

August

2021

Fall may be right around the corner, but there are plenty of beautiful summer days left ahead of us! We have plenty of exciting things lined up, and are excited to highlight some of the amazing people involved with HoH in this month's newsletter!

Location News

Lincoln's Open House & Ribbon Cutting a Success!

We had a fantastic and successful open house and ribbon cutting last month at our Lincoln location. Thank you to everyone who came out to support this exciting new branch of HoH!

Spotlight

Supported Employment

Our Supported Employment program is one of the most important services we offer here at HoH. This program is designed to help the individuals we work with achieve a rewarding, fulfilling life through community employment opportunities.

Jessica has been employed at Goodwill through our Supported Employment program since February 2019. Thank you to Jessica and Rachel for sharing their experiences with the program!



"She is such a bright spot in the store. Jessica always has an infectious smile and is always in a great mood. She is a hard worker, friendly, and is always eager to help others. Jessica is what the store refers to as a "runner;" her job is to take out the merchandise from the back room or the donations area and find a place for them out on the sales floor. Jessica works 4 days a week and seems to love it. Jessica says she can't see herself working anywhere else, and plans on being at Goodwill for a very long time"

– Goodwill Store Manager, Rachel Kennebeck

Employee spotlight

Congratulations to Alfonzo Berks



We love highlighting the awesome people who make HoH a great place to work and be! This month's Team Member of the Month is Alfonzo Berks.

Alfonzo continually goes above and beyond. He works hard and routinely picks up shifts in both Lincoln and the Bellevue/Omaha area. Alfonzo will work with anyone and is respectful to the people we support. He is always positive and has a great heart for this type of work.

Thank you, Alfonzo, for all you do. We're so happy to have you on our team!

Want to nominate someone for Team Member of the Month?

If you'd like to nominate a team member, please email TMR@handsofheartland.com

Spotlight

Get to Know Hands of Heartland

Get to know two very important facets of our organization: the people we work with, and our team members!

Featuring Erica Stahl, Grand Island

Favorite thing about HoH:

Co-workers, friends, and management team (Jenna and Nicole).

Favorite holiday:

Christmas, because she enjoys spending time with family.

Words she would use to describe herself:

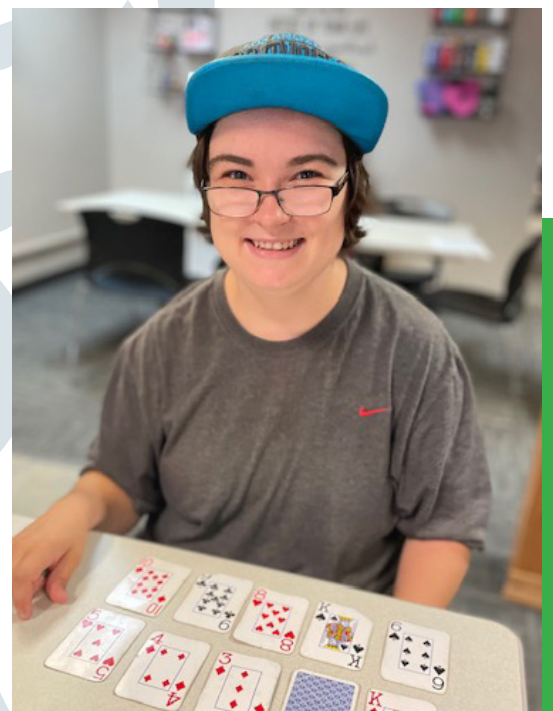
Cool, funny, and goofy (We would also add hardworking!)

Anything else to share?

Erica enjoys cross stitching in her spare time and works at Barr Middle School.

“Erica is a hard worker. Always willing to help others and try new things. She cares about her peers and is the most helpful lady around!”

— Nicole Van Pool, Area Director of Central Nebraska.



Featured HoH Employee Faye Kreikemeier, Fremont

Three words that describe Faye: Creative, caring, and involved
Something most people don't know about her: She is studying to get her Master's degree!

Faye is on the Opera Board in Fremont, and is also involved in community theatre. She and her husband, Keaton, have a four-legged furbaby named Pepper.

"Working for Hands of Heartland has been incredible, being in a work environment that encourages training, development and growth is so beneficial to staff and the people we serve. I really appreciate the emphasis on staff support and professional development. Each location I have been to has been a positive environment that focuses on safety, habilitation, and support. It's so cool to see the changes that have happened in just a few short months. Working for Hands of Heartland has allowed me to use my existing skills, while developing new ones in a positive work environment." — Faye Kreikemeier



"Faye is so talented, she has creative ideas that she brings to life. She tailors the projects to the talents of our artists. There is always a piece of the project everyone can partake in. We are so lucky to have Faye at Hands of Heartland."
— Cheri Rychly, Area Director

Celebrating August Birthdays!

JAMES H (8/1)
AUSTIN T (8/1)
KRISTINA W (8/1)
SAMANTHA A (8/4)
ELISABETH C (8/4)
JONATHAN H (8/4)
BARBARA K (8/4)
CASSIE M (8/5)
MEGAN F (8/8)
SAMANTHA M (8/8)
MELISSA R (8/8)

KRISTINA A (8/9)
SOLOMON O (8/9)
CHRISTINE M (8/12)
LLOYD J (8/13)
SUSAN B (8/14)
MEGAN B (8/14)
DOUGLAS J (8/15)
DUKE S (8/15)
SHONDA S (8/15)
CHRISTIAN W (8/20)
KENDRA C (8/21)

BRITTANY P (8/21)
VIRGINIA S (8/22)
MAHUTIN H (8/23)
ELLA R (8/23)
KAMERON S (8/23)
TAYLOR K (8/24)
TAMBRA A (8/25)
LINDA B (8/25)
KATHRYN E (8/25)
CHRISTIANA H (8/27)
BRITTANY A (8/29)

Honoring August Anniversaries!

DOSSI A (1 YEAR)
RANDALL B (1 YEAR)
NICOLE B (1 YEAR)
JAMI C (1 YEAR)
IGNACE D (1 YEAR)
JANA K (1 YEAR)
THOMAS K (1 YEAR)
EMILY M (1 YEAR)
CHRISTINE M (1 YEAR)
YUSSUF O (1 YEAR)
BARBARA P (1 YEAR)

NAKIYA S (1 YEAR)
KERRY E (2 YEARS)
JENEVIEVE N (2 YEARS)
SKYE R (2 YEARS)
NATHANIEL S (2 YEARS)
SHANNON H (3 YEARS)
ALLISON P (3 YEARS)
JUDY M (4 YEARS)
COURTNEY C (5 YEARS)
RICHARD S (5 YEARS)
RICHARD H (6 YEARS)

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