

## City-County Council Funding Uncertain

Despite the unanimous endorsement of the Council's Community Affairs Committee on July 17 of our \$1,050,000 budget request—the amount we have received annually for many years—we remain anxious about our 2008 City-County appropriation given the current political climate.

If the Council and Mayor Peterson opt for a 10% across-the-board cut in the budget, we will quietly accept the reduction in funding. However, if selective cuts are made, we are



prepared to mount a full-scale grassroots effort to demonstrate the need for our services. Noble and the City-County Council have partnered in serving Marion County residents with developmental disabilities for 41 years.

We have been in close contact with key officials, who have reiterated their support for Noble and their commitment to making every effort to keep Noble in the budget at the \$1,050,000 level. The final budget vote is Sept. 17.

## 2007 United Way Campaign Kicking Off

Across Central Indiana, businesses are launching their United Way campaigns. As a United Way agency for many years, Noble proudly supports this effort with our own Pacesetter Campaign and the training of four torchbearers to tell the Noble/United Way story. If you want a Noble torchbearer for your campaign, please tell your campaign coordinator!



## 2007 Annual Celebration Set for Sept. 13

JOIN US AS WE CELEBRATE

# Opening DOORS

for people  
with developmental  
disabilities.

Come early to place bids on our Silent Auction, purchase art created by our participant artists and enjoy heavy hors d'oeuvres.

Thursday, September 13

5:30 – 7 PM

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## Our Award Winners

The Hon. Kathy Davis  
*President's Award*

John F. and Kathy Durkott  
*Champion Award*

Indiana Flower and Patio Show  
*Development Award*

Small Blessings, Inc.  
*Employment Award*

Ben Smith  
*Citizenship Award*

Don and Mary Lou Melloy  
*Harriet P. Irsay Distinguished Parent Award*

Marilee Gerdes  
*Volunteer Excellence Award*

Heather Douglas  
*Auxiliary Award*

The Arc of Indiana  
*Special Recognition*

## Dream Team Races to Achieve 23rd Dream

Some dreams are realized quickly—like at about 160 miles an hour.

Participant **Chris Hammond's** dream was to meet Race Car Driver Jeff Gordon. What he got was even better: tickets to the Brickyard 400—including tickets to practice and qualifications—as well as a diecast car signed by Jeff Gordon. A special thanks to Dream Team member **Marilee Gerdes** for working so many hours on obtaining these donations.



*Noble staff Taja Ward, Chris Hammond and Marilee Gerdes.*

On July 19, six Dream Team members took six participants and three caregivers to an Indianapolis Indians game, compliments of Dream Team member **Brent Frymier**. A special thanks to him and Sky Bank for donating the use of the suite, the food and drinks and 15 tickets!

The Dream Team is a group of volunteers who turn the life-changing dreams of Noble participants into reality through their connections and resources. *To join, please call 317-375-4253 or e-mail [Jennifer.Faulkner@nobleofindiana.org](mailto:Jennifer.Faulkner@nobleofindiana.org).*

## Noble Auxiliary Looking for New Members

The Noble Auxiliary—a group of women who help raise awareness and funds for Noble—is looking for new members. To learn more about this wonderful group and their signature fundraising event, *A Noble Evening in the Garden*, please come to their New Member Meeting:

**Thursday, Aug. 16 at Noble East (7701 E. 21st Street)**

**Complimentary dinner at 6:30 p.m.; Meeting at 7:00 p.m.**

*To learn more or to RSVP, please call Heather Beck at 317-374-6401 or e-mail her at [roxymom@sbcglobal.net](mailto:roxymom@sbcglobal.net).*

## Push America Rides into Noble East

Pedaling over 1,000 miles, the **Push America** cycling team stopped at Noble East on July 27 to enjoy a picnic and fun with Noble participants. This crew of college men bike across the country each year to raise awareness and funds for people with disabilities.

This *Journey of Hope* is a program of Push America, the national philanthropy of Pi Kappa Phi Fraternity.



“We’re so excited to have the team stop and visit us for the third year in a row,” noted Noble President and CEO **Mike Howland**. “What they’re doing is an incredible physical feat, and we love seeing them.”

At the end of the festivities, the team presented Noble with a check for \$750 for a music system for the gym and gardening supplies for the gardening club.

## Volunteer Profile: Rhonda Vaughn

**Rhonda Vaughn** has been one of Noble’s most generous volunteers since 2005.

She began helping at the Colts Fun Zones, and then joined the Dream Team (see left), where she has been a huge asset.



