



Fundraising Sponsorships Create Win-Win Partnerships

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VODEC has been “The Cause of Choice” at many area fundraising events. Last summer, The American Legion Riders hosted a poker run that benefited VODEC. VODEC staff provided support in promoting the Riders and the Poker Run in addition to assisting with the planning a providing volunteers. “The American Legion Riders are very impressed with the work VODEC does. When we reached out to them last year, it was to insure we didn’t compete against each other and it seemed like a perfect fit that we joined forces and did our Blackjack Run together. Working along with VODEC has been a wonderful experience. Two neighboring organizations supporting causes as a joint effort is bound to equal great success!” said Jeff Carlton of the American Legion Riders.

The Queen of Apostles Church in Council Bluffs is planning the next Wild Game Feed on February 1st, 2014 (link) <http://kcwildgamefeed.org/home.asp> part of those proceeds also benefit VODEC. “Wild Game Feeds”, golf outings, poker runs, are all examples of events that were hosted by a local businesses or non-profit agency in which part or all of the donations went to support VODEC’s mission.

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Annual Halloween Haunt Dance brings Great Costumes!

VODEC’s annual Halloween Haunt dance was a screaming good time this year with over 300 consumers and support staff in attendance. This is an event that consumers and staff alike look forward to each and every year and this year’s event was a hit with all. Costumes are a must at the Halloween Haunt dance and even staff get involved in the fun. Costumes ranged from Disney characters to horror creatures to superheroes. “This year they really went all out. Many of them planned what they were going to wear months in advance and it really worked out great,” said Michelle Nelson, Services Development Assistant.

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(Above)-L to R- VODEC CEO Steve Hodapp and Business Development Director Jim Hoing getting into the spirit of the evening.

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From the Desk of CEO Steve Hodapp

The Times They are a-Changin'. So sang musician Bob Dylan in 1964. Many of you remember those days, and it is to you that this brief narrative is directed. You (we) are of an age where we still like to feel the slick pages of a magazine or smell the newsprint of the daily paper, not scroll down the Kindle or other device to catch up on sports scores.



But refer back to Dylan's words. Today you (we) can check at your leisure on VODEC's recent and coming events on Facebook. And the latest digital issue of the VODEC VOICE is online.

As to the latter, receiving the VOICE in digital version also enables access to more photos and links of interest than could possibly be in the print version, and it's all portable. That's a win for you!

And if you switch from printed to digital version of the VOICE you save VODEC a few bucks in paper, printing and postage costs. That's a win for VODEC!

So if you have access to electronic media I encourage you to switch today from print to digital version. Just call Michelle Nelson at 712-328-2638 or email her at mnelson@vodec.org. Then you can sing The Times They are a-Changed! Thank you for your consideration.

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"Donations received from these events go directly to our mission of helping individuals with disabilities reach full potential," commented Daryn Richardson, VODEC Services Development Director.

"Many of us benefit from a comfortable home that is our refuge from the stress of the day. It is filled with everything that we need; washers, dryers, furniture, towels, plates, etc. However, for some of the individuals that we serve it is a struggle to get the items they need for daily living. Two homes are currently in need of a washer and dryer, others may need linens, and still others need new clothes for a job interview."

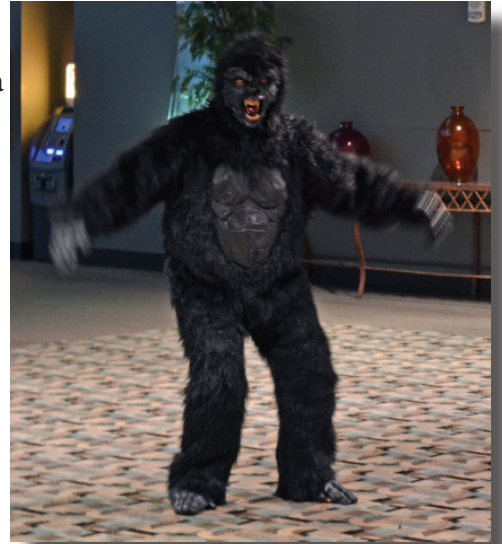
If you are a member of an organization that is looking to host a fun event and need a good cause to rally behind we suggest that you pick VODEC. We will do everything that it takes to make it easy for you, promote your organization possibly help with volunteers. Contact Daryn Richardson at daryn@vodec.org to get started.

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Consumers were welcomed to the Annual Halloween Haunt Dance at the MidAmerica Center no matter their provider and it gave many the opportunity to socialize with friends that they may not see on a daily basis. "It is a lot of fun and I really like that I get to see friends that don't attend VODEC. We get to catch up," said consumer Derek Taylor.

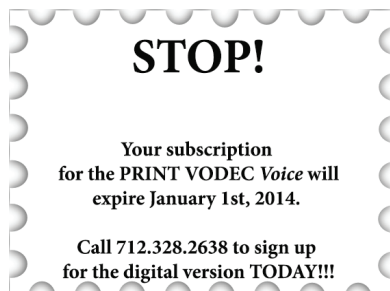
Once again VODEC would like to thank our sponsors Access Bank, American National Bank, and Council Bluffs Savings Bank for their support of this very important event.



(Above Right) Iowa Operations Director Mark Stromer as King Kong. (Above Left)- Consumer dressed as a skeleton pirate. (Middle Left)- Nebraska Residential Supervisor Tina Quinn as a Greek Goddess. (Middle Right)- Our resident ghost. (Bottom Left)- Consumer Byran Allison keeps the peace. (Bottom Right)- One of our Superheros, Batman, consumer David Ortega.

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