

# ANNUAL REPORT

## 2022



### *Our Mission:*

*In partnership with the community,  
provide people with disabilities  
opportunities to achieve the highest  
level of independence.*



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# Letter From the Director

BRI brings out the best in people.

Our staff and the people we serve are always inspiring one another to make each day brighter. In 2022, we focused on meeting the needs of our community. Our staff and the people we serve went above and beyond to volunteer in the community and meet the needs of our friends and neighbors. We focused on quality work that we can all be proud to stamp with the BRI logo.

Our Day Services program underwent exciting changes with new volunteer opportunities and a new summer youth program. Groups of people are volunteering at local nonprofit organizations to make our community a better place and spread the word that all people can make a difference. The summer youth program kicked off with some wonderful people and exciting exploration into new ideas and opportunities. Each day is a new and unique adventure for our day services groups that makes everyone's day meaningful.

The people working in our production area encouraged personal and work skill development. It was great to see people try new projects and work together to accomplish goals. The production area assembled paper towel dispensers, window slings, pictures frames and so much more this year. The BRI spice area packaged more kitchen spices and brought in more new contracts than any previous year. Our skills working together on a team and being accountable to the quality of your product made our production area a genuine success in 2022.

Our in-home services team grew again this year with so many people requesting services to remain independent in their homes. BRI is filling a great need in our community for people with disabilities, senior citizens, families with children, people with mental health needs, and people facing eviction. Our in-home service staff has stepped up for the people in our community in a big way this year!

At BRI, we are blessed to have the support of so many individuals and organizations that inspire our team to make a difference in the world. Thank you to our Board of Directors for supporting the people we serve and our organization. Thank you to Catholic Charities Bureau for your dedication to the social ministry. Thank you to our devoted staff, employees, and service recipients for your commitment to one another. Thank you to our families, local businesses and communities for supporting our mission. Together we continue to inspire one another to make each day meaningful for our BRI family.

Sincerely,



Amber Fallos, Director



## 2022 Management Team



Erin Meyer – Program Manager

Tammy Koontz – Production Manager

Amber Fallos – Director

Kari Leech – Business Manager





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## BRI's Summer Youth Program

BRI had a very successful first year with the Summer Youth Program. This program engaged youth with disabilities between the ages of 14-21. We focused on daily living skills training, career exploration, money management skills, physical fitness, self-advocacy, volunteering in the community, and developing social skills. We look forward to building this program for many years into the future.



## BRI Celebrates 50th Anniversary

BRI's 50th Anniversary Formal Event to be held on September 30th, 2023 at the Simek Recreational Center in Medford.

Time: 5:00 p.m.

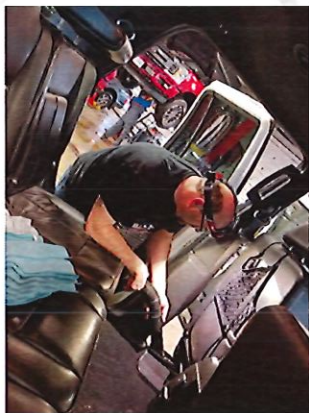
Ticket cost is \$50.00/ticket. Please purchase these at BRI by September 1st. Table and other sponsorships available.





# Services Provided by BRI

- Supported Employment/DVR - Assists persons with diverse abilities to obtain and maintain employment in the community.
- In-Home Programs - Enable adults to maintain independence in their community. We offer support to maintain homes, personal care, meal preparation, grocery shopping, respite care, and community integration.
- Work Services - Work provided in the areas of subcontract packaging, assembly and inspection, paper shredding, sewing, custodial, food service, and outside work crews.
- Parent Education - Parent education is customized to meet each family's unique dynamic. We understand that no two families are alike and no parent-child relationship is the same. We are here to give you a research-based approach to set the foundation for life-long support and positive communication in your family.
- Community Day Services - The Day Services Program is designed to provide adults with special needs individualized training, personal care, and activities that enhance their daily life. The focus is to assist individuals to maximize their potential and maintain functional activities, personal care, communication, and self awareness.
- Transportation - BRI provides the largest public transportation system in Taylor County. Door-to-door transportation is offered primarily to senior citizens and people with disabilities, with additional public availability for special trips. Our system is wheelchair accessible.



Michael P details vehicles at Medford Motors.



