June from local business "Snowie." Local businesses are important to our community and IOI supports them when the opportunity arises!

Celebrating Success

The June 17th payroll Industrial Opportunities, Inc. went over the \$120 million mark in wages and benefits added to the local economy since 2002 when IOI purchased the Lee Plant!

Lee Ferguson, who was a former IOI Board Chairman that passed away in 2020 said to "Always Celebrate your Success!"

Note there has been over \$8.6 million invested in the facilities, equipment and training.

Thank you for all your support and encouragement the past 20 years.

Tom



IOI Celebrates Milestones

Reprint from Cherokee Scout
 On Feb. 28, Industrial Opportunities Inc. celebrated the 19th anniversary of being in its current Andrews location on U.S. 19 Business. March 1st marked IOI's 48th year of being created by families to provide vocational training services for their young adults who graduated from high school but had no transitional vocational services available. The celebrations were catered by Hobbiespun Hobbies Bakery & Mercantile in Andrews, with the cupcakes delivered by co-owner Hannah Johnston. The IOI Board of Directors as well as employees would like to thank the citizens of Cherokee, Clay and Graham counties for their support over the last 48 years.



Coalition for the Preservation of Employment Choice

Every individual with a disability, deserves the right, to choose where they want to work and receive vocational training in the setting of their choice.

For Tom O'Brien's 70th birthday earlier this year, his wish was to raise money for The "Coalition for the Preservation of Employment Choice". Through the generosity of IOI employees, families, and friends, IOI collected \$8,500. IOI matched the amount and sent a check for \$17,000 to the coalition! "I am proud to be a Board member of the Coalition for the Perseveration of Employment Choice representing North Carolina. Thank you to everyone that donated to the fundraiser. This was the largest donation made since the start of the coalition in May 2021", said Tom.



Employee Holiday Give-A-Ways



Supporters

- Stephen & Jenny Hart
- Phil Mattox
- Roger & Regina Holloway
- Scott & Shannin West
- Eddie & Karen Kephart
- Jessica Kephart
- Tom O'Brien
- John & Carol Campbell
- Rashid & Sabiha Khan
- Thomas Carew
- Frederick & Karen Willes
- Red Oak Church
- Dean & Peggy Gibby
- Mike & Robin Stevenson
- William & Barbara Ferguson
- Maurice & Susann West
- Patricia Slagle
- Catherine Riordan
- Doug & Cathy Odom
- Fredericka Moss Flynt
- Celia Larson
- Douglas Klaucke & Natalie Moses
- Anna Zarchariason
- Alicia Coleman
- Kenny & Glenda Bradley
- William Earley
- Jack Smoot
- Lynne Manning

Quest Fellowship

- In memory of Chris O'Brien and Cherry Jarrett by Beth Walton
- In loving memory of Susan O'Brien by Harriet Mulford
- In memory of Geraldine Lewis for clogging lessons for the clients
- In memory of Carol Pittenger by Maurice & Susann West
- In honor of Tom O'Brien by Gary & Betty Kilpatrick
- In memory of Cherry Jarrett by David & Norma Wooden
- In memory of Robert Hay by Hampton Dejarnette
- In memory of Bob Fink by Brian Mitchell & Nancy Troxler
- In memory of Chris & Susan O'Brien by Tom O'Brien
- In memory of Robert Hay by Jerry & Linda Pullium
- In memory of Jack & Maxine Earley by Sue Baldwin
- In memory of Judy O'Brien Sheridan by Tom O'Brien
- In memory of Chris & Susan O'Brien by David & Susan Winterle
- In memory of Kathy O'Brien Prurinsky by Tom O'Brien
- In memory of Dwight Hollowell by Delmer & Deborah Chilton
- In memory of Gary Allison by Mark & Susanne Parker
- In honor of Ann Taaffe by WM Block
- In memory of William & Shirley O'Brien by Tom O'Brien

Representatives Show Support



IOI teaming up with
MGM Brakes since 1996



Industrial Opportunities, Inc. CEO/President Tom O'Brien, Senator Kevin Corbin, State Representative Karl Gillespie and Cherokee County Commissioner Cal Stiles

Senator Corbin and State Representative Gillespie affirmed their legislative support of Pre-Vocational services for individuals with developmental disabilities and their right to choose where they want to work, receive training and support services. Commissioner Stiles commented "IOI has a very positive economic impact on our community."



All Gifts are Tax Deductible

I make this gift:

- In memory or honor of _____.
- To benefit the client activity fund / IOI Endowment fund.

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