

# 2017-2018 Award Winners



## *#1 Chapter*

Greenebucs  
Beavercreek, OH  
President  
**SANDY ZIMMERMAN**

## *#1 District*

District 5E  
Governor:  
**DICK NOWLIN**

## THERAPIST OF THE YEAR: LETI HALL

Leti Hall, Speech Therapist, settled into work at a multi-disciplinary pediatric therapy clinic in Ohio after living and practicing in Europe for several years. Leti ended up purchasing Therapy Connections. She expanded the practice and became involved in many community activities. Leti joined her local AMBUCS chapter and encourages therapists working for her to do the same. Her clinic became an evaluation site for children, adults and Veterans. She hosts tryke builds and has developed a group of middle schoolers into adept tryke-builders. Leti supports, fund raises and speaks frequently on behalf of several organizations dedicated to expanding opportunities for those with challenges. She acts as a liaison between the therapy community and engineering students. Several adaptive devices have been successfully created from the collaboration. "She is a quiet, devoted, committed and positive Speech Therapist who reaches far beyond that profession to have a positive impact not just on her patients," reads her nomination, "but on the lives of their entire families." We are thrilled to confirm Greenebucs' nomination of Leti Hall as Therapist of the Year.





## Ambuc of the Year

**WENDY BOND**

*Ponca City Charity Angels, OK*

2. Devlynn Tanner – Greenebucs, OH
3. Cindy Colclasure – Woodward Mid-Day, OK

Throughout her community, our Ambuc of the year has done so much. She helps organize a softball league for individuals with disabilities and is currently helping them fund raise to put in an accessible ball field. She started a nonprofit to provide Christmas gifts to those less fortunate.

When it comes to AMBUCS, she attends everything and she is always recruiting. She finds members at work, in elevators, the bank, hallways, probably public restrooms. No one is safe, really. Since she joined AMBUCS in 2012, she has recruited 23 members and helped start the Owasso chapter. She is so good at it, I don't think anyone has turned her down.

She plans and hosts therapist Amtryke trainings. She hosted one in Tulsa where 25 therapists were trained, 14 Ambucs attended and 5 new members were recruited. She also hosts all the chapter Amtryke builds at her office and even helped the chapter build its first ramp.

She co-hosted the Regional Conference in Tulsa last April, participating in all the meetings, walk throughs, and organization to make it a great conference.

Countless lives, her chapter and the whole organization are better because she is in it.

Congratulations Ambuc of the Year 2017-2018, Wendy Bond!



## Project Manager of the Year

**CARMELA DAVIS**

*Longview Too, TX*

2. Kathi Dunaway – Mountain Metro, OK
3. Jeffrey Perkins – Springfield, IL

Our Project Manager of the Year has an incredible love of Christmas decorations – actually it's an out-of-control love of Christmas decorations and lights! She plans and builds each year's presentation for nine months. During the two-month season, hundreds of people show up every night from all over the region and several adjoining states to drive through her display.

Prior to opening to the public each year, she allows her chapter to host a night only for special needs families to drive through the display. They are served hot chocolate and cookies and get their picture with Santa.

This past year, she added a chapter fundraiser run/walk through the Christmas lights. Since normally people just drive through, they bussed people in from a school parking lot across a 4-lane highway. Over 300 participants walked or ran the course. The chapter presented several Amtrykes in the dark and the new riders loved riding through more than a million Christmas lights with the walkers and runners.

The event resulted in great public relations and raised several thousands of dollars. But more than that, everyone left feeling full of Christmas spirit.

Congratulations Project Manager of the year 2017-2018, Carmela Davis!