

2023

September

The weather is cooling down and the holidays are right around the corner. We've been having plenty of fun at all of our locations this month, and we're excited to share it with you!

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**DIRECT SUPPORT
PROFESSIONALS
WEEK**

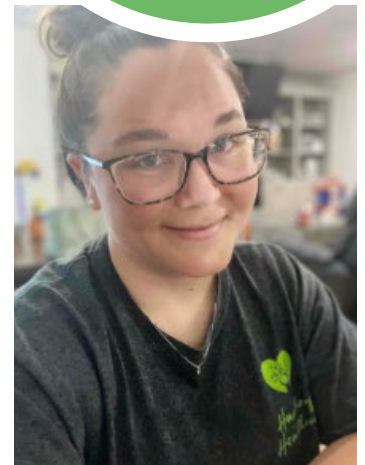
Sept. 11-16

SPOTLIGHT

Direct Support Professionals Week



September 11-16 was Direct Support Professionals Week! Our DSPs are one of the most important parts of the work we do here at Hands of Heartland, and we had fun celebrating during this special week! We had a spirit week DSP recognition challenge in HOH Engage.



FEATURED SPOTLIGHT:

DSP Spotlight: Dani Ambuehl

Dani has been with Lincoln transition for six months and has now taken on more responsibilities at our Day Service location. Dani is always in a good mood, never complains, and is always ready to help. We can't wait to see how far Dani goes!



COMMUNITY

Downtown Fremont Annual Fall Gallery Walk

Our Fremont location enjoyed representing Hands of Heartland at the Downtown Fremont Annual Fall Gallery Walk on Saturday, September 9th! Garrett and Lori had a blast selling art pieces from many of our talented individuals!

HANDS OF THE HEARTLAND OPEN HOUSE



Celebrating DSP Week with snow cones and walking tacos in Bellevue!



FEATURED SPOTLIGHT

Supported Employment Spotlight: Garrett Baker

We want to recognize Garrett Baker from our Fremont location, who is celebrating an exciting anniversary! Garrett has been working at the Fremont Hy-Vee bagging groceries for 10 years. When asked what his favorite part of the job is, he told us, "The customers!"



ANNOUNCEMENT

McCook Location Update

Our McCook location is also up and running in its temporary location at McCook Keystone Business center. This location currently provides Day services, Shared Living Provider, and Respite services. The McCook team is looking into Residential Group Home options along with Shared Family Living and Independent Living for the future.

HoH currently provides services to 12 people in McCook and the surrounding areas, and has two Shared Family Living Providers. This location helps volunteer for three non-profit organizations throughout the week: the local food pantry, Meals on Wheels, and Head Start.

One of the Ladies we support at the McCook location is Amber Norton, who is the 2023 Jr. Miss Queen Nebraska Miss Amazing! She just participated in the Queen Signings at the Nebraska State Fair.

Hands of Heartland will also be walking in the upcoming Heritage Days parade.

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 Mardonna Torres at our 101 Mission location! The following are quotes from the team members who nominated her:



"Mardonna is a one-to-one with an individual, and she takes exceptional care of her. She is always willing to jump in and lend a helping hand to anyone who needs it. Mardonna continues to pick up hours in residential to help out there as well. She takes the initiative on planning outings for the day to get the individuals out in the community. The individuals enjoy working with her on arts and crafts."

"Maddie is a one-on-one with an individual, and every time I go into 101, Maddie is helping out others and going above and beyond to make sure everything on the floor is getting done. She is a team player and treats our individuals with care."



CELEBRATING

September Team Member Birthdays

BELLEVUE

STEPHANIE M (9/10)
DOSSI A (9/12)
LASHANDA S (9/13)
EMILY B (9/15)
JORDAN K (9/17)
AARON P (9/20)
CATHERINE B (9/24)
ORLANDO M (9/25)
JENEVIEVE N (9/26)
LATIFA O (9/26)

FREMONT

CAROLINE C (9/10)

GRAND ISLAND

NISHA G (9/4)
ETHAN M (9/30)

KEARNEY

ALLISON B (9/16)

LINCOLN

YESENIA R (9/3)
TAYLOR H (9/5)
SARAH F (9/23)

SOUTH SIOUX CITY

TIEONNA E (9/16)

OMAHA

SHANNON N (9/3)
GRACE G (9/8)
CURTIS T (9/14)
DARIAN D (9/16)
REBECCA K (9/20)
CORIN N (9/22)
TIEONNA E (9/16)

WEST POINT

SAMANTHA H (9/3)
CHERYL B (9/9)

NE CORPORATE

ANGIE H (9/6)

CELEBRATING

September Team Member Anniversaries

BELLEVUE

BOBBY S (1 YEAR)
AMANDA H (1 YEAR)
CONNIE F (8 YEARS)

GRAND ISLAND

MICHELLE C (1 YEAR)
TARA C (1 YEAR)
AMBER C (1 YEAR)
NICOLE V (3 YEARS)

LINCOLN

DEVLIN I (1 YEAR)

KEARNEY

GABRIEL P (1 YEAR)

OMAHA

UNIQUE S (1 YEAR)
ASSOFUNA T (4 YEARS)

NE CORPORATE

ANDY S (3 YEARS)
CRYSTAL W (3 YEARS)



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