

# CAP ABILITIES

**ABILITY WORKS, INC.**

Ability Works employs over 50 people with developmental disabilities and 100 people overall.

*Working to Meet Your Needs*

from the director

**Remembering Betty Rinderle**



The world of services to individuals with developmental disabilities is in the midst of the most monumental change in its history. With that in mind, we pause to honor the woman who was instrumental in starting services in the Erie County community more than 40 years ago.

Betty Rinderle was the “mover and shaker” whose efforts allowed for a school to be built, educating children with disabilities in Erie County.



The school named in her honor, Betty Rinderle School, is still located on Galloway Road in Perkins Township, and is home to the Erie County Board of Developmental Disabilities. The students at Betty Rinderle School, upon graduation, often participated in adult services at Double S Industries, now called Ability Works.

Betty Rinderle passed away in June, 2016. We honor the legacy and memory of a great woman.

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journey of hope

On August 3, 33 bicycle riders and their support crew spent the day at Ability Works’ Annual Picnic, playing games, dancing, and eating a fabulous picnic lunch! In the evening, the young men enjoyed all that the Cedar Point Amusement Park has to offer. Then early Thursday morning, they were sent on their way, following a wonderful breakfast compliments of Berardi’s Restaurant in Sandusky. The men have joined Ability Works for more than 25 years on their annual trek across the country by bicycle.

Why do they ride? They ride to raise awareness and money to support people with disabilities. Their trek is known as The Ability Experience (formerly Push America) “Journey of Hope.”



**THE ABILITY EXPERIENCE**  
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**“The Ability Experience” Facts:**

- To date, The Ability Experience has raised over \$15 million to benefit people with disabilities and organizations dedicated to their service.
- Since 1988, over 1,500 men have participated in Journey of Hope, “Gear Up” Florida, and Build America. Each year, those events combined raise over \$600,000.
- Since 1989, two of The Ability Experience’s construction programs—Ability Weekends and Ability Camps—have provided over 600,000 volunteer hours to help renovate over 100 facilities that serve people with disabilities.
- Every year, outside of the organization’s events, The Ability Experience trains over 200 leaders of Pi Kappa Phi on disability awareness issues and how they can spread the message of acceptance and understanding in their local communities. These leaders help to relay their training to the other 10,000 active undergraduates of Pi Kappa Phi.
- For more information , visit [www.abilityexperience.org](http://www.abilityexperience.org).

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# ability works career academy

The first class of the Ability Works Career Academy is nearing completion of their curriculum. The purpose of the academy is for participants to experience and understand the world of employment in our community.

The class has spent time in the Sandusky area watching people work and identifying skills needed to perform those jobs. They've even experienced jobs first hand at Sam's Club and Kalahari and other local businesses. The class spent some time writing their own resume and learning about the attributes of an excellent employee, and participating in mock interviews.

We extend a huge "thank you" to everyone who contributed to a great experience! If you would like to be involved in future classes, please contact Ability Works. It's a great way to see the awesome talent of future employees!



## calendar of events

- Aug 19** Ability Works celebrates 42 years of serving adults with disabilities!
- Sept 2** Tre Sorelle (Columbus Avenue) donates a percentage of proceeds to Ability Works. Buy your chocolate on September 2!
- Oct 27** 11th Annual Halloween Happenings  
Ability Works, One Superior Street  
5:30-7:30pm

## did you know?

A new interactive "toolkit" makes it easier for Ohio employers to recruit, hire and retain qualified workers with disabilities. "Hiring Ohioans with Disabilities: a Toolkit for Employers, Managers and Human Resource Professionals" was produced by OOD and the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services (ODJFS). It was created in response to a recommendation of the Ohio Workforce Integration Task Force (WIT), which Governor John R. Kasich and the Ohio General Assembly created in 2014. The toolkit is now available online at <http://www.odjfs.state.oh.us/forms/findform.asp?formnum=08036>.

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