

Hands of Heartland

# JUNE

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## It's a New Month!

Here at Hands of Heartland we're excited for warmer, sunnier days! We hope that June finds you happy, healthy, and handling the current pandemic-related challenges as positively as you are able.

### Introducing Jennifer Neeley, our new Service Development Coordinator!

We are thrilled to welcome a new face to Hands of Heartland, and want to introduce her to you all! Jennifer Neeley, a University of Nebraska Lincoln graduate, has stepped into the position of Service Development Coordinator here at HoH. Her Bachelors degree in Secondary Education and some years teaching middle and high school laid a solid foundation for the career ahead of her! Those

years of teaching led her to work in a mentoring organization in the mental health field, where she worked with adolescents in group homes, as well as a residential treatment center.

She started working in the developmental disability field in 2003 at Munroe Meyer Institute, where she worked at an early intervention clinic that focused on Verbal Behavioral Analysis. Jennifer started working at the Autism Center of Nebraska in 2007, where she was the director of Shared Living, Supported Services, and RISK Services.

At Hands of Heartland, Jennifer will be overseeing our services development in the Omaha and Lincoln areas while coordinating our Shared Living and In-home departments. Additionally, as HoH has recently been approved as a RISK provider in the state of Nebraska, Jennifer will be coordinating our RISK services. We are so pleased to have Jennifer on our team, and can't wait for you to meet her!

## Team Member of the Month

### Our team member of the month for June is Carlos Aldrete!

We want to recognize Carlos this month for being such a dependable, adaptable, and motivated part of our team as we navigated all the curveballs COVID-19 threw at us. At the start of the coronavirus crisis, Carlos was asked to take on a different role at Hands of Heartland — much different than what he had been doing previously!

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He accepted the role, and went on to be a positive role model to his peers and an excellent caregiver to the people we serve. He has not only worked all of his scheduled shifts, but has also gone above and beyond in terms of client care.

**Carlos, you are truly appreciated for all of your efforts, and have been a wonderful asset to our residential team!**

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

We know how important it is to recognize good work when you see it. If you are a Direct Support Professional here at Hands of Heartland and want to make sure a team member is recognized for their effort and dedication, please contact Andile Mahlangeni-Byndon, [abyndon@handsofheartland.com](mailto:abyndon@handsofheartland.com) with your nomination!



Thank you  
to our  
*Amazing*