*Rhonda with participant Elizabeth Scott.*

So far, she has helped two dreams come true. She and her husband Jason took participants **Joe Kress** and **Bill Martin** to the World Wrestling Exposition at Conseco Fieldhouse, a dream these participants had had for four years.

Rhonda also organized a bedroom makeover for participant **Elizabeth Scott** who lives in a group home and wanted to personalize her room. After meeting with Elizabeth to ascertain color and decor preferences, Rhonda helped paint her room and donated a bedspread, curtains and accessories.

Rhonda was also a huge help with a Dream Team cooking class for 16 participants, helping gather the recipes and ingredients needed. As a gift, she bought whisks with dish towels and the recipe for Banana Cream Pie tied to the whisks.

Rhonda has also shared her love of baking with the Tropical Hat Club at Noble East. This ladies club meets a few times a month, so Rhonda brought aprons to one meeting and helped them bake cookies.

Noble is blessed to have a volunteer like Rhonda. “Her Noble spirit is incredible,” notes Noble CEO Mike Howland.

## Dedicated to Her Work Participant Celebrates 15 Years on the Job

Supported Employment Participant **Amy Korzekwa** is not one to sugar-coat the truth. She knows she is an important part of the team at **Gregory & Appel Insurance**—and she doesn't mind reminding her co-workers of it now and then.

But that's ok with them. Amy is a hard worker and has a knack for brightening everyone's day. For 15 years, Amy has worked full-time at the company's downtown headquarters (which moved last year), where she delivers mail, makes copies and handles other administrative tasks.

Gregory & Appel President Dan Appel, who is a Noble Board Member, has noted over the years that Amy is an integral part of their workforce. The company celebrated Amy's 15th anniversary as a surprise part of their employee appreciation day on Friday, July 13.

*Amy Korzekwa gets help putting on her anniversary bracelet from Noble Job Specialist Doreen Smith.*



## Indiana Fever Clinic Drew Participants, Kids

On July 23, **Indiana Fever** players **Alison Bales** and **Kasha Terry** hosted a one-hour basketball clinic in the Noble East gym for participants and children of staff members. The players and three Fever trainers worked with the kids and then matched them



up with the participants to go through some basketball drills. After that, Alison and Kasha talked to the group about being a team player, accepting

yourself and others for who they are, and how important it is to get an education. Afterward, they handed out goody bags and autographed pictures.

"The participants and kids had a great time, and I think they all learned something from each other,"

noted Noble Special Events Director **Katherine Schomisch**. To see the Fever's remaining game schedule, go to [www.wnba.com/fever](http://www.wnba.com/fever).

## A Special Thanks to...

- **Chase** for a \$25,000 grant for Employment Services.
- **Junior League Trust Fund** for a \$2,880 grant for summer camp at Speedway United Methodist.
- **CVS/pharmacy** for a \$2,000 grant for our summer camps.

## Champion Your Future at August Conference

Making the transition from high school to the work force and other services can be challenging for students with developmental disabilities. For help, join Noble at **Champion Your Future: A Game Plan for Life**, to be held:

**Saturday, August 18**  
**Hamilton Southeastern High School in Fishers**  
**9 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

Parents and students with special needs throughout the state are encouraged to attend! Please register by August 10 to [smorris@arcind.org](mailto:smorris@arcind.org).

## Save the Date for A Noble Opportunity

Prepared to be inspired at this free fundraising lunch on:

**Thursday, Nov. 29**  
**Noon - 1 p.m.**  
**Hyatt Regency Downtown**

## Come to A Noble Morning

Want to learn more about us? Come to A Noble Morning, where you'll meet CEO Michael Howland and a few families we serve and take a quick tour.

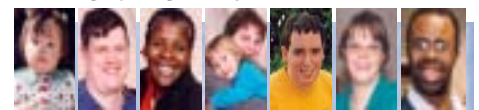
**Noble Morning 8:15 - 9:15 a.m.:**

- **Thur., Aug. 9**—Noble Industries
- **Wed., Sept. 12**—Noble East
- **Thur., Sept. 27**—Noble Industries

**Noble Hour at 5:30 p.m.:**

- **Wed., Aug. 29**—Noble North

For more information, e-mail [Philana.Cunningham@nobleofindiana.org](mailto:Philana.Cunningham@nobleofindiana.org) or call 317-815-6204.



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