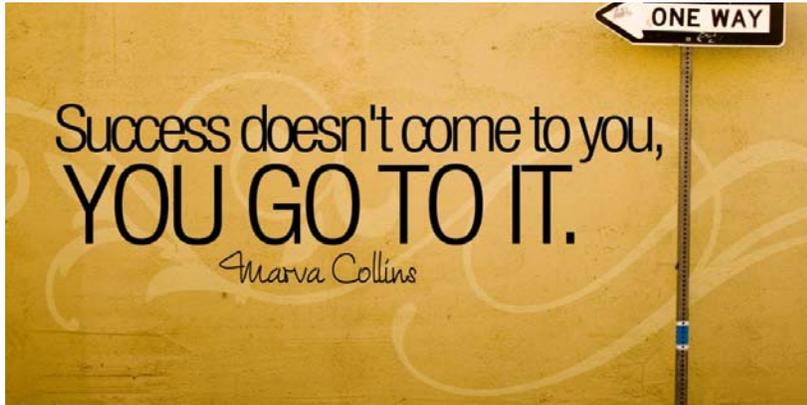




## FALL for SUCCESS



*In order to succeed, your desire for success should be greater than your fear of failure*

**Fall** is the time of year when we often have settled into the year and begun a routine. Whether we are parents and have gotten the kids off to school and extracurricular activities or single and getting through the week for the excitement of tailgating on the weekends at college football games. We all are creatures of habit and like to know what to expect out of our free time. Consider this though, it's at times like

these that we often neglect the "pending files" of our lives. Whether it's the garage we've been promising to clean out since we made out our New Year's Resolution, the ten pounds we've been trying to lose, or the SSA-45 that we've been wanting to update and get ready for the promotion we've been wanting. There is always something that we can be working on to get us closer to our picture of what success looks like to us individually.

Success is the achievement of something desired, planned or attempted. The thing people often forget about success is that you must "attempt or plan" in order to succeed. A plan left undone is merely a thought.

## The importance of Mentoring

At SSA many believe the mentor process is strictly for new hires and newly promoted individuals. The truth is having a mentor throughout your career is imperative to your advancement within the agency. Marketing yourself as a valuable employee doesn't start when the position you

want comes available, it started when you were hired.

Tips on selecting a mentor:

1. Always select someone who is different from you but has something you'd like (lifestyle/

career)

2. Steer clear of a formal invitation, be casual but straightforward, ask them in person
3. Look for someone that will challenge you in many ways

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### Special points of interest:

- Invite your co-workers to join BAAC, membership has it's privileges
- Check the BAAC webpage at least monthly for any new changes
- Plan NOW to save up for next year's Leadership Conference
- We are open to suggestions of community outreach opportunities
- Be POSITIVE in your dealings with all employees



## BAAC to School Supply Drive

In the month of August we decided to get the entire BSSC involved in gathering school supplies for the students of A.H. Parker High School who did not have supplies to start the school year off right. We placed large bins at both entrances with a list of items needed and collected items for the month of August. As seen above in the picture, we were able to collect a lot of supplies for the students and they were very grateful to receive them.



**BAAC Members Lets wear *PINK* on October 9th, 2013 in support of the Susan G Komen Race for the Cure**

## PAINT THE BSSC PINK!!!!!!

Susan G Komen fought breast cancer with her heart, body and soul. Through-out her diagnosis, treatment and endless days in the hospital, she spent her time thinking of ways to make life better for other women battling breast cancer instead of worrying about her own situation. Moved by Susan's compassion for others and commitment to making a difference, Nancy Brinker promised her sister that she would do everything in her power to end breast cancer.

Though Susan lost her battle with the disease, her legacy lives on through the work of Susan G. Komen for the Cure the organization Nancy started in her honor. Komen for the Cure is the global leader of the breast cancer movement, having invested more than \$1.9 billion since it's inception in 1982. Komen's promise is to

save lives and end breast cancer forever by empowering people, ensuring quality care for all and energizing science to find the cures. Across the country, the promise is upheld by a network of 121 local Affiliate offices. At the Heart of each Affiliate is a person or group of people who like Susan, wanted to make a difference.

The **Birmingham Chapter of BAAC** would like to celebrate the fight against breast cancer and show our support by urging it's members, YOU, to wear pink on **October 9th**, the Wednesday before the Susan G. Komen Race for the Cure here in Birmingham, Alabama in Linn Park. Registration for the Race begins at 7:00a.m.

***“Only a life lived for others is a life worthwhile.” - Albert Einstein***