

December

2021

Happy Holidays

Hands of Heartland Team!

We hope you and your families have had a great holiday season. Thank you for your hard work and dedication in 2021. You continue to step up when facing staffing issues, the pandemic, bad weather, and other day-to-day challenges. Everyone on the HOH team is making a positive difference in the lives of the people we support.

Hands of Heartland had another busy and productive 2021. We continued growing in Lincoln and Grand Island and opened new offices in West Point, Fremont, Norfolk, and even ventured out of the state to Dallas, Texas at the end of the year. The services being provided in the new areas have been recognized as creative and focused on the wants and needs of the people in supports. Our new areas are a compliment to the great work that has been done in Omaha and Bellevue for over 20 years. Day and Residential growth also continued in Omaha and Bellevue, where the team continues to enhance our service offerings.

We are looking forward to a fantastic 2022. Our goal is to continue improving the supports we provide while helping our team members take advantage of all the opportunities here for personal growth. Thank you again for the commitment you show daily. Happy Holidays!

Sincerely

Mason Morgan, Chief Executive Officer
Brett Samson, President of Operations Midwest



Hands of Heartland

Recognition

Team Member of the Month

Congratulations to Brenda Armstrong

Each month we highlight one of the fantastic team members who make HoH such a wonderful place to work. This month, it's Brenda Armstrong!

Brenda works at our Grand Island location, and has done incredible work this year. Grand Island saw not only a difficult DSP shortage, but also a unique situation in which all three people in management were unable to be present. Brenda stepped up and not only coordinated day services, but she also worked tirelessly to help with residential shifts and coordinate the weekend. Her attitude never wavered, and we saw her personally interact with the people we support in an extremely engaging and positive manner.

Thank you Brenda, for all your positive, hard work this year!



Want to nominate someone for Team Member of the Month?

Thank you to everyone who nominated a team member last month! While selecting a winner was not easy, it is such a joy to see that Hands of Heartland has awesome team members who are appreciated by their peers, as well as our organization as a whole. If you'd like to nominate a team member, please email

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Spotlight

Get to Know Hands of Heartland

Featuring Janice in Bellevue

If you've ever been to the 101 building in Bellevue, there is a good chance you already know Janice. If you don't, she's the one with the giant smile and infectious laugh. Janice is so incredibly kind and considerate. She always thinks of others before she thinks of herself. She listens during conversations and remembers details you share with her about your life and will ask you about them on a regular basis. On the weekends, Janice loves to spend time at home with her roommates watching Law and Order: SVU or the Golden Girls. Monday is her favorite day of the week because that is when she gets to come back to work and see all of her peers. She enjoys going on outings to see new movies or shoe shopping at the mall. Janice is always excited to assist during orientation, by helping to educate the new hires on proper practices for securing a wheelchair for transportation."



Featuring Shavon in Omaha/Bellevue

Shavon Meadows has worked for Hands of Heartland since March 2019 in our Omaha/Bellevue Day Center. Shavon enjoys working with individuals with high medical needs, however she will work wherever she is needed. She is also willing to assist with individuals who are difficult or have high behavioral needs. Shavon has worked in several areas of the Day center and does an amazing job, but her home location is the 101 West Mission location where she is the right hand to the Floor Supervisor and the rest of the team. She is the go-to person on the floor; she knows all the ins and outs! Shavon is a natural leader. Shavon takes pride in working with the people she supports, and is always on the go assisting people. The individuals look to her for comfort, nurturing, and guidance! We love her spirit; she is a very good role model.



Celebrating December Birthdays!

SARA C (12/4)	JAMES K (12/16)	NATHANIEL S (12/24)
CARLA B (12/4)	PENNY M (12/16)	SHEANNE M (12/24)
BRANDON J (12/7)	KENYATTA W (12/17)	JASON M (12/26)
LOUIS S (12/7)	ALEXANDER C (12/18)	ZACHARY J (12/27)
BRENDA A (12/7)	HOLLIS M (12/19)	LEAH S (12/28)
SARAH M (12/8)	THEMECKIA W (12/19)	MARY A (12/28)
NICOLE V (12/10)	TASJA C (12/20)	ASSOFUNA T (12/29)
SARA L (12/11)	CHLOE S (12/21)	COURTNEY T (12/30)
ALI H (12/12)	ALEXANDRA S (12/21)	IGNACE D (12/31)
ANDREA G (12/12)	TERESA R (12/21)	TONYA M (12/31)
KENNETH C 912/14)	MARCIANO T (12/22)	ROBIN L (12/31)
SHERRY C (12/14)	JULIAN M (12/22)	
RACHEL H (12/14)	MATT F (12/22)	

Honoring December Anniversaries!

MOHAMED M (1 YEAR)	JENNA M (1 YEAR)
SUSAN B (1 YEAR)	RACHAEL M (1 YEAR)
PATRICIA C (1 YEAR)	ISALINE T (1 YEAR)
CINDY T (1 YEAR)	GINA A (1 YEAR)
ROBERT R (1 YEAR)	JESSICA L (1 YEAR)
MICHAELA R (1 YEAR)	KRISTIN W (2 YEARS)
CHERI R (1 YEAR)	MELISSA R (3 YEARS)
BOBBIE H (1 YEAR)	SHEANNE M (4 YEARS)
PATRICK O (1 YEAR)	ADBULRAHIM A (4 YEARS)
THOMAS T (1 YEAR)	MUHAMUD H (4 YEARS)
TONYA H (1 YEAR)	PATRICIA U (13 YEARS)