2020-21 Progress Update

We are a 501c3 charity working to improve the quality of life of more than 900 children, adults, and families living with spina bifida throughout Illinois.

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Program Strategy

- Build family resilience through outreach, education, and advocacy
  Programs include statewide support groups, workshops, and info & referral.

- Provide scholarships, equipment grants, and emergency financial help

- Promote skills development and independence
  ISBA is proud to be in association with the YMCA of Metro Chicago in providing Camp Independence experiences for children, teens, and adults.

Updates & Accomplishments

- ISBA vocational rehabilitation helped 8 adults get jobs in the last year.

- The Community-Clinic Connection program has worked on more than 800 cases with individuals and families since 2017. Through clinic outreach, events, and individualized coaching, we help people work toward goals, access resources and social networks, and achieve greater independence.

- Annual GoBabyGo workshops have provided custom electric ride-on cars to 59 children to empower greater mobility & independence.

- ISBA serves more than 900 families statewide through collaborations with outpatient clinics at Shriners Hospitals for Children - Chicago, Ann & Robert H. Lurie Children’s Hospital of Chicago, Loyola Medicine, Illinois Eye Institute, University of Chicago Medicine, and OSF HealthCare in Peoria.

- ISBA’s Professional Advisory Council has announced the winners of its sixth annual Research Awards for excellence in clinical research.

- ISBA provided $35,000 in medical and utility bill help to families in 2020.

--Sincerely, Matt Larsen, Executive Director