



# Hands of Heartland January

2023

## Happy New Year!

Welcome to January, and Happy New Year! We hope you all enjoyed the holiday season, and we're so excited to launch into another new, fantastic year at Hands of Heartland! There are plenty of fun things happening at HoH, and we're happy to be able to share them with you!

### COMMUNITY

## Holiday Fun Continues

Our **Grand Island** location enjoyed their holiday party last month! With things like games, snacks, and a Secret Santa gift exchange, it was a great way for everyone to celebrate the holidays and spend time together.

A few of our **Omaha** locations were able to make up their New Years Parties that were postponed due to inclement weather, and our **West Maple** location even enjoyed playing "Life-Sized Candyland" in December! Participants also got to volunteer at Hillcrest, and played bingo.



### COMMUNITY

## Fremont location helps decorate Fremont Mall

One of our favorite ways to spend time is by engaging with the communities our locations call home, and our Fremont location got to experience this in a very fun way last month. Participants at the Fremont location were asked to design and decorate the windows at the Fremont Mall, and had a fantastic time!







## COMMUNITY

### Exciting things happening in Omaha

Things are bustling in our Omaha locations, including a big remodeling project at our West Maple location! We've added a one-to-one room, as well as two sensory areas/small group rooms to the location. This will allow for new programs, scheduling changes, cooking opportunities, and more activities.

You can also buy tickets for our upcoming Valentines Dance at Bellevue! The dance will have a live DJ, food, drinks, and will be held on February 10, from 6-8 pm. Tickets can be purchased at the Creatables building.

HANDS OF HEARTLAND PRESENTS

# Valentines Dance

10 FEBRUARY

LIVE DJ | FOOD | DRINKS

TICKET \$3 | DOORS OPEN 6-8 PM  
DRESS TO IMPRESS  
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Tickets must be purchased to attend. Tickets can be purchased at Creatables Building  
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## SPOTLIGHT

### Team Member of The Month

#### Kristin Anderson

It's time to highlight one of our outstanding team members again, and this time we're cheering on Kristin Anderson at our Lincoln location! The following is a quote from the team member who nominated her:

“ Kristin has worked so much overtime and really cares about the clients. She goes out of her way to make sure they have everything they need. Kristin is always a team player and has never missed a shift..

Thank you, Kristin, for all the caring, dedicated work you do for Hands of Heartland — we're so happy to have you on our team!



## ANNOUNCEMENT

# Transitions Program at HoH



Last year, we began including “Transitional Programs” in our services, and plan to expand those services in 2023. These transitional services are a set of coordinated activities that teach individuals how to prepare for post-secondary life.

Hands of Heartland provides transition services for students aged 14-21 under contract with their school district. Under the direction of a licensed Special Education Teacher, a specially trained Direct Support Professional works with individuals and their families to provide an individualized program best suited to the individual’s needs, strengths, preferences and interests in preparing for successful adult living.

These services support people in the following areas: Instruction, Related Services, Community Experiences, Employment Skills, and Daily Living Skills.

We are excited by the success we’ve had so far, and even more excited to see where these programs go in the future!



## CELEBRATING

### January Team Member Birthdays

#### BELLEVUE

GABRIEL A (1/1)  
BARAC B (1/1)  
NYAMUOCH DENG D (1/1)  
MITCHELL K (1/1)  
NYALUAK R (1/1)  
ROBERT D (1/2)  
MICKAELA S (1/3)  
SAKHIR W (1/5)  
RUSSELL B (1/5)  
NATASHA P (1/8)  
JENNY R (1/9)  
KRISTIN W (1/12)  
KORTNEY K (1/15)  
SHERRY N (1/18)  
JASMINE H (1/23)  
LATATAYANA D (1/27)  
EBONY S (1/29)

OJUOK T (1/29)

STEVEN F (1/30)

#### LINCOLN

ESTA LADO A (1/1)  
ALEX A (1/15)  
ANGELA K (1/23)  
PATRICIA C (1/26)  
AMBER B (1/29)

#### WEST POINT

AMANDA M (1/14)  
STEPHANIE A (1/19)  
DOREEN O (1/22)  
MARGO D (1/29)

#### FREMONT

EMMA S (1/26)

#### GRAND ISLAND

KARRI R (1/7)  
JASON H (1/8)  
DESIREE R (1/11)  
CHAYTEN B (1/18)

#### CORSICANA TX

MINNIE LA (1/8)

#### AMARILLO TX

CHELSEA K (1/29)

#### FORT WORTH TX

ERICA F (1/31)

## CELEBRATING

### January Anniversaries

#### BELLEVUE

KODJO B (1 YEAR)  
SHERMAIAH M (1 YEAR)  
CREIGHTON W (1 YEAR)  
TAYLOR K (2 YEARS)  
BRIANA W (2 YEARS)  
EBONY S (6 YEARS)  
LUKE M (7 YEARS)  
CEDRIC H (8 YEARS)  
MARCIANO T (19 YEARS)

#### LINCOLN

JADE L (1 YEAR)  
RAOUL T (1 YEAR)

#### GRAND ISLAND

RYANN R (1 YEAR)

#### WEST POINT

DIXIE B (1 YEAR)  
MICHELLE H (1 YEAR)  
MARGO D (2 YEARS)  
MERCEDES H (2 YEARS)  
VICTORIA H (2 YEARS)  
DOREEN O (2 YEARS)

#### WACO, TX

LEANNE S (1 YEAR)