BRI's annual Christmas Party is always a BRI favorite.



Mary A works as a housekeeper at VitaCare Assisted Living.



Above L to R: Barb K and Bev H have both been a part of our In-Home Program with BRI for many years. They both enjoy the independence of living on their own, yet getting assistance in areas they need help.

Funds from the Federal Transit Administration, U.S.C section 5310, along with community funds support our fleet of buses.



# Donations

Thank you for your great generosity! Donations are accepted throughout the year from individuals and businesses by mail, on our website and in person at BRI. Endowments, retirement and trust gifts are also welcomed as you plan future giving. We at BRI greatly appreciate your donations and support. Your support helps to further our programs and mission. Thank You!



Seth E was thrilled to find 11 eggs while volunteering at the FFA Barn.

Jack M is enjoying a beautiful summer day riding around on a pontoon boat.



Justin S has worked at Cravings Restaurant for 8 years, working in the kitchen and assisting where needed.



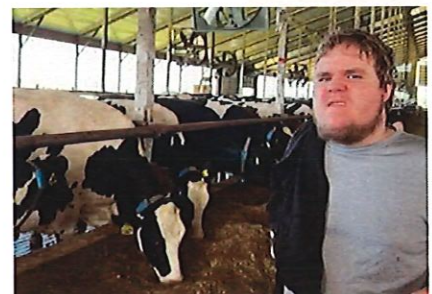
Kyle H is always hard at work.



Chad B & Donovan P take a moment to spread some cheer during break.



Cindy O is enjoying all the beautiful sunflowers.



Steven A enjoys a pose with the cows at a barn in Thorp.



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nity donations help us to purchase our



18th Annual Golf  
Classic Fundraiser.



# 2022 Highlights

## JANUARY



BRI started working with local companies to mix and package their spice blends, which necessitated the purchase of an automated weigh-fill machine.

## FEBRUARY



Clients attended an annual training with Director Amber F.

## MARCH



Day Services worked diligently getting ready for the greenhouse gardens.



## MAY



BRI started a New Summer Youth Program. It included a lot of traveling and opportunities to see and learn many new things.

## June

BRI hosted the 18th Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser, sponsored by Bill's Tire & Service Inc. We had 20 golf teams, numerous sponsors, donors, and volunteers to help.



## APRIL



BRI partnered with Eric's Seasoning. Eric is a local businessman with his famous seasoning, "Everything Seasoning."

# Golf Classic Fundraiser

On June 24th, BRI held its 18th Annual Golf Classic Fundraiser, sponsored by Bill's Tire & Service Inc. We had 20 golf teams, numerous sponsors, dedicated staff, volunteers, and of course a beautiful summer day. We would like to thank and recognize our major sponsors: Lunch Sponsor, Elbeco Inc.; Appetizer Sponsor, Gilman Corner Store; Golf Cart Sponsor, CCB; Games Sponsor, Nicolet Bank; Corporate Sponsors, Nestle, Prevail Bank, and Schierl Tire & Service Center. We also had 14 hole sponsors and 7 donors.

**SAVE THE DATE:**

**JUNE 23, 2023**

**TEE HI GOLF COURSE, MEDFORD**





# 2022 Highlights

## JULY



RAM crew with BRI is in charge of 5 rest areas within Taylor County and Rusk County. These include Westboro, Jump River, Gilman, Rustic Road Historical Rib Lake & Ingram.

## AUGUST

Day Services took a field trip to Channel 9 WAOW.



## SEPTEMBER

Production at BRI was very busy, and we had a great group of workers to finish the job.



## OCTOBER



BRI celebrated our Annual Employee Appreciation Week!



## NOVEMBER

Day Services got to add Stronger Version Fitness to their weekly calendar. They also started their "Coffee Klatch" at Uncommon Ground.



## DECEMBER

BRI hosted the Annual Christmas Party at Centennial Hall. There was good food and lots of dancing.



## 2022 Services Provided & Staff

<b>15</b>	Supportive Home Care	<b>22</b>	Sheltered Employment	<b>30</b>	Clients	<b>126</b>
DVR/ Community Employment	<b>77</b>	Day Services	<b>40</b>	Supervised Visits/Parent Education	<b>156</b>	Staff

All the pieces fit when we work together as a team.



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