

Hands of Heartland

July

2023

We've had such a fantastic summer here at Hands of Heartland so far, full of outdoor fun, get-togethers, and exciting changes. We hope you're enjoying these summer months, and we can't wait to see you at our next event or one of our locations.

ANNOUNCEMENT

McCook Open House

An open house was held in July at our new McCook location, which is **temporarily located at McCook Christian Church**. We had a great turnout with many fun new faces, and we're excited to get to know more people in McCook in the future. We're very grateful to be able to use the space at McCook Christian Church!



COMMUNITY

Northwest
Omaha Location

Our new location at 114th & Blondo in Omaha will be opening in August, and we are excited to begin day services there. This new addition to the Hands of Heartland family of locations is much needed, and we can't wait to begin serving the Omaha area with these new resources.

FUN IN THE SUN



COMMUNITY

Reel Men & Women in Kearney and Grand Island

The Reel Men and Women of NE is a non profit agency Hands of Heartland partnered with last year for the first time, and we are thrilled to have this program as part of our summer again! Organized by

Bruce Speck, the group meets with us one time per month in Kearney, and one time per month in Grand Island to take our participants fishing. The organization provides the equipment and everyone has a great time. At the end of summer, we will get both daysites together to grill lunch and fish for the afternoon. This year, someone generously donated a boat to the organization, and they plan to take our individuals out on the pontoon at the end of summer. We're very fortunate to have the Reel Men and Women of NE to provide such a memorable, valuable experience!



ANNOUNCEMENT

James Miller Promoted to Operations Support Manager

Hands of Heartland Accounting Assistant, James Miller, was recently promoted to Operations Support Manager. Among many other things he excels at, his duties include fleet management, billing, fuel card management, and client finance. James was promoted on his one-year anniversary and now manages the Client Finance team in addition to his other duties. Congratulations, James, we're happy to have you here!

SPOTLIGHT

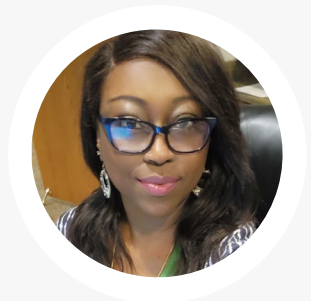
Congratulations to Chelsea Keplinger

We want to congratulate Chelsea Keplinger, who has just graduated with a degree in Management and a minor in Accounting! Chelsea has provided support in many areas of the Hands of Heartland mission. She has been in Accounts Payable and is the lead in setting up utilities and other services for new homes and offices. She has recently been moved to the Client Finance department, which allows her to provide financial management for those we support and training to areas on policies and procedures.

Chelsea acquired her degree while working full time, with a husband and baby, who turns two next week! Good work, Chelsea; we're proud of you!

SPOTLIGHT

Introducing Grace Githae, Area Director for Omaha



We are excited to introduce Grace Githae as our new Area Director for our Omaha locations! Grace has been in the human service field since 2005, with a Bachelor's in psychology and a Master's in human services. After working as a home supervisor for many years, she realized she had a passion for working with individuals with disabilities.

Grace was born and raised in Nairobi, Kenya, and moved to the US to pursue her education. In her free time she enjoys cooking, going for walks with her silky terrier, Chase, and meeting up with friends.

Welcome, Grace! We're thrilled to have you here!

SPOTLIGHT

Theresa Scaife Promoted to Area Director of Bellevue



We are excited to announce that Theresa Scaife has been promoted to the Area Director of our Bellevue location!

Theresa has worked for Hands of Heartland for 19 years, and has watched Hands of Heartland grow from one building in Bellevue to several buildings across the region. Before working for Hands of Heartland she worked at a childcare center as a preschool teacher, where she was asked about the possibility of working with people with disabilities. After visiting a location and falling in love with the work, she decided she was meant to be in this field.

Theresa has two children, one boy aged 13 and one girl aged 4. She is working to ensure that they are both growing up learning to value helping others. She is looking forward to working with everyone in the Bellevue area. Congratulations, Theresa! We are happy to have you on our team!

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 Matthew Hargett at our Harrison location! The following is a quote from the team member who nominated him:

“Matthew is one of our amazing Direct Support Professionals at Harrison. Matthew is a van driver with a route in the morning and afternoon. When Matthew arrives at Harrison after his morning van route, he prepares to go back out in the community for our community inclusions. Matthew has a positive attitude, and regardless of any challenge or request the day has in-store, he meets it head on. We are very fortunate to have Matthew as a part of the Hands of Heartland team.”



CELEBRATING

July Team Member Birthdays

BELLEVUE

HEATHER G (7/2)
RHONDA H (7/4)
SEBASTIAN N (7/5)
KERRY E (7/8)
DOUGLAS E (7/8)
JEREMY F (7/12)
SOLOMON F (7/13)
CRYSTAL B (7/18)
KELLY E (7/19)
MARDONNA T (7/20)
MARK G (7/20)
TAMEEKA G (7/22)
JULIE N (7/23)
BRANDON M (7/24)
ELTON T (7/28)
CATELIN C (7/30)

GRAND ISLAND

JENNA M (7/2)
DYLAN G (7/9)
CONSTANCE L (7/29)

KEARNEY

BECCA D (7/14)
CARLIE W (7/14)
GABRIEL P (7/15)
JORDYN M (7/23)

LINCOLN

JONAS B (7/7)
SHANE F (7/15)
NATHANIEL D (7/25)
CONNIE E (7/28)
DEVLIN I (7/29)
JAMIE G (7/31)

NORFOLK

TAZLYNN S (7/6)
VICTORIA S (7/17)
KYLIE R (7/27)

WEST POINT

CINDY T (7/6)
KORA B (7/29)

CORPORATE

ADRIENNE C (7/2)
THERESA T (7/7)
DARCY B (7/8)
MICHELLE L (7/13)
BRETT C (7/26)
HILLARY D (7/28)

CELEBRATING

July Team Member Anniversaries

BELLEVUE

AKOSSIWA G (1 YEAR)
NYEMAL T (1 YEAR)
TEMPRESS C (1 YEAR)
KRISTAL S (1 YEAR)
ZACHARY A (1 YEAR)
TYLER D (2 YEARS)
AYITEH A (2 YEARS)
DAWN K (3 YEARS)
KIMBERLY T (3 YEARS)
SAMANTHA A (3 YEARS)
LUCY S (7 YEARS)
KIMBERLEY C (11 YEARS)
SCOTT E (14 YEARS)
CHERYL L (24 YEARS)

FREMONT

EMMA S (2 YEARS)

GRAND ISLAND

NISHA G (1 YEAR)
JULIA W (1 YEAR)
SARA L (2 YEARS)
TONYA M (2 YEARS)

KEARNEY

JONATHAN L (1 YEAR)
ZACHRY V (1 YEAR)
JORDYN M (1 YEAR)
KEVIN A (1 YEAR)
JAMES R (1 YEAR)

LINCOLN

KRISTEN A (1 YEAR)
HOLLIE (1 YEAR)
ANGELA K (1 YEAR)
CASSIDY H (1 YEAR)
ANNE M (1 YEAR)
TAYLOR H (2 YEARS)
KARLA S (2 YEARS)
NATHANIEL D (2 YEARS)
ERIN R (3 YEARS)
BAILIEY P (3 YEARS)

NORFOLK

VICTORIA S (1 YEAR)
KALEIGH M (1 YEAR)

