

*"We build the foundation of success for children and adults regardless of abilities through encouragement, independence and inclusion in reaching their maximum potential."*

## Join Bona Vista's Keys for Kids Preschool! Enrollment is open for 2015-2016 School Year



Bona Vista's Keys for Kids Preschool Fall enrollment is going on now! Currently, there are openings for ages 2-5. Enroll your child today before spots are no longer available!

Keys for Kids Preschool offers full day and half day preschool for all children. If you are looking for a preschool that will allow your child the opportunity to learn while having fun and making friends, then Bona Vista's Keys for Kids is the place for you.

We have full day classrooms for: two year olds; three and four year olds; and for your four and five year olds. Keys for Kids offers half day preschool classrooms for two and three year olds; and three, four and five year olds.

Keys for Kids Preschool programs are academic-based and designed to develop your child's progress through a variety of activities. These activities are focused on the development of your child's social skills, fine motor, gross motor, language arts, math, science and other academic readiness skills.

For more information about Bona Vista's Preschool program, Keys for Kids, call Melinda Green 765-457-8273 ext. 386 or stop in the preschool office today.





# President's Corner



Bona Vista has two important building projects going on at this time. One was born out of the aftermath of the November 2013 tornado and the other is focused upon providing safe and affordable housing for our adults in the Supported Living Program. A great deal of time and attention has gone into both projects. The Imagine That facility will be the new home of the Community Connections Program and we are in desperate need of the space. The new building will offer our clients new bathrooms that will more easily address their needs, open space with natural light that will shine into the various classrooms where multiple activities will take place. The curriculum for our adults will be expanded to address additional programs in the arts, horticulture, story-telling and prevocational activities. In the evenings and the weekends, the building will be used for training and early childhood activities that will be designed for the community at large.

The housing project is designed for eleven adults with developmental disabilities who are receiving Waiver Services through Bona Vista Programs. The project will consist of three houses, two houses will have four bedrooms and the third house will have three bedrooms. This project will also have a community building for structured and leisure time activities for the adults residing in our homes. This project is funded through the Federal Home Loan Bank and the Indiana Housing Development Authority. Bona Vista is very fortunate that we were selected to receive grants for this important housing project.

The Imagine That Facility is partially funded through insurance proceeds related to the destruction of the building, but these dollars will not cover the entire costs for the rebuild. The new building has so many new architectural features related to the physical needs of our adults and children for areas such as bathrooms and the kitchen. There is so much to take into consideration that most of us take for granted. Opening a door for example can be very challenging if it is too heavy! Pushing a wheelchair up to a sink can be difficult if the height or the design of the sink are not accessible.

Thus, Bona Vista is in the middle of a campaign to raise the dollars needed for the new building as well as to properly furnish the facility upon its completion. Your donations to this project will be appreciated and we certainly want to share our story on the rebuild. To find out more please view our website at [www.bonavista.org](http://www.bonavista.org) or view us on Facebook.

*Jim S. Dunn*

## Become a #BVPal!



Have you had the opportunity to become a #BVPal? To become a **#BVPal**, we ask that you donate toward our rebuild, take a picture and hashtag #BVPal week on your favorite Social Media outlet! It's just that easy.

Dollars raised will help with the rebuild of our Imagine That! Innovation Center and provide a home for our adult day program, Community Connections. As you can see on our cover, many friends and supporters of Bona Vista have already joined the cause!

Becoming a #BVPal will give you an opportunity to give back to Bona Vista by donating at any participating business or at any Bona Vista location. **Become a Captain at your business or organization and encourage your friends and coworkers to become a BV Pal.**

At Bona Vista, it has never been more important for those of us who can, to offer a donation to a much anticipated project. For more information on how to host a #BVPal day at your business or donate to our rebuild project, contact Adria Snoddy at 765-457-8273. Whether it's \$10 or \$10,000 – your donation makes a difference.



## Grants Galore!



Two of Bona Vista's Early Childhood Programs have been awarded grants that will enhance the learning and overall experience for children in our Keys for Kids Preschool and Early Head Start Program. We are grateful to receive the following grants and implement further high quality care at Bona Vista Programs.

**Champions for Healthy Kids** has granted \$20,000 to Early Head Start and Keys for Kids to improve the health and wellness of children. This is a nationwide initiative to encourage positive lifestyles through healthy eating and play.

With funds from this grant, we will help children grow fruits and vegetables to incorporate into healthy lunches and snacks. We will work with a registered dietician to create meals for family events that are healthy, tasty and cost effective. Bona Vista will also establish natural playgrounds where kids enrolled in our programs can engage in active play to build skills such as balance, strength, and coordination.

Staff will benefit from the Champions for Healthy Kids grant by receiving training specifically focused around healthy eating and incorporating fresh seasonal fruits and vegetables in all meals and snacks served to children at

Bona Vista Programs.

Families will play an integral part in continuing this lifestyle at home. We will host a family event each month where Bona Vista's Early Childhood Programs will feature fun, healthy meals and active play activities. Family involvement is key.

