



Bona Vista's Last One Standing Dodge Ball Challenge 2014

The ninth annual Last One Standing Dodge Ball Challenge to benefit Bona Vista Programs is planned for Saturday January 18, 2014 in the gymnasiums at Maple Crest Middle School. Up to 40 teams of six players will compete against each other in this fast paced game of throwing and dodging. Players must be at least 18 years of age, and co-ed teams are encouraged.

The cost for entry will be \$15 per person. Your team can get an advantage in your matches. For every \$50 you raise, you can earn an immunity bracelet. Each bracelet earned is your ticket for immediate re-entry when tagged out. These are used throughout the entire day of play and can be immediately turned into the bracelet volunteer during game play! **This year we have a special deal, buy 3 and get one free!**

Prizes will also be awarded for the first, second, and third place teams, best uniforms and highest fundraiser.

There are opportunities for you to sponsor and donate to our event on a variety of levels. If you are interested in becoming a sponsor, donor or would like to sign up your team, contact Brittnee Burton at 765-457-8273, ext. 335 or check out our site at www.bonavista.org.



55
YEARS

Bona Vista School on Laguna Street opens - 1965



KOKOMO TRIBUNE June 17, 1979

Bona Vista project progresses

"We're about 75 percent complete on the project with some areas almost completed and some not started," Paul Wagner, director of Bona Vista Programs, said about the construction of the new developmental center. The \$1.4 million project is targeted to be finished in September but a current strike by plumbers could delay that date. "We are having delays now in the heating, cooling and restroom work because of the strike and that could cause problems. We can't move into any of the new areas before all that work is done and the work crews can't start remodel-

ing the old building until we get out," Wagner said. Wagner said he would like to move to the south end of the new building by July so crews can move in and do the remodeling of the old section. Other than that, Wagner reported construction is progressing smoothly. He added that there has been no problem with shrinkage of any of the financial pledges. "That pleases us very much. It lets us know the community really does care about our work and services," he said.



When work is finished, outpatient clients will enter through east doors
(Tribune staff photos)

Jill assisting a child during his therapy session - 1988



1958

ACTIVITIES ROOM SCENE at the newest school in town shows two pupils working with educational toys which apply every-day lessons in things such as tying shoes and dialing phones. Photos by Bob Wathen

The Companion

President's Corner



Bona Vista is just completing our annual recognition of DSP week, our Direct Support Professionals! As you walk through our organization, visit at a group home or simply park your car you will find our DSP's caring for our children and adults throughout Bona Vista. Our DSP's are the backbone of this organization and we thank all of you for your commitment. No day is the same in working at Bona Vista, each day that you step through our doors you have to be flexible, creative, patient and loyal to the people that you serve. Each DSP makes a unique contribution to the success of the organization and you should be proud of your accomplishments.

It is a pleasure to walk through any program within the agency and watch staff interact with the people that we serve, it is very clear that there is a commitment and a desire to improve the lives of others!

Without the positive support and interaction of our Direct Support Professionals our programs would not achieve the level of excellence that we provide to all children and adults who enter our services!

I want to thank all of our DSP's - you are the foundation of Bona Vista!

Happy 55th Birthday, Bona Vista Programs!

Imagine the world and how much it has evolved in the past 55 years. Bona Vista has adapted to the changes and the needs of the community since opening our doors in September of 1958. We are celebrating the continued success of our non-profit organization, and we are taking the time to thank our supporters, sponsors, donors and community for the encouragement and support to be the very best at what Bona Vista provides for our clients.

In 55 years, we have expanded from a home on Walnut Street where a small group of children with disabilities received services - to a 500 employee organization that serves 2,000 people daily in more than 20 counties! Bona Vista saw a need in the community in 1958, and we continue to attend to the necessary needs of clients to this day. With 14 programs, we serve clients from birth to their elder years. We are excited to continue our services stronger

than ever into the future with the expansion of programs, services and ideas that will keep Bona Vista providing quality services beyond expectations.

Bona Vista has an extensive timeline of monumental events over the past five and a half decades, and we would like to touch on some of the most important breakthroughs in the history of Bona Vista. In 1965, we moved into our 1220 E. Laguna location to house a school for 33 individuals. In 1966, we had our first sheltered workshop for our adult clients in the back part of the Laguna Street building. That's 47 years that Bona Vista has had an industrial program! Throughout the years as our industrial services continued to grow out of three buildings, we finally received Bona Vista

at the Crossing in 2001 and found a comfortable home in a real industrial environment.

What was once a small school on Laguna Street with 33 individuals and an attached industrial service - expanded once in 1979 and another 7,000 square foot expansion in 1992, now holds all of Bona Vista's Howard County Early Childhood Programs. Our Keys For Kids Preschool, Early Head Start Program, Positive Results for Kids therapies and our administration staff are now housed in the once "small school". We serve over 200 children per day from this location. Now that is growth from 33 individuals in 1965!

There are so many wonderful achievements in 55 years! In 1978, our first Companion newsletter was distributed. In 1980, we started our employment services for individuals with disabilities. In 1988, we started our first two group homes. In 1990 we expanded into Miami County to provide services. In 1995, our friends at Soupley's Wine & Spirits helped us create our most successful event titled the Greatest Spectacle in Tasting. Most recently, we have started building The Vista housing project and opened a successful innovation center called Imagine That! This is just a quick list of significant accomplishments, but we invite you to visit our website at www.bonavista.org and enjoy our entire timeline and historical pictures of our long and amazing journey.

Thank you once again for your support of our agency over the past 55 years. We are so proud to be a part of this community. We can't wait to see what the next 55 years brings Bona Vista.



Bona Vista Industries: Our Industrial Revolution 2013

The importance of our clients receiving valuable vocational life experiences and independent skills while working at Bona Vista Industries is one of many objectives of having an industrial service. While this still holds true and is undoubtedly important, it's also essential to know what kind of quality work that the staff at Bona Vista Industries can provide your company. We are a manufacturer of superior service.

While we are working to revamp our Bona Vista Industry building, we have completely remodeled our website to give it more of an industrial feel. Please take the time to visit www.bviservices.com and follow us on Facebook @Bonavista Industries and on Twitter @Bonavista Industries. Keep up with our day to day news and learn more about what we can provide your business!

Bona Vista Industries offers a variety of services to local and regional businesses and government agencies. BVI has provided exceptional manufacturing assistance to our community since 1958 - that's 55 years of experience! Bona Vista Industries offers the best price on assembly and materials sorting, scanning, parts washing, laminating, warehousing, product packaging, labeling, mailings, custom pallets and crates. We are here for your company's needs.

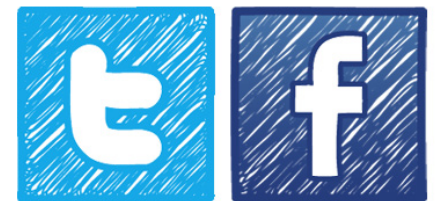
We also have secure document shredding services for every size organization. We provide your business with locked or unlocked shredding bins for ongoing scheduled pick-up. We can handle any size document shredding job. Bona Vista Industries is ISO 9001:2008 certified. This means that we have met specific requirements for a quality management system where our organization demonstrated its ability to consistently provide product that meets customer requirements. This certification also means we aim to enhance

customer satisfaction. Bona Vista Industries is about high quality services to our customer.

Working with Bona Vista Industries will free up valuable floor space in your business, and fast turn-around is guaranteed. Our main objective at Bona Vista Industries is to supply our customers with superior services in a timely and cost efficient manner.

Not only are you getting guaranteed excellent service, you help provide employment to adults in our community! Bona Vista Industries provides a working environment for approximately 200 adults. We offer a supervised environment with work goals specific to each client to ensure the success of your business's custom order.

If you would like to know more about Bona Vista Industries and how we can work together and help your business, please call 765-454-5344. Please take the time to visit our new easy to navigate website: www.bviservices.com.



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Bona Vista's Upcoming Events

Positive Results For Kids Developmental Screening - October 29, 2013



We Care Tree Auction - November 17, 2013

Legislative Brunch - November 20, 2013



Bona Vista's Last One Standing Dodge Ball Challenge - January 18, 2014

For more information about any of these events, please call 765-457-8273 or go to bonavista.org.

Keys For Kids: New School Year, New and Improved Look – Continued High Quality Service!

We like to brag about Bona Vista's remarkable Early Childhood Services whenever we get the chance. We have achieved level 4 Paths to QUALITY, a NAEYC accreditation, successful audits and licensures and have the best qualified teaching staff. Our newest change is the expansion of our offered classes and the transformation of our classrooms and inside gym!

We now have a new full day classroom for your three and four year olds. Our Kindergarten Readiness now takes four and five year olds, and we are currently offering a half day option! Our half day preschool is now for your two-and-a-half and three year olds as well. We are currently licensed to provide these new and improved services to our children. We have made some changes to our classrooms and their locations! Please see the pictures of our new classrooms.

As always to exceed expectations and continue high quality service, we have a Registered Nurse on site at all times. Our Early Childhood Programs have access to Nurse Sylvia throughout the entire day. So if there is a sick child, certain treatments specific to the child's needs or a playground injury, we have the professional resources for your child. As a parent, it's comforting to know that there is a nurse on site to help and protect your child.



We also have the best janitorial staff at Bona Vista. The cleanliness at our agency is impeccable. We strive to have our facility kept to the highest standards. We are proud of our programs, and it shows in how it looks. The janitorial staff is available all day during school hours.

Bona Vista has a security system for your child's safety. Each entrance has a monitor to see individuals at the door, and they are let in individually by our staff. Only the safest environment for your children!

Bona Vista is focused on the development of your child and continually helping them to enhance their learning. For more information about all the classes offered through our Keys For Kids Program, or to visit our new and improved look, please visit www.bonavista.org or call us at 765-457-8273 to schedule a tour! We look forward to seeing you.



Bona Vista's Housing Unit, The Vista and It's Progress

Bona Vista Programs has been building The Vista, two housing units to accommodate eight total residents as part of a new housing model for developmentally disabled adults. The Vista is located at 1220 S. Plate Street across from Bona Vista's Crossing. We have made significant progress on the building since breaking ground in October 2012.

Eight residents will be living in The Vista. Each person will have a private bedroom and bathroom, and they will share common space such as kitchens and laundry rooms. The clients will also have a garden to tend to which will allow residents to be involved in an activity that they can enjoy – regardless of age or disability. The Vista prides itself on "Going Green!" being constructed of mostly green materials – the roofing and siding are energy efficient, and the appliances also reflect energy efficiency.

The Vista has a finish date of this coming November! We are so excited for the new independent living quarters for our clients. Take the time to enjoy the pictures of The Vista's progress. Visit www.bonavista.org to keep up on all of the development, growth and news of our programs!

