

SAWS NEWS

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Building Freedom One Ramp at a Time

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News & Notes

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Support for SAWS is also possible through AmazonSmiles (www.smile.amazon.com), Amazon's charitable program. Any purchase made through AmazonSmiles indicating SAWS as your choice of charity will result in a 0.5% donation to SAWS. Every donation, no matter how small, matters.

The next board meeting will be June 10th, 6:30 p.m. in the new offices.

SAWS Is Ramping Up

For some time, the storage building at the back of the parking lot of Second Presbyterian Church in Indianapolis has been home base for SAWS. Over the last 11 years as the organization has grown, volunteers have braved the tight quarters where whining power tools and swinging boards gave real meaning to "Beware of moving parts." Building materials had to be stored outdoors where in colder months chipping ice became a necessity and loading trailers was a test of driving skill. Still, it served the purpose and SAWS will be forever grateful for the use of space. But SAWS is now growing at such a rate that more space has become a priority.

Over the past few months the OrthoIndy and OrthoIndy Hospital Foundation Fund (OI/OIHF Fund) and SAWS (Servants At Work, Inc.) have formed a new partnership. "The OI/OIHF Fund is thrilled to work with SAWS to help further their excellent community service," said John Dietz, Jr., MD a spine surgeon at OrthoIndy. OrthoIndy's physicians and more than 900 employees have a history of hands-on community service. We look forward to volunteering and supporting SAWS logistically." The partnership has resulted in a new facility with 12,000 square feet of heated space and multiple doors large enough to provide easy indoor loading and unloading of trucks and trailers.

This will be a tremendous asset to furthering the work of SAWS in providing wheelchair ramps for the disabled who cannot afford them. "This partnership with the OI/OIHF Fund is the most dramatic event since St. Luke's United Methodist Church of Indianapolis partnered with us in 2005. That partnership doubled our size. This new partnership will have a similar or greater impact on our efforts," said Rik Hagarty, founder of SAWS.

SAWS (Servants At Work, Inc.) is a non-profit 501(c)(3), volunteer ministry established in 2003 that builds wheelchair ramps to provide the elderly and persons with disabilities access to their world, allowing them to remain in their homes.

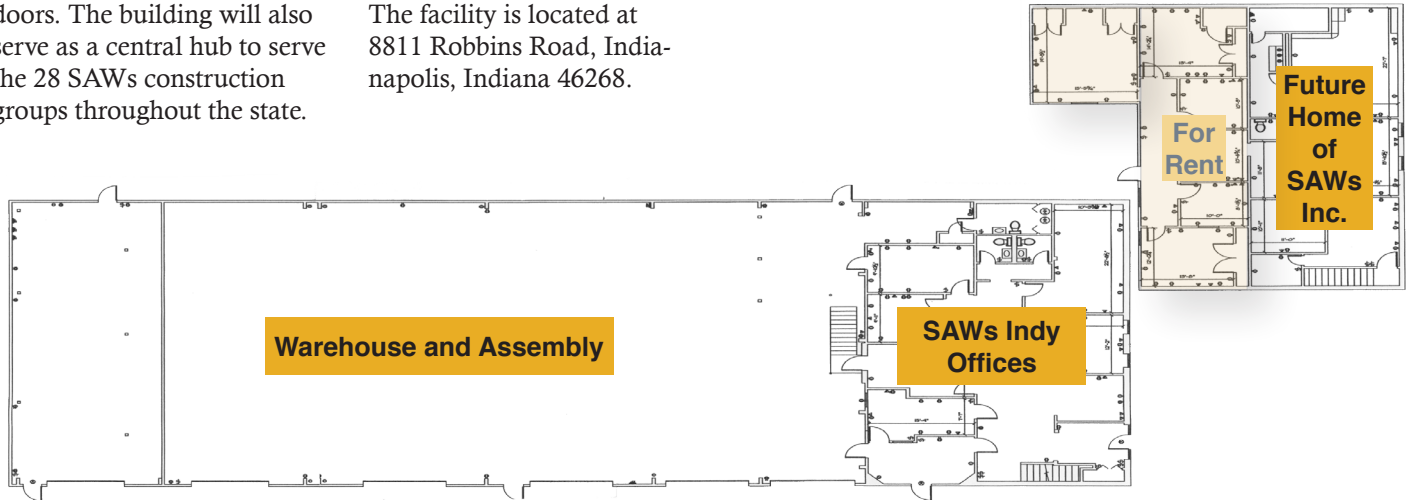
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The building will also house office space for SAWs, which it has never had before. There will be more space for material organization and storage out of the weather. Ramp pre-construction will be better organized by tasks and loading will be done indoors. The building will also serve as a central hub to serve the 28 SAWs construction groups throughout the state.

SAWs began its move in mid March from the storage building at Second Presbyterian Church on North Meridian Street and will complete the transition by the first of April. An open house is planned for May 31st from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. The facility is located at 8811 Robbins Road, Indianapolis, Indiana 46268.

This new facility is the result of the OrthoIndy Foundation’s emphasis on community service, the outstanding work of hundreds of dedicated volunteers across Indiana, and the consistent support of

the many donors of SAWs. Years of hard work and sacrifice have demonstrated the stability of the SAWs organization and the value of its mission.



Letter from the President

When God Winks



“I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you”

Matthew 17:20-21

I have seen so many miracles God has accomplished through, in and for SAWs over the past 12 years, but I am still in awe when He “winks” at us! I recently began reading a book called *When God Winks at You* by Squire Rushnell. It deals with times when God is speaking directly to you through events that might seem coincidental. We build wheel chair ramps as fast as is humanly possible (over 250 last year), but we sometimes forget to take time to see when God winks at us.

Last summer Tom Lipinski, our Board Chairman, applied for a grant from the OI/OIHF Fund. They declined the request. We have had plenty of requests denied or modified over the years so we just moved on to the next opportunity. That is, until Tom’s sister-in-law, an employee of Central Indiana Community Foundation and who manages the OI/OIHF Fund, told Tom, “Don’t give up! They just don’t understand what a wonderful ministry you have yet,” She reconnected us with OrthoIndy’s CFO and subsequently their

Foundation Committee.

Just when we were praying for more space, God winked at us saying, “How about this? Will this help?” Now we have exactly what we need, exactly when we need it. It has encouraged us to continue to explore beyond just the State of Indiana. We estimate that Indiana has approximately 10,000 people with disabilities that are prisoners in their own homes. Multiply that by 49 more states and that number is staggering.

After more than six months of planning and searching, we now have this beautiful facility in which to build as many ramps as we can find the money to pay for and the volunteers to assemble. We are looking forward to using this wonderful gift from God as our headquarters for all of Indiana and wherever He might call us to serve. Can you imagine “SAWs – Ohio?” Is a “SAWs – Alabama” possible? Could there ever be a “SAWs – California” or even a “SAWs – Hawaii?”

We will need all the prayers and support you can manage. I have seen God wink at SAWs a lot.

Rik