



Spring is here and in full swing, and we're looking forward to more sunshine! It has been eventful and fun here at Hands of Heartland, and we're excited to share what we've been up to.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Norfolk Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

We had such a great time at our Norfolk Chamber of Commerce ribbon cutting on March 22nd! It's always special when we get to share our mission and spend time with people from our community. The atmosphere was happy and positive, and we can't wait to work more with the Norfolk Chamber of Commerce!

COMMUNITY

Brett Samson Speaks to Norfolk Middle School

Hands of Heartland President Brett Samson traveled to Norfolk Middle School to speak to students about the importance of perseverance. The event was encouraging and successful, and we're happy to be able to interact with community youth to spread a positive message.



SPOTLIGHT

Spotlight on LaToyce Henry

We want to take a moment this month to highlight someone who brings a smile to so many faces at our Omaha/Bellevue location! LaToyce Henry is our Creative Coordinator, and we're so happy to have her at HoH! Here's what someone on our Omaha team had to say about LaToyce:



"LaToyce has been assisting with crafts at the 209 building for almost a year in the Creative Coordinator role. LaToyce has been designing craft projects for the community and the participants throughout Hands of Heartland statewide. LaToyce also sponsors parties for the community once a month, which everyone loves. She has a bubbly personality and the participants gravitate towards her. LaToyce comes up with different activities that are beautiful and can be sold in-store. The participants look forward to the karaoke and every other party that LaToyce comes up with."

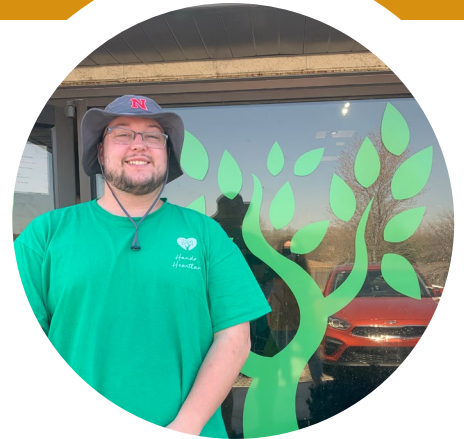
SPOTLIGHT

Team Member of The Month

It's time to highlight one of our outstanding team members again, and this time we're cheering on Tyler Dvorak at our Harrison location! The following is a quote from the team member who nominated her:



"Tyler is one of the amazing direct support professionals at Harrison, and works with our 2:1 individual. The compassion and patience he displays when working with this individual is just amazing to watch and be a part of. What is even more amazing is that when you observe the two together there is no doubt the 2:1 individual feels the connection with Tyler and understands that he truly matters to Tyler."



COMMUNITY

Governor's Press Conference

On Tuesday, March 21st, Governor Jim Pillen declared March "Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month" in a public press conference. Representatives and participants from HoH had a great time attending the event, handing out cards, and spreading the word about Hands of Heartland and the people we work with.



COMMUNITY

Kearney/Grand Island Area Kindness Bags

Last month was Developmental Disability Awareness month, and many of our locations participated in various activities designed to celebrate and educate. Our Kearney and Grand Island locations also joined in on the fun at the end of the month, and gave out kindness bags to their local communities.

COMMUNITY

Karaoke Night at Omaha/ Bellevue

We held a Karaoke night for our Bellevue/Omaha locations, and we can't wait to do it again! Creative Coordinator LaToyce Henry said it best:



"Karaoke night was a big hit with our individuals! We turned our 101 building into a full karaoke vibe. Individuals sang hits from Bruno Mars, Bradley Cooper, and Nicki Minaj, just to name a few. We also created a mocktail bar with Shirley Temples, Lime and Strawberry Margaritas, and a Blue Lagoon. One of our participants, Ryan Bell, was our bartender for the night. He had so much fun and claimed a full position as our bartender! I just want to bring good vibes to our parties so our individuals can let their hair down and enjoy the fun things in life!"

CELEBRATING

April Team Member Birthdays

BELLEVUE

AVONNA D (4/1)
SHANNON H (4/7)
SEAN B (4/10)
LUCY S (4/12)
KOKOU L (4/14)
CEDRIC H (4/15)
SANDY H (4/18)
JENNIFER NEELEY (4/10)
SARA B (4/20)
ERIC H (4/20)
KIRHANA M (4/20)

PATRICK M (4/24)

BARB COLVERT (4/24)
MONTE M (4/21)
KIARA M (4/22)
KIMBERLY T (4/22)
JENNIFER L (4/22)
JUSTIN M (4/24)
AMY C (4/27)

WEST POINT

MERCEDES H (4/2)
JOCELYN P (4/15)

GRAND ISLAND

BECKY M (4/6)
ZACHRY V (4/10)
NICHOLE S (4/12)
KATIE B (4/20)
JONATHAN L (4/25)

CELEBRATING

April Team Member Anniversaries

BELLEVUE

SKYLAR A (1 YEAR)
SHAQUANA C (1 YEAR)
SOUMAILA K (1 YEAR)
MICHELLE C (2 YEARS)
JACKSON TRIGGS (2 YEAR)
JAMES K (3 YEARS)
LATTOYCE H (4 YEARS)
ERIC H (4 YEARS)
ROBERT D (4 YEARS)
ALEX P (5 YEARS)
MATTHEW H (5 YEARS)
JENIE L (6 YEARS)
MARK S (8 YEARS)
SEAN B (18 YEARS)

WEST POINT

KASSIE S (1 YEAR)

GRAND ISLAND

EMILIE A (1 YEAR)
ETHAN M (1 YEAR)

