

January

2022

We hope this letter finds you happy and warm! We've got so many exciting things happening at Hands of Heartland, as well as so many team members to celebrate!

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.



Featuring Nancy in Norfolk

Nancy has been at Hy-Vee Norfolk now for over nine months! She started out as a cart sanitizer working two

days a week, and has moved up to work inside the store as a courtesy clerk where she is now working three days a week. Nancy is very friendly, fun, and doesn't know a stranger, which makes her a good fit for her working at her local Hy-Vee store!



Featuring Carrie in Norfolk

Carrie has worked at Montessori preschool and daycare in Norfolk since August 2021.

Carrie does some of the janitorial duties along with assisting the teachers with teaching of alphabets, learning colors, learning letters, and proper manners. Carrie has chosen this type of employment because she loves helping teach children and just loves children in general.

Location News

HOH Supports Available in the Norfolk Area

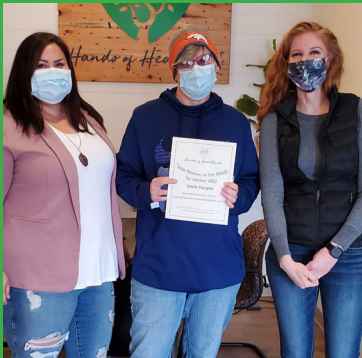
Our services are now available in the Norfolk area! Hands of Heartland is supporting people in 13 businesses in Norfolk. We started providing services on November 1st, 2021 and we now have 6 (soon to be 7) employees in the area.

The community welcomed HoH with open arms, and we are excited to be supporting the area with services in Supported Employment, Independent Living, and Supported Family Living.

Recognition

Team Members of the Month

It's time to highlight our outstanding team members again, and this time we're cheering on Sandy Hargett and Nancy Schroedter!



Sandy Hargett (Omaha/Bellevue)

Sandy consistently goes out of her way to help any time she can, and goes above and beyond. No matter the site she's at, she takes on the house with great passion and drive, and never makes those around her feel like they're a burden. Her individuals love her and enjoy working with her, and know that she cares a great deal about them. She keeps the residence she's working at clean and will go out of her way to do deep cleaning any time there is down time. She doesn't shy away from a challenge and will help when you're in a pinch.

Nancy Schroedter (West Point)

Nancy is always willing to pick up shifts, and is a wonderful job coach. She has been recognized and praised by local service coordination for going above and beyond to find creative ways for people we support to be the most successful. Nancy is always kind and caring and has a true compassion for the work she does.



She picks up shifts at the day center and the group home and has been recognized for the exceptional work she is doing with those we support by Service Coordination.



Spotlight

Get to Know Hands of Heartland

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

Featuring

James Novak, Grand Island

James Novakowski lives with us residentially in Grand Island. He started with us in August of 2021, and also attends day services. James is extremely friendly and something of a joker! He loves to socialize with others and make them laugh. James has a smile that lights up the room. He enjoys watching football — especially the Nebraska Huskers and the Kansas City Chiefs! He likes to play ball with his peers, and enjoys spending time with his family.



Featuring

Tori Hammond, West Point

Victoria Hammond has been with HoH for one year! She enjoys working with a lot of great people, and says it's a good feeling going home knowing she's helped people achieve their needs and goals for the day.

She and her husband have been married for 27 years, and have a daughter, Mercedes, who also works for HoH. They have a 7-year-old grandson, Aiden. They love family time and riding their Harley, so her favorite season is spring, because everything is starting to bloom – and they can ride on their Harley in the sunshine!