Our second grant was awarded by **Delta Dental**. We received \$1,600 from Delta Dental to educate staff and families on dental care for infants and toddlers. The grant includes funding for training, resources for classroom activities, and information for families! Healthy smiles make happy children.

Lastly, Bona Vista received \$595 from the **Reading is Fundamental, Inc. (RIF)** grant. This money was used to purchase 296 books for our Early Childhood Services! The vision of RIF is to provide children across America with access to books and to help them discover the joys and value of reading. Thanks to this grant, we are able to offer more learning and reading opportunities for the children at Bona Vista Programs.

Thank you to all those who have awarded Bona Vista's Early Childhood Programs grants to enrich the lives and improve the level of care at our facilities.





# The Rebuild of Imagine That! Innovation Center

The Imagine That building is much more than walls and a roof. It's a tribute to the people Bona Vista provides services to on a daily basis. The new building has been designed to accommodate the Bona Vista Community Connections Program. Community Connections is an adult day program with over thirty individuals who are physically unable to care for themselves. Some cannot feed themselves independently, toilet themselves alone or socialize without close supervision due to their physical and intellectual limitations.

In addition to day programming, the *Innovation Center* will host a variety of trainings, family engagement activities, and community events in the evenings and on the weekends. Trainings and educational seminars will include topics such as challenging behaviors, the autism spectrum, sensory integration, and mental illness. The new facility will brighten the corner of Plate and Hoffer Street and bring life back to an empty lot. The staff at Bona Vista and most importantly, the people receiving services, deserve to have a wonderful space where each step they take is another step toward reaching their maximum potential.

We broke ground March 16, 2015, and we are seeing the building grow more each day! Take a look at our building progress and what our building will look like when completed.



Community Connections Program receives minimal governmental funding, and is entirely dependent on the community partners for its financial support. Thank you to the Community Foundation for supporting our rebuild project with a donation of \$50,000!



Pictured left to right, Jill Dunn, Bona Vista President, Ken Lucas, Bona Vista Board Chair, Dana Davis, Community Foundation Board Member



## BV Busy Box – Fun for the Whole Family!



Are you ready for some family fun that's interactive and educational? If your answer is yes, then Bona Vista Busy Box is perfect for your family!

The BV Busy Box is for children and their families that want to provide the tools to support their child's developmental path while fostering creativity and learning. Each subscription box includes hands-on activities, crafts, books, recipes, sing-a-long songs and an instructional manual with a developmental handout that outlines the focus for each activity. Your children will have hours of learning fun!

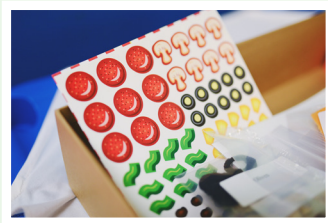
Each Busy Box offers activities related to the child's development of cognitive, physical, social and emotional and language skills.

Every month the Busy Box will have a new theme. To date, our themes have been: pizza, dino dig and nautical! Check out our August Busy Box: Magic Capes and Fairy Dust! The boxes include activities connected to enhancing

critical thinking skills and activities to incorporate body movement and coordination. Songs and finger plays will teach rhyme and pattern that will help to encourage reading and language skills.

To learn more about pricing, specials and upcoming themes please visit the Busy Box website [www.bvbusybox.org](http://www.bvbusybox.org), and follow us on social media to see teasers of upcoming box themes! Call Adria Snoddy at 765-457-8273 for more information on how you can get your family a BV Busy Box!

You can follow our Busy Box journey on Facebook @Busy Boxes, Twitter @BVBusyBoxes, Instagram BVBusyBoxes and Pinterest BVBusyBoxes.



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# 2015 Events

## The Greatest Spectacle in Tasting

Bona Vista Programs and Soupley's Wine and Spirits hosted the 21st Greatest Spectacle in Tasting. With 33 local restaurants, 160 auction items, an assortment of wine and microbrews, and music from Shiny Penny, this was the best year yet! We raised \$50,503 to bring the grand total over \$700,000 for Bona Vista Programs! Join us next year on May 21, 2016 for our 22nd year!



We hosted our first **Graffiti Splash Edition** of our annual Run, Walk and Roll this year and raised over \$15,000 for Bona Vista Programs! Don't miss out on the colorful fun next year! Start training for your 5K today!

# Upcoming 2015 Events

## Cinderella Ball



The Cinderella Ball is back! Fathers and daughters enjoy this enchanted evening of a sit-down dinner, horse-drawn carriage rides, ballroom dance lessons, craft, entertainment, souvenir photo, and a commemorative shirt. Cinderella and Prince Charming will be in attendance to interact with princesses and royal guests.

This year the event is August 14, 2015 at the Kokomo Country Club, Call Taylor at 765-457-8273 to reserve your seats!



Partially funded by United Way, Positive Results for Kids Pediatric Therapy Programs will offer a FREE Developmental Screening for children birth to 5 years of age on July 29, 2015. Call Karen today at 765-454-5340 to sign up!



## Comedy for a Cause

Comedy for a Cause is coming in November and all proceeds will benefit Bona Vista's Imagine That! rebuild project. Stay tuned for more information on this hilarious event!

