

## AUGUST '22

Greetings, HoH friends: We hope you're making the most out of the last weeks of Summer. Hands of Heartland had a great August with plenty of things to celebrate, and we're excited to share all of that with you!



### EVENT

## Norfolk Location Open House

Hands of Heartland held an open house on Tuesday, August 23rd at the new Norfolk location at 1909 Vicki Lane, Suite 110, Norfolk NE 68701. We had a good turnout, and a really great night all around!

**Margo Doescher, our West Point/Norfolk Area Director, said,**

“This fun event was designed to show families what Hands of Heartland has to offer the Norfolk community, and what services Hands of Heartland will be providing. It allowed families to hear about our services, what our services will look like, and ask any questions they had.”

This social event was a fantastic opportunity for Hands of Heartland representatives to talk with families about our services and introduce themselves. With HoH “swag” like pens and sticky notes available, banners, and key staff there, we think HoH was represented well. Attendees enjoyed popcorn from a Lincoln company called Simply Amazing Popcorn, which had a fun green flair to add to the HoH spirit. With an exciting number of interested families and members of the community attending, we're excited to see how HoH fits into the Norfolk community.

**Mason Morgan, CEO of HoH, was extremely pleased with the event.**

“After providing employment and intermittent supports for the last few months,” he said, “we could not be happier about opening our new office and day support location in Norfolk. We look forward to being a part of the Norfolk community for years to come.”

## SPOTLIGHT

# Team Member of The Month



## Latreise Anderson (Omaha)

It's time to highlight one of our outstanding team members again, and this time we're cheering on Latreise Anderson at our Omaha location!

Latreise Anderson has been with Hands of Heartland since February of 2022. Latreise works evenings and has been picking up additional shifts the last few

months to help out with our staffing issues. Latreise is not only lovely to have on our team, but she's also very skilled and quick on her feet! She has shown intelligence, fast thinking, and a cool demeanor in high-stakes situations, and we're grateful to have her on our team.

We're so lucky to have you at Hands of Heartland, Latreise!

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

Thank you to everyone who nominated a team member last month! 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. Please keep them coming!

If you'd like to nominate a team member, please email [TMR@handsofheartland.com](mailto:TMR@handsofheartland.com)

## 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!

## Focus on Support: Connor O.

Connor has been with HoH since August of 2020. He is patient and enjoys working with children. Connor has been employed with Bellevue Public Schools for almost a year now, and currently works with children during the kids' after school program.

Connor and his father belong to the 501st Legion, a worldwide Star Wars costuming organization comprised of and operated by Star Wars fans. He cosplays as a first-order tie pilot.

Connor enjoys swimming, playing basketball, and playing video games in his spare time. He also enjoys making new friends. Connor doesn't say "no" to a challenge, and likes to help other people with disabilities overcome their own challenges.



## ANNOUNCEMENT

# A Message From The Assistive Technology Partnership:

Since 1989, the Assistive Technology Partnership (ATP) has been Nebraska's State AT Program helping individuals with disabilities learn about and obtain assistive technology (AT) and home/vehicle modifications. To get started with services, complete a Service and Device application.

[View application here](#)

For more information, please visit their website, or email at ATP@nebraska.gov, or give us a call at 877-713-4002.



Root beer floats with  
The Arc of Norfolk



West Maple visiting the  
Henry Doorly Zoo



Pancake party  
in Grand Island

## CELEBRATING August Anniversaries

SELSTAD A (1 YEAR)  
LONNIE H (1 YEAR)  
CASSIDY K (1 YEAR)  
NANNETTE K (1 YEAR)  
ROBIN L (1 YEAR)  
TONY M (1 YEAR)  
LUCAS N (1 YEAR)  
SHAWNA R (1 YEAR)  
KYLE S (1 YEAR)

JULIE T (1 YEAR)  
DOSSI A (2 YEARS)  
RANDALL B (2 YEARS)  
MARKEECE B (2 YEARS)  
EMILY J (2 YEARS)  
THOMAS K (2 YEARS)  
KERRY E (3 YEARS)  
JENEVIEVE N (3 YEARS)  
ALLISON P (3 YEARS)

NATHANIEL S (3 YEARS)  
SHANNON H (4 YEARS)  
JUDY M (5 YEARS)  
RICHARD S 6 YEARS)  
BETH C 7 YEARS)  
RICHARD H (7 YEARS)  
LISA M (9 YEARS)  
TYRIE O (16 YEARS)

## CELEBRATING August Birthdays

JAMES H (8/1)  
AUSTIN T (8/1)  
VANESSA V (8/1)  
KRISTINA W (8/1)  
SPENCER V (8/3)  
TRACI M (8/3)  
ELISABETH C (8/4)  
SAMANTHA A (8/4)  
JONATHAN H (8/4)  
JADE L (8/5)  
SHERYL L (8/6)  
MICHAEL M (8/6)  
MICHAEL V (8/7)  
SAMANDA M (8/8)

MELISSA R (8/8)  
KATHLEEN S (8/8)  
BRENDEN F (8/8)  
KRISTINA A (8/9)  
AYITEH G (8/10)  
MCKAYLA Z (8/10)  
CHRISTINE M (8/12)  
MEGAN B (8/14)  
DOUGLAS J (8/15)  
JILL D (8/15)  
DANELIA D (8/15)  
NAYDELI M (8/16)  
CHRISTINA K (8/17)  
BRITTANY R (8/17)

SKYLAR A (8/18)  
CREIGHTON W (8/20)  
CHRISTIAN W (8/20)  
KENDRA C (8/21)  
KHCOLE W (8/21)  
MELISSA F (8/22)  
VIRGINIA S (8/22)  
YUSUFU B (8/23)  
MAHUTIN H (8/23)  
ELLA R (8/23)  
KEVIN A (8/23)  
TAYLOR K (8/24)  
SOUMAILA K (8/24)



One of HoH person in services Tyler Smart was featured in this video with Nebraska Total Care

[Watch video here](#)

