



Hands of Heartland

April  
2021

Hello, Hands of Heartland friends!

Another month is here already, and it's bringing the promise of more sunny days and opportunities to gather safely together! Find out what we've got planned this month, and we hope to see you soon.

## Event

### Fremont Open House & Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

We're celebrating Hands of Heartland's newest location in Fremont! With each new office, we can't help but be grateful for the new individuals and opportunities that are brought into our organization. We'd love to have you join us for an open house on **Friday, May 7th from 2:00 pm to 6:00 pm** at 320 North Main, Fremont, Nebraska. Members of the Fremont Chamber of Commerce will also be at the office **Tuesday, June 22nd for a Ribbon Cutting Ceremony at 1:30 pm.**


## Event

April 23rd from 5:30-7pm

### Family Night with The Arc of Lincoln

As things begin to look more hopeful and safe, we are so happy to begin hosting cautious, enriching events! Please join us for Family Night with The Arc of Lincoln and Hands of Heartland on **April 23rd at 7501 O Street, Suite 105, in Lincoln, from 5:30 pm to 7:00 pm.** We are offering two different sessions to accommodate as many families as we can safely, and will be making bird feeders with different art supplies that everyone can take home. Please contact Michelle Johnson at 402-421-8866 or by email [director@arclincoln.org](mailto:director@arclincoln.org) to sign up today.

### HoH Gives Back: Lucky Pot of Gold Bags



At Hands of Heartland, we care about the wellbeing of all members of the community, and do our best to plan fun ways to spread generosity, love, and (in this case) luck! In March, our West Point Hands of Heartland crew made it their mission to ensure that community members felt appreciated and cared for by delivering "Lucky Pot of Gold" cards. Over 175 of these special cards were created and hand-delivered to several nursing homes and businesses in the West Point area. Great job, West Point Team; we appreciate your time and effort!



# Employee spotlight

One of our favorite parts of the month is honoring our hard-working, wonderful Hands of Heartland team members! This month, we're focusing our spotlight on Jenna Murray!

Jenna truly goes above and beyond. Whether she's staying late moving and assembling furniture, spending 10 hours hanging items on the walls to make sure everything

at a new day site is perfect, or moving an individual into a home in -10° temperatures, we know that Jenna is someone we can count on. Her work ethic is so appreciated! She volunteers to work extra shifts when she's needed, takes phone calls, and has even cleaned up a flooded basement — all with a positive attitude and a smile on her face. Grand Island would not be set up or running successfully without her. HoH is definitely better because of her!

## Want to nominate someone for Team Member of the Month?

There were over a dozen nominees for this month's Team Member of the Month award. While selecting a winner was not easy, it is such a joy to see that Hands of Heartland has awesome team members who are appreciated by their peers, as well as our organization as a whole. We thank everyone who submitted a nomination. Please keep them coming. If you'd like to nominate a team member, please send Jeff Wise your nominations through SComm, or email him at [jwise@handsofheartland.com](mailto:jwise@handsofheartland.com).



## Grand Island Destination Kindness

Our group in Grand Island spent time during their Spring Break creating and delivering "Kindness Bags." We know it's been a hard year everywhere, and many people and organizations have been

excessively affected by the stress and demands that the COVID-19 pandemic created. The Grand Island group thought a little gesture of kindness might go a long way! These bags contained things like Candy and encouraging notes, and were delivered to area businesses and frontline workers. Way to go!

## Celebrating April Birthdays

DAVIDA R (4/1)  
MERCEDES H (4/2)  
ELVIRA O (4/4)  
ANGELA S (4/5)  
BECKY M (4/6)  
SHANNON H (4/7)  
WAYNE R (4/7)  
JENNIFER N (4/10)

TONYA M (4/10)  
SEAN B (4/10)  
LUCY S (4/12)  
ANGELA S (4/13)  
AUBREY S (4/15)  
ALYSIA H (4/15)  
CEDRIC H (4/15)  
ISALINE T (4/16)

TIFFANY B (4/16)  
GREGORY B (4/17)  
ZAIN L (4/17)  
KRISTA W (4/18)  
SANDRA H (4/18)  
SUSAN H (4/19)  
ERIC H (4/20)  
PATRICK M (4/21)

KIMBERLY T (4/22)  
DYLAN D (4/22)  
LINDA S (4/23)  
JUSTIN M (4/24)  
BARBARA C (4/24)  
STEFANIE M (4/25)  
SAMSON L (4/26)  
GRACE M (4/30)

## Honoring April Anniversaries!

LEANNA W (1 YEAR)  
ASHLY S (1 YEAR)  
ANIS O (1 YEAR)  
JACQUELINE M (1 YEAR)  
JAMES K (1 YEAR)  
TAYLAR F (1 YEAR)  
ALEXANDRA S (2 YEARS)  
ROBERT D (2 YEARS)

ERIC H (2 YEARS)  
WAYNE R (2 YEARS)  
ALEX P (3 YEARS)  
MATTHEW H (3 YEARS)  
JENIE L (4 YEARS)  
MARK S (6 YEARS)  
SEAN B (16 YEARS)

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