

Hands of Heartland

# January

2021



**Greetings, Hands of Heartland friends,  
and happy new year!**

We're excited to spend another year working with our individuals, no matter the circumstances! We're so grateful for everyone involved in our organization, and wouldn't have made it through last year without all of you! As usual, there are wonderful things happening in our offices and beyond – take a look at what's coming up this month!

## **New West Point Location**

We are so pleased to be able to say that a new Hands of Heartland location is coming to West Point, with move-in plans set for later this month. Our service areas include Cuming, Burt, and Thurston counties.

The plan is to offer the same services in West Point that we do throughout the state: Shared Living, In-Home supports, Day Services, Group Homes, A&D Waiver, and Voc Rehab. The new location will be immediately serving people in the West Point area, with the Day Program opening this month as well.

## **Introducing Margo Doescher**

**West Point Area Director**

Our newest area director is Margo Doescher, and we're so happy to have her on board! Margo has an Associate's degree in Business from Northeast Community College and a Bachelor's degree in Psychology from Ashford University.

Her career in our field began in 2005, when she started working at Employment Works in Norfolk, NE as a direct care staff, along with Goodlife Counseling, where she performed supervised visits with families. Margo then worked for Omni as an Intensive Mobility Treatment Specialist when they had a need in Norfolk. Most recently, she has worked as a Service Coordinator for the State of Nebraska in West Point for almost 6.5 years.

Margo has 2 children and lives in Beemer, NE, where she grew up on the family farm. She loves watching her children's various activities, and enjoying time on the lake in Okoboji, IA. Welcome to the team, Margo – we're thrilled to have you here!

# Hands of Heartland Scholarship Winners

We're excited to announce the winners of the Hands of Heartland 2021 scholarships, Muhamud Hassan and Jordan Johnson!

**Muhamud Hassan** is currently working toward his Associate's degree at Metro Community College, with plans to transfer to UNO after completion in order to pursue a human services degree. Muhamud has been a DSP at Hands of Heartland for three years, and we can't wait to see the great heights we're sure he'll reach!

The second scholarship winner is **Jordan Johnson**, son of one of our HoH team members, Tex. Jordan is currently in nursing school, working toward a minor in Corporate Fitness at Minot State University in North Dakota. He plans to move to Omaha upon completion of his program at Minot in order to pursue work in a trauma unit. We know Jordan is headed toward success, and we're thrilled to be able to help him!



## Employee spotlight

It's time to highlight one of our outstanding team members again, and this time we're cheering on Lucy Bryant!

Lucy is always willing to help out wherever she can, and stays calm and composed in difficult situations. And we're not the only ones noticing — an outside agency has even complimented on Lucy's verbal intervention skills! Lucy keeps a positive attitude and continues to be a role model for the individuals we support, as well as her fellow team members. Her excellent writing skills are the icing on the cake, as she does such a fantastic job of documenting information in Therap. Thanks for all your hard work, Lucy! We appreciate you!

### 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).

## Celebrating January Birthdays!

BARAC B. (1/1)	ROBERT D. (1/2)	ABASS A. (1/12)	PATRICIA C. (1/26)
MITCHELL K. (1/1)	MICHAELA R. (1/3)	KRISTIN W. (1/12)	SAMSON L. (1/26)
MOHAMED M. (1/1)	ANDREW P. (1/4)	TEX J. (1/12)	LISA M. (1/27)
MUOCH M. (1/1)	CAROLINA W. (1/4)	BOBBI A. (1/17)	EBONY S. (1/29)
NYAKHAN R. (1/1)	JUDY M. (1/5)	DENISE D. (1/19)	MARTINA . (1/29)
TABAN J. (1/1)	RUSSELL B. (1/5)	NAKIYA S. (1/23)	BOUBACAR I. (1/31)
DAVID P. (1/11)	JOUSE K. (1/6)	NICOLE B. (1/23)	

## Honoring January Anniversaries

JULIEN A. (1 YEAR)	CEDRIC H. (6 YEARS)
MICHAEL S. (1 YEAR)	HEATHER J. (10 YEARS)
LATIFA O. (2 YEARS)	EBONY S. (10 YEARS)
JAMAR F. (3 YEARS)	MARCIANO T. (13 YEARS)
CHRISTINE M. (4 YEARS)	BENJAMIN F. (16 YEARS)
LUKE M. (5 YEARS)	

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