

The people we serve at our location in West Omaha have been out and about exploring their community.




September

2021

Happy DSP Appreciation Week!

2021 Direct Support Professional Recognition Week (Sept 12-18)

From Brett Samson, President of Operations:



Hands of Heartland wanted to take a moment to thank you all and to recognize each one of you for the invaluable work you do for the people we support at Hands of Heartland.

The work you have done over this past year has been tremendous. You all have faced unforeseen obstacles due to COVID which has affected each and every one of us. So many have risen up to continue to provide the best possible support at HOH this past year. Your work has allowed people we support to meet goals from Bellevue to Grand Island and West Point to Lincoln and Fremont!


Because of you, people are securing their first jobs, living healthier lives, learning a new way to be more independent, making better choices when facing adversity, making new

friends, marching in parades, selling items they created at art shows, helping raise money for barrier-free parks, and experiencing countless other successes that would not have been possible without you!

Because of you people are active members of our communities across Nebraska!

Enjoy this week of recognition and know that you are appreciated and valued – every week of every year!

Sincerely – THANK YOU!



“As a former DSP for several years, I know first-hand the challenges of the job and I know those challenges are ever evolving and we at HOH cannot say “Thank you” loud enough or often enough to you all. Never forget that every day you are truly making a difference in the lives of someone and their families.

– Brett Samson, President of Operations



Recognition

Employee of the Month



Congratulations to Lonnie Hoselton

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 Lonnie Hoselton, from our Grand Island location! Even though he has no previous experience working in this field, Lonnie has gone above and beyond! He applied because his daughter worked at HoH, and thought that it would be a rewarding experience. Lonnie then went through training, where he made a point to talk to the individuals at the day site and get to know them.

Lonnie has built a great relationship with an individual who typically doesn't like change, and found out how much he likes music. Lonnie brings his guitar to the day site to sing songs with him and help him try more things daily. In a short span of time, Lonnie replaced the battery in a van, took our large van to get the tires replaced, then learned on YouTube how to replace a door frame that an individual shattered in her home. It is fixed and it looks great. Lonnie is so impressive and appreciated!

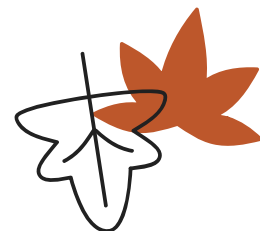
Want to nominate someone for Team Member of the Month?

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



Spotlight on Positivity

We love to see awesome things happening in the lives of our individuals, and we just had to share this lovely photo! Seth Jensen is in our Continuous Residential homes and attends our Day Service in Bellevue. Seth just became an uncle for the first time and there is no one prouder than he is. This is so big in his life as family is everything to him!





Spotlight

Get to Know Hands of Heartland

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

Featured HoH Employee

Bailey Payne, Lincoln

Our Team Member Coordinator, Bailey, enjoys camping and fishing with her family. Bailey also enjoys watching four wheeler, motorcycle, and sprint car racing. One interesting fact about Bailey? She has a mini pig! Her favorite holiday is the Fourth of July, and her favorite food is Chinese. Three words that best describe her are creative, motivated, and outgoing.



Featuring

Kiera Horton, Omaha

Kiera has been with Hands of Heartland for a little over a year and a half. She started at one of our newer locations when we only had a handful of people. When Kiera started, she worked on crafts and assisted the staff with different tasks around the building. She loves to listen to music, and her favorite singer is Chris Brown. Kiera loves dancing, shopping, and being fabulous, so a job was important to her. A Hands of Heartland job coach assisted her with getting a job very quickly. She has been successful at her job for well over 8 months, and has participated in work functions with her work family. She really enjoys working at Goodwill.

“We are so proud of Kiera, and we are looking forward to watching her live her best life with Hands of Heartland!”

Celebrating September Birthdays!

RICHARD H (9/2)
TAYLOR H (9/5)
NICOLE T (9/5)
JODI B (9/6)
ANGELA N (9/7)
DOSSI A (9/12)
LACY B (9/15)
NYADOUTH F (9/15)
EMILY B (9/15)

KEITH P (9/16)
JENIE L (9/16)
STUART H (9/20)
HAILIE O (9/20)
AARON P (9/20)
REBECCA K (9/20)
UNIQUE W (9/23)
CATHERINE B (9/24)
BONNIE P (9/24)

RONDA F (9/26)
JENEVIEVE N (9/26)
LATIFA O (9/26)
KLEATHA L (9/28)
LUKE M (9/28)
NICOLE T (9/29)
TONYA B (9/30)
ROBERT R (9/30)

Honoring September Anniversaries!

KOSSI A (1 YEAR)
ANDY S (1 YEAR)
ELTON T (1 YEAR)
NICOLE V (1 YEAR)
CRYSTAL W (1 YEAR)
ASSOFUNA T (2 YEARS)
KYLE B (3 YEARS)

LAUREN M (3 YEARS)
CONNIE F (6 YEARS)
LEIGHA G (10 YEARS)
LARONN S (13 YEARS)
ROSE C (14 YEARS)
ANDREA G (15 YEARS)

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