

# Happy Thanksgiving

2023

## November

**Hello Again!** It's been a busy fall here at Hands of Heartland, full of fun gatherings, volunteer work, and activities within the community! We hope this newsletter finds you happy and healthy, and we can't wait to see you at our next event.

### COMMUNITY

#### Fremont Location Working with Warrior Woodshop LLC

Our Fremont location has been fortunate to spend time with Benjamin Marksmeier, a Fremont local helping our participants learn how to make boxes. Originally from Wisner, NE, Benjamin enlisted in the Army in 2003 while still in high school. While serving in Iraq from 2005-2006, he lost his leg and sustained additional wounds from a roadside bomb to his other leg. He currently owns and operates Warrior Woodshop LLC. In his spare time he enjoys visiting Hands of Heartland in Fremont working with individuals with developmental disabilities and teaching them how to make boxes. He continues to devote his time sharing his skills making additional boxes, pictures frames, and more.



## Thanksgiving Meals & Activities

Many of our locations are excited to have Thanksgiving gatherings and meals at the end of November!

- Lincoln will be having a Thanksgiving potluck for all of the location's participants and staff, and will be playing games and giving out prizes.
- Omaha and Bellevue will be enjoying a Thanksgiving meal for those who are available and would like to join them.

### 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 McKayla Zimmerman at our West Point location! The following is a quote from the team member who nominated her:

“I'd like to take the time to recognize your direct support staff, McKayla Zimmerman. She has many years of experience and does a very good job. It is obvious that she is passionate and cares about the individuals she works with. She is always positive and smiling when I visit a home she is working at. Thank you McKayla for all that you do for those you work with each day. It does not go unrecognized.”

Thanks for your awesome work, McKayla! We're proud to have you on our team!

## CELEBRATING November Team Member Birthdays

### BELLEVUE

LAQUITA R (11/4)  
SCOTT E (11/5)  
GARETT N (11/7)  
PATRICIA U (11/8)  
WILLIAM M (11/10)  
RICARDO M (11/28)  
TRISTIN N (11/29)  
JOHN D (11/30)

### FREMONT

CIJI S (11/6)  
ROBIN L (11/25)

### GRAND ISLAND

DOMINIQUE T (11/5)  
AMBER C (11/27)

### LINCOLN

CHYARIA S (11/6)  
ELIJAH G (11/8)  
DEBRA C (11/9)  
MICHAEL D (11/9)  
ROSLYN A (11/25)  
  
**NORFOLK**  
KALEIGH M (11/21)

### OMAHA

HERBIN A (11/2)  
RAPHAEL A (11/11)  
MATTHEW G (11/13)  
SHELLEY V (11/20)  
SIHAM A (11/22)  
ERIC B (11/30)

### WEST POINT

JAMES V (11/16)  
  
**COORPORATE**  
BRIANA M (11/1)  
ERIN R (11/14)  
FAYE K (11/16)  
KYLE S (11/19)

## CELEBRATING November Team Member Anniversaries

### BELLEVUE

ABLA K (1 YEAR)  
BRENDEN F (2 YEARS)  
KELLY E (2 YEARS)  
RYAN M (3 YEARS)  
MITCHELL K (3 YEARS)  
JUSTIN M (9 YEARS)

### FREMONT

GRACE F (1 YEAR)

### GRAND ISLAND

VANESSA V (2 YEARS)  
BECKY M (3 YEARS)

### WEST POINT

GRACE M (1 YEAR)  
  
**KEARNEY**  
PETER D (1 YEAR)

### LINCOLN

CHRISTINE B (1 YEAR)  
SAVANNAH C (1 YEAR)  
NOVELYN W (2 YEARS)  
MICHAEL D (2 YEARS)  
CHYARIA S (2 YEARS)

### NORFOLK

JERRY K (2 YEARS)  
STEPHANIE A (2 YEARS)

### OMAHA

CATELIN C (2 YEARS)  
TURQUOISE J (5 YEARS)  
REBECCA K (19 YEARS)  
**CORPORATE**  
THERESA T (1 YEAR)  
LATOYCE H (2 YEARS)

