

Some of our amazing partnerships we've formed through our supported employment program at HyVee!

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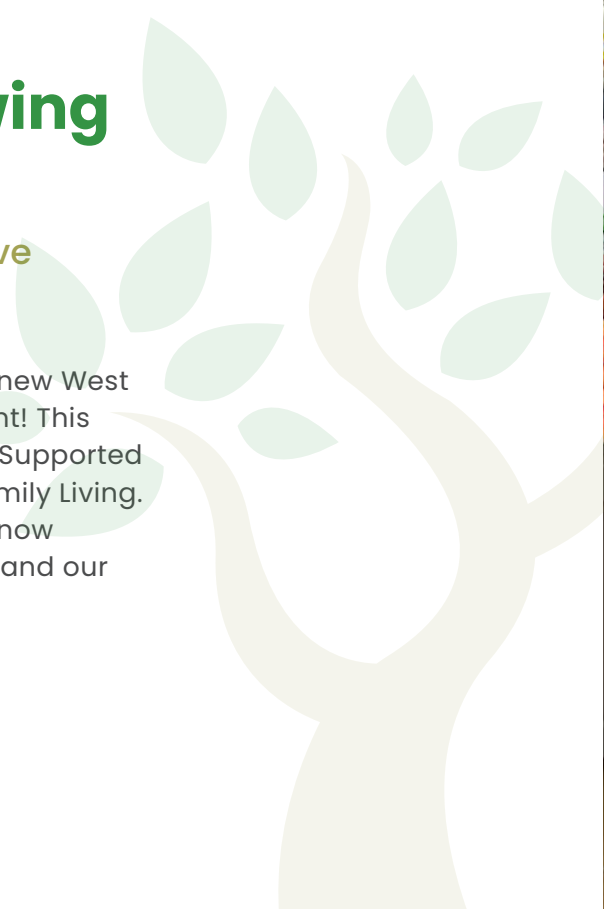
We hope this newsletter finds you happy, healthy, and enjoying this whirlwind holiday season! We have plenty to be grateful and excited for, and we're happy to have you all along for the ride.

Community

Hands of Heartland is Growing

Our West Point and Grand Island, Nebraska locations are expanding our reach to further serve our communities!

We are excited to announce that after just over a year in the new West Point location, we are moving to a larger location in West Point! This site will now be supporting the Norfolk area with services like Supported Employment, Independent living Supports, and Supported Family Living. We are also pleased to add that the Grand Island location is now supporting the Kearney area. We're grateful to be able to expand our reach even further in Nebraska!



Recognition

Team Member of the Month

Congratulations to Stuart Horacek

We love highlighting the awesome people who make HoH a great place to work and be! This month's Team Member of the Month is Stuart Horacek!

Hands of Heartland is thankful for Stuart, our November team member of the month! Stuart started with Hands of Heartland in July of this year as a job coach in Lincoln. Stuart has a great connection with each person he works with, and the employers love him! Stuart is always willing to help out at HoH wherever he is needed. We are lucky to have Stuart as part of the HOH family. Congrats, Stuart!

If you'd like to nominate a team member, please email TMR@handsofheartland.com



Opportunities

Supported Employment

We are thrilled to have helped place three incredible individuals at one of our local Hy-Vees! In the past few months they have welcomed three new employees: Cody, who is working as a courtesy clerk, Sarah, who is working in the bakery, and Salah, who is working as a courtesy clerk. Jeanne in HR has been an amazing connection to work with. We are so happy for Cody, Salah, and Sarah as they start their careers at Hy-Vee. After hiring these three, it's more true than ever that there is a helpful smile in every aisle!



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

Sam Winters, Fremont

This feature was submitted by Rob Reed, Sam's job coach.

"I would like to take this opportunity to talk about Sam. Sam has always enjoyed working with the public, and has a very outgoing personality. When Sam came to Hands of Heartland he wanted a job where he could put his talents to work. One of the places we talked about was the Runza restaurant in Bennington.

Sam and the Employment Specialist stopped by, and after visiting with Zac (the restaurant manager) for a while, Zac wanted to schedule an interview with Sam. From there on Sam knew that was the place he wanted to work.

Sam has several different job duties. Besides doing the janitorial work, Sam pours portions of Ranch dressing in cups for dipping, and takes care of the lobby during lunch time, making sure tables are clean and that the drink station and trays stay clean and wiped down. Zac tells us Sam is a very valuable team member, and his co-workers appreciate how Sam is always so willing to help out in any way he can.

Our employment specialist was recently contacted by HR at Runza's head office. They had heard such good things about Sam, and were inviting anyone at HoH who wanted to pursue a career at Runza to apply. Sam's hard work and dedication have opened the door for others who have disabilities. Great job, Sam!"



Celebrating November Birthdays!

SARA C (12/4)
CARLA B (12/4)
BRANDON J (12/7)
LOUIS S (12/7)
BRENDA A (12/7)
SARA M (12/8)
NICOLE V (12/10)
SARA L (12/11)
ALI H (12/12)
ANDREA G (12/12)
KENNETH C (12/14)
SHERRY C (12/14)
RACHAEL H (12/14)

JAMES K (12/16)
PENNY M (12/16)
KENYATTA W (12/17)
ALEXANDER C (12/18)
HOLLIS M (12/19)
THEMECKIA W (12/19)
TASJA C (12/20)
CHLOE S (12/21)
ALEXANDRA S (12/21)
TERESA R (12/21)
MARCIANO T (12/22)
JULIAN M (12/22)
MATT F (12/22)

NATHANIEL S (12/24)
SHEANNE M (12/24)
JASON M (12/26)
ZACHARY J (12/27)
LEAH S (12/28)
MARY A (12/28)
ASSOFUNA T (12/29)
COURTNEY T (12/30)
IGNACE D (12/31)
TONYA M (12/31)
ROBIN L (12/31)

Honoring November Anniversaries!

MOHAMED M (1 YEAR)
SUSAN B (1 YEAR)
PATRICIA C (1 YEAR)
CINDY TIEKEN (1 YEAR)
ROBERT REED (1 YEAR)
MICHAELA R (1 YEAR)
CHERI R (1 YEAR)
BOBBIE H (1 YEAR)
PATRICK O (1 YEAR)
THOMAS T (1 YEAR)
TONYA H (1 YEAR)

JENNA M (1 YEAR)
RACHAEL M (1 YEAR)
ISALINE T (1 YEAR)
GINA A (1 YEAR)
JESSICA L (1 YEAR)
KRISTIN W (2 YEARS)
MELISSA R (3 YEARS)
SHEANNE M (4 YEARS)
ADBULRAHIM A (4 YEARS)
MUHAMUD H (4 YEARS)
PATRICIA U (13 YEARS)

