

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

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## BNG to Cosponsor Caregivers Workshops

Breaking New Ground and Indiana State Department of Health are conducting two sessions of *Developing and Strengthening Rural Community Support for Caregivers and Professionals*. These workshops will be held March 28 & 29 at Spring Mill State Park, Mitchell, Indiana and April 4 & 5 at HEALTHSOUTH Rehabilitation Hospital, Kokomo, Indiana.

The Tuesday evening of each workshop will focus on relaxation, networking, and laughter. Wednesdays' activities, in addition to keynote and general session speak-

ers, will include sessions on changing roles, stress management & communication, and being your own care manager. Participants will be encouraged and empowered to build their toolbox of caregiving skills and resources. A variety of organizations will showcase their goods and services, and door prizes will be given.

For more information, exhibitor space reservations, or registration material, contact Breaking New Ground at 800-825-4264. A registration fee of \$25 will include lunch, breaks, and resources.



## BNG Establishes New Scholarship

With an initial gift from Hubert Von Holten, President and founder of Round Grove Machine of West Lafayette, a permanently endowed scholarship has been established to provide financial support to students with disabilities enrolled in the Purdue University School of Agriculture.

The scholarship is being established as a means of honoring the contributions that Mr. Von Holten has made to improve the quality of life of farmers impacted by disabilities. He has generously collaborated with the Breaking New Ground Resource Center and brought a unique "can do" spirit that he has demonstrated throughout his life.

BNG has agreed to help match Hubert's gift and work toward increasing the endowment so that several students can be scholarship recipients each year. If you are interested in supporting this effort, please call Bill Field at (765) 494-1191 or send your check, made out to The Purdue Foundation, in care of BNG.

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## Hamilton's Donation Boosts BNG Outreach

Hamilton's Assistive Technology and Accessibility Services of Indianapolis has provided wheelchairs, seating systems, rehab engineering, and clinical evaluations since 1974. Their commitment to serving individuals with disabilities was recently reflected by a generous donation to help

BNG print the sixth edition of The Indiana Directory of Disability Resources (IDDR). This resource provides Hoosiers with a useful guide to disability services and increases public awareness of available resources.

More than 125 agencies and organizations are listed with contact information and descriptions of their services. In addition, 38 support groups and 42 toll-free lines are included to assist individuals with disabilities, their families, and professionals. For information on obtaining the new IDDR, call BNG at 800-825-4264.

**Professor Bill Field (center), receives a check for \$2,500 from Randy McVey and Jo Ann Ruff of Hamilton's Assistive Technology Services**



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**Indiana-Illinois Farm Show**, West Pavilion. Indiana State Fairgrounds, December 14-16

**Fort Wayne Farm Show**, Allen WAR County Memorial Coliseum, January 18-20, 2000

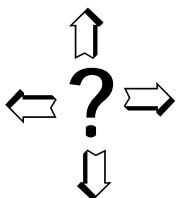
**National Farm Machinery Show**, Kentucky Fair & Exposition Center, Louisville, February 16-19, 2000

## BNG Revises Resource for Farmers in Transition

Agriculture is in a time of considerable transition. These changes are causing farmers to reexamine many aspects of their operation, including their current roles and future aspirations.

Dr. Bill Field and Barry Delks recently updated a resource to assist Extension educators who are working with farmers to explore the feasibility of making career changes. *Making Career Decisions During a Time of Transition: A Guide for Extension Educators* includes helpful ideas on identifying resources, alternative enterprises, self-assessment, conducting a job search, and much more.

### Making Career Decisions During a Time of Transition



A Guide for  
Extension Educators  
Working with Farmers  
During a Time of Transition

For information on obtaining this valuable guide, call the Breaking New Ground Resource Center at 800-825-4264.



## Sigma Alpha Rocks for BNG

For more than 10 years, Sigma Alpha, a professional sorority dedicated to promoting its members in agriculture, has supported BNG in many ways. In the past, they have helped stuff envelopes, prepared resources, distributed materials, and raised funds for Breaking New Ground.

This year Sigma Alpha members participated in a *24-Hour Rock-a-Thon*. Sigma Alpha members worked hard for weeks in preparation and in obtaining sponsors. After rocking for 24 hours, Sigma Alpha members raised more than \$3,000.

Thank you Sigma Alpha for your generous gift to Breaking New Ground and for your help to farmers with disabilities.

## On the Trail with CHAPS

October 2, 1999 was a beautiful fall day and an important one for THE CHAPS therapeutic riding program. It was the date for THE CHAPS' sixth annual Ride-a-Thon, and a record 116 riders participated from throughout Indiana to raise funds for this program that has impacted so many children and youth with disabilities.

## Governor's Council Plans Annual Conference

The 1999 Indiana Conference for People with Disabilities, sponsored by the Governor's Planning Council for People with Disabilities, is set for Monday and Tuesday, December 13 & 14, at the Westin Hotel, downtown Indianapolis.

This annual conference will provide opportunities to learn about economic power, community empowerment, disability legislation, supported living, and community inclusion as well as a chance to network and engage in dialogue with noted experts in the field. This year's itinerary includes exhibits, a job fair, door prizes, workshops, an awards presentation, and several speakers.

To register for the conference, call Sandy Kite Hunt at (317) 786-7272 or the Governor's Planning Council office at (317) 232-7770 (voice) or (317) 7771 (TDD).

THE CHAPS also gave a therapeutic driving demonstration at the annual North American Riding for the Handicapped (NARHA) Conference in Cleveland on November 17-20. CHAPS featured their pony "BJ" who was named Therapy Horse of the Year at the Hoosier Horse Fair this spring.