

A quarterly letter to friends of the Breaking New Ground Outreach Program

INDIANA EQUIPMENT EXCHANGE OPENS ITS DOORS

Do you have any old assistive technology that you'd like to pass on to someone who could use it? Do you wish you could buy a piece of used assistive technology but just can't afford the cost of new equipment?

If so, then the Indiana Equipment Exchange Center (IEEC) is the place to call. With a toll free line, (800) 821-6708, and an updated database of both available and desired equipment, the IEEC is ready to match donors with appropriate recipients.

The demonstrated, documented need for the reuse and recycling of durable medical equipment and nonprescription assistive technology in the state of Indiana was first addressed by the IEEC nearly four



years ago. The objective of the center is to facilitate the low-cost transfer of used medical equipment to people in need.

In addition to being matched through the database, anyone who would like to buy or sell a piece of used equipment may be on the IEEC mailing list. A mailing will be done every two months, listing the available equipment and a phone number for the donor.

You can help by publicizing this program and by informing the IEEC of any potential technology donors. To get in touch with the IEEC, call and leave a message on the voice mail at (800) 821-6708.

Amputee Support Group Meets in Richmond

Amputees of all types and from all areas are welcome to join **R.A.S.P.** (Real Amputee Support People), a group meeting in Richmond, Indiana. The goals of the group are to provide "amp to amp" support, share information and inspiration, and educate the public about such issues as the need for accessibility to public places and availability of employment.

If you're a new amputee, R.A.S.P. can help you through the shock, trauma, and grief of your loss. If you've been an amputee for 20 years, R.A.S.P. needs your experience and knowledge to help new amputees.

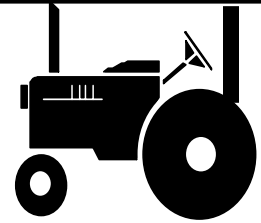
R.A.S.P. currently meets at Reid Memorial Hospital in Doctors' A & B Dining Rooms in the back of the 2nd floor cafeteria at 7:00 p.m. on

the 4th Tuesday (not the last Tuesday) of each month. Follow the signs. You need not be a Reid Memorial patient to attend.

R.A.S.P. also hopes to establish amputee support groups throughout Indiana and eastern Ohio because, according to the Amputee Coalition of America, there are no known groups in Indiana.

If you would like more information or have comments or suggestions, please contact:

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Man-Lifts for Sale

John Deere 6620 Series Combine Platform Lift - This farmer-built platform lift is powered by an electric winch and is operated with a small lever located at shoulder height. The steps were removed and the lift was bolted on in its place. It could be mounted on any 20 Series John Deere combine. The platform is designed to automatically stop if the cable breaks. A handrail is mounted for stability along with a crutch hanger. Al Copeland is asking \$2500 and can be reached at 317-326-8133.

Kubota L35 4WD Loader Tractor with Hydraulic Lift and Hand Controls - This tractor has only 45 hours on it and is adapted for a farmer or landscaper who needs a lift and hand controls to operate a tractor. The lift is hydraulically actuated and the lift seat docks into the tractor so no transfer is needed from the lift to the tractor. The starter switch, steering, hydraulics, and all other controls are located on the arm rests of the lift seat so they are readily accessible. Elvin Heisey is asking \$38,000 for the tractor and lift, and can be reached at 717-426-4650.



Kubota L35 4WD Loader Tractor with Hydraulic Lift

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Conference Corner



1999 AgrAbility Training Workshop - AgrAbility Conference

The 1999 National AgrAbility Conference will be held October 5-8 in Madison, Wisconsin. Topics will include concurrent technical sessions on outdoor mobility, farming with CP, and on-farm assessments. Also included will be farm visits, AgrAbility staff meetings, and a theatrical performance on coping with farm stress. The conference will be held at the Best Western Inn Towner. Contact Breaking New Ground at 800-825-4264 for more information.

SICIL Presents "ADA on the Playground"

On September 21, Southern Indiana Center for Independent Living (SICIL) will be holding the workshop "ADA on the Playground" in Bedford, Indiana. The featured speaker for the conference will be John McGovern from the Northern Suburban Special Recreation Association in Chicago. He is an expert on the proposed changes for playgrounds to be compliant with the ADA. Joining him will be Ken Stout, who has designed several accessible playgrounds in Indiana. Also presenting will be Dan Raubuck

and Bruce Lautenslager from Terre Haute who designed and patented "The Equalizer". This device enables children with impaired upper body strength and/or coordination to participate in sports.

The workshop will be held from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. in Wildflower Catering at the Stone City Mall. The cost of \$10 will include lunch and materials. For more information, call Denise Mullis of SICIL at 800-247-4128.



Polio Survivors' Statewide Conference

The Indiana Polio Survivors Association, Inc. will be holding their First Statewide Conference on Saturday, September 18, 1999 from 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Clarian Health Partners — Methodist Hospital of Indiana, 1633 North Capital Avenue, Indianapolis, in the Conference Center. The primary

goal for this conference is to enhance the quality of life for individuals who are polio survivors, particularly those who are being affected with post-polio syndrome. This one-day conference will feature physicians and guest speakers from Vocational Rehab, ATTAIN, Breaking New Ground, Area Agencies on Aging, Social Security, and Medicare. Other session topics will focus on weight control and various occupational therapies. Additionally, there will be exhibitors from assistive technology companies.

For registration information, contact Rebecca G. Balsley, Founder/President at (765)795-9094 or ipsaone@aol.com.

Empowerment and Advocacy Training Conference

ATTAIN is hosting its semiannual conference for all consumers, providers, and family members interested in the current laws and

policies, as well as effective strategies for accessing assistive technology devices and services for individuals of all ages. Participants will acquire the skills necessary to seek the services and information that they need relating to assistive technology. The conference will be held at Pine View Resort, Monticello, Indiana on September 14-16.

For more information, call ATTAIN at 800-528-8246 or 877-815-5899.