



It's still technically summertime, of course, but it's hard to deny the back-to-school feelings August brings! We're looking forward to continued weekly activities, and a lot of big changes happening at Hands of Heartland this month.

## COMMUNITY

### Bellevue Ice Cream Party

Our Bellevue location enjoyed an ice cream social on August 4th, where our individuals got to make their own sundaes with oreos, gummy bears, cherries, nuts, and whipped cream. Originally the gathering was planned as a "splash pad and sundae party," but the rain literally rained on their parade! The weather couldn't stop them from enjoying their ice cream, however, and individuals and staff were able to have a wonderful time together.



## COMMUNITY

### Northwest Omaha Location Open to the Public

Our new location at 114th & Blondo in Omaha is now open to the public and ready to begin providing services to the northwest Omaha area! We're excited to be able to provide Hands of Heartland's services more efficiently and comprehensively to this part of our service area.





## COMMUNITY

# Volunteering at Dreamer's Place Equestrian Ranch

Our Norfolk location has had the opportunity this summer to volunteer at Dreamer's Place Equestrian Ranch in Wayne. Dreamer's Place (originally designed for Veteran therapy but is welcome to all) is a ranch with equine and other

service animals available for visiting for therapeutic purposes.

Our individuals have been performing volunteer services like painting name signs for the horse barn, scooping out stalls, grooming the animals, and leading them around in the arena. After they have completed their volunteering, owner Laura always has a fun craft for our individuals to enjoy.

This has been a very rewarding opportunity, and we're grateful to be able to work with Dreamers Place to enrich our individuals' experiences!



## 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 Carlie Walz at our Grand Island location! The following is a quote from the team member who nominated him:

“Carlie is our supported employment/job coach. She is currently job coaching an individual, and has offered to split her shifts in order to be able to work with someone else as well during the week. One of our 8-year-old participants only wants to work with her! She picks up overnights, and does a great job helping train new staff. Carlie is all-around amazing!”

Thank you, Carlie! We're grateful to know you, and have you on our team!





## CELEBRATING August Team Member Birthdays

### BELLEVUE

KRISTINA W (8/1)  
ELISABETH C (8/4)  
SAMANTHA M (8/8)  
BRENDEN F (8/8)  
KATHLEEN S (8/8)  
CHRISTINE M (8/12)  
DOUGLAS J (8/15)  
KHCOLE W (8/21)  
KENDRA C (8/21)  
ELLA R (8/23)

### GRAND ISLAND

VANESSA V (8/1)  
KAITLYN B (8/13)  
MEGAN B (8/14)  
SHEREE S (8/22)  
STACY B (8/26)

### KEARNEY

TAYNA C (8/15)  
KAILEY J (8/18)  
FAITH N (8/23)  
KEVIN A (8/23)

### LINCOLN

JADE L (8/5)  
KALEB V (8/24)  
EMMA K (8/24)

### MCCOOK

AMY V (8/29)

### NORFOLK

SHERYL L (8/6)  
CHRISTINA K (8/17)  
TINA C (8/24)

### OMAHA

NICHOLAS W (8/2)  
SPENCER V (8/3)  
UNIQUE S (8/4)  
SAMANTHA A (8/4)  
MELISSA R (8/8)  
AYITEH A (8/10)  
SKYLAR A (8/18)  
CHRISTIAN W (8/20)  
ERIC M (8/24)  
ANA D (8/28)

### WEST POINT

MCKAYLA Z (8/10)  
NAYDELI M (8/16)

### CORPORATE

JENNIFER S (8/22)

## CELEBRATING August Team Member Anniversaries

### BELLEVUE

MARDONNA T (1 YEAR)  
NYALUAK R (1 YEAR)  
DOSSI A (3 YEARS)  
CHRISTINE M (3 YEARS)  
JENEVIEVE N (4 YEARS)  
KERRY E (4 YEARS)  
SKY R (5 YEARS)  
SHANNON H (5 YEARS)

### FREMONT

JULIE T (2 YEARS)

### GRAND ISLAND

KATIE B (1 YEAR)  
ROBIN L (2 YEARS)  
CINDY C (2 YEARS)

### LINCOLN

GLENN C (1 YEAR)  
ESTA LADO A (1 YEAR)  
SARAH F (1 YEAR)  
LARK B (1 YEAR)

### KEARNEY

ALLISON B (1 YEAR)

### CORPORATE

TIMARIE B (1 YEAR)  
ANGIE H (1 YEAR)  
KYLE S (2 YEARS)  
CASSIDY K (2 YEARS)  
RANDALL B (3 YEARS)