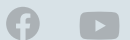


Celebrating January Anniversaries

TAYLOR K (1 YEAR)	CALVIN W (2 YEARS)	AVI W (2 YEARS)
SHIRLEY C (1 YEAR)	VINCENT J (2 YEARS)	FROILAN N (2 YEARS)
MERCEDES H (1 YEAR)	ANDREW W (2 YEARS)	NICK W (2 YEARS)
KRISTA W (1 YEAR)	ROSEMARY N (2 YEARS)	DOUG B (2 YEARS)
KELLY H (1 YEAR)	COURTNEY T (2 YEARS)	TAGGERT S (2 YEARS)
CARLI S (1 YEAR)	STEVEN G (2 YEARS)	JEREMY C (2 YEARS)
VICTORIA H (1 YEAR)	JENNIFER E (2 YEARS)	BRENT A (2 YEARS)
DOREEN O (1 YEAR)	JAMES H (2 YEARS)	KEITH H (2 YEARS)
TONYA M (1 YEAR)	HOWARD D (2 YEARS)	ERIC H (2 YEARS)
VERONICA P (1 YEAR)	RYAN B (2 YEARS)	KURT S (2 YEARS)
MARGO D (1 YEAR)	ELIZABETH N (2 YEARS)	JASMIN C (2 YEARS)
TAYLOR L (1 YEAR)	MIKE H (2 YEARS)	DAZREIAL B (2 YEARS)
LLOYD J (1 YEAR)	DANIEL S (2 YEARS)	ALTHEA A (2 YEARS)
BRIANA W (1 YEAR)	TAYLOR S (2 YEARS)	LINDA B (2 YEARS)
REID H (1 YEAR)	JASON M (2 YEARS)	ANTHONY G (2 YEARS)
DOUGLAS J (1 YEAR)	MIKE R (2 YEARS)	JONATHAN H (2 YEARS)
KENDRA C (1 YEAR)	SHANE E (2 YEARS)	MATTHEW T (2 YEARS)
KENNETH W (1 YEAR)	JAMES P (2 YEARS)	ALEXANDER C (2 YEARS)
JULIEN A (2 YEARS)	CHRIS A (2 YEARS)	PETER C W (2 YEARS)
MICHAEL S (2 YEARS)	ALEX R (2 YEARS)	LATIFA O (3 YEARS)
ERIC O (2 YEARS)	CHRIS O (2 YEARS)	CHRISTINE M (4 YEARS)
BRETT C (2 YEARS)	AUSTIN T (2 YEARS)	EBONY S (5 YEARS)
FORREST O (2 YEARS)	MARK F (2 YEARS)	LUKE M (6 YEARS)
JAMES F (2 YEARS)	DAVID W (2 YEARS)	CEDRIC H (7 YEARS)
ROBERT P (2 YEARS)	AARON L (2 YEARS)	MARCIABO T (18 YEARS)

Celebrating January Birthdays!

BARAC B (1/1)	LACI S (1/9)	SARA S (1/21)
MITCHELL K (1/1)	ALLENISHA M (1/9)	MARSHA B (1/21)
MAHAS A (1/1)	AMANDA B (1/10)	DOREEN O (1/22)
JACOB M (1/1)	DAVID P (1/11)	NAKIYA S (1/23)
MUOCH M (1/1)	KRISTIN W (1/12)	NICOLE B (1/23)
MOHAMED M (1/1)	WILLIE J (1/12)	EMMA S (1/26)
SHANE E (1/3)	MATTHEW T (1/12)	ASIA C (1/26)
MICKAELA R (1/3)	BELINDA B (1/15)	PATRICIA C (1/26)
KIEARA W (1/4)	ALEXA A (1/15)	LISA M (1/27)
SIERRA D (1/5)	BIENVENU M (1/17)	LATATAYANA D (1/27)
BRANDON P (1/5)	SHERRY N (1/18)	MARGO D (1/29)
JUDY M (1/7)	GREGORY M (1/19)	EBONY S (1/29)
KARRI R (1/7)	PAMELA G (1/19)	STEVEN F (1/30)
NATASHA P (1/7)	SABRINA L (1/20)	CHRIS O (1/31)
ELIZABETH P (1/8)	AMANDA V (1/20)	
JASON H (1/8)	BETHANY S (1/21)	



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