



December 2023

# Happy Holidays!

Thank you all for the dedication and commitment you show day in and day out. The Hands of Heartland team is truly unique, bringing compassion and expertise to many people who need it throughout Nebraska. You all help provide creative opportunities for Nebraskans with DD to live and grow where they choose to do so.

2023 was another great year at Hands of Heartland! Thanks to our amazing team of DSPs, Managers, and Administrative team, HOH continues to be recognized as a leading provider of DD services in Nebraska.

We expanded into many new areas this past year. In addition, we continued to enhance the supports we provide with further growth in our education and employment services. HOH will begin providing services in Iowa early in 2024! We look forward to bringing the passion for person centered supports you all have to Iowa!

We hope you all have a wonderful holiday season and that you are able to spend time with family and friends. Thanks for being such an important part of fulfilling the HOH mission.

*Sincerely*

**Mason Morgan, Hands of Heartland CEO**  
**Brett Samson, President of Operations, Midwest**

## COMMUNITY

### Fremont Christmas Walk





Our Fremont location was open on November 25th for the annual Fremont Christmas Walk. This is always a great opportunity to mingle with the community and get into the holiday spirit!



## COMMUNITY

### Christmas Parties & Activities



-  Our Southeast location in Lincoln spent a day making Christmas candies and goodies, which were then donated to local nursing homes and homeless shelters in the community.
-  Bellevue will be having a Christmas Party complete with Secret Santa, Santa photos, a cookie exchange, and giving cards to people at hillcrest.
-  All Central locations will have their Christmas parties on December 22 for staff and participants.
-  Our Omaha location is having a Christmas party with a secret Santa activity, and all three Omaha vocational sites will show appreciation to our service coordinators by inviting them to the day sites for hot chocolate and cookies.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

# McCook Open House

On Wednesday, November 29th, we celebrated the expansion of HoH services to the southwestern part of Nebraska with our McCook location open house! The event was fun, well-attended, and a fantastic way to kick off our time in this part of the state. Thanks to all who attended, and the community of McCook for welcoming us!



## COMMUNITY

# State Powerlifting Competition

Three participants from West Point competed in the Special Olympics State Powerlifting Competition where they each succeeded in passing their personal bests. **Congratulations Tim, James, and Jonathon!**



## CELEBRATING December Team Member Birthdays

### BELLEVUE

KRISCYNTHIA R (12/1)  
ALI H (12/12)  
KENNETH C (12/14)  
YAWO A (12/15)  
JAMES K (12/16)  
KIMBERLY R (12/16)  
KOUBA P (12/17)  
MARCIANO T (12/22)  
KRISTAL S (12/23)  
SHEANNE M (12/24)  
FAHIMA R (12/26)  
BI TOHAN G (12/29)  
KOMIVI A (12/31)

### GRAND ISLAND

BRENDA A (12/7)  
NICOLE V (12/10)  
SARA L (12/11)  
RYEANN R (12/29)  
TONYA M (12/31)

### KEARNEY

SARA C (12/4)  
KELSEY R (12/12)  
JAMES R (12/31)

### LINCOLN

CHRISTIAN M (12/6)  
ANNE M (12/11)  
SAMANTHA H (12/16)

### NORFOLK

ROSEANNE W (12/12)  
ELIZABETH P (12/12)  
LEAH S (12/28)

### OMAHA

JAMES P (12/2)  
ISMAEL Z (12/9)  
EYRAM N (12/12)  
ANDREW W (12/12)  
KYDRIAIR P (12/15)  
ALEXANDER C (12/18)  
BETH C (12/22)  
JULIEN M (12/22)  
JEFFERSON B (12/26)  
GAGE S (12/27)  
ASSOFUNA T (12/29)

### WEST POINT

GRACE M (12/2)  
RACHEL H (12/14)  
ALEXA S (12/21)  
ALEXIS G (12/22)

### COORPORATE

LATOYCE H 12/2)

## CELEBRATING December Team Member Anniversaries

### BELLEVUE

BRENDA O 1 YEAR)  
RACHEL M (3 YEARS)  
SHEANNE M (6 YEARS)  
PATRICIA U (15 YEARS)

### GRAND ISLAND

SHANTEL M (12/2)  
TONYA C (3 YEARS)  
JENNA M (3 YEARS)

### KEARNEY

TYSON S (12/1)

### OMAHA

AMY C (1 YEAR)  
ZACHARIA S (2 YEARS)  
MELISSA R (5 YEARS)  
MAHAMUD H (6 YEARS)

### WEST POINT

CINDY T (3 YEARS)

### CORPORATE

KRISTIN W (4 YEARS)  
ABDULRAHIM A (6 YEARS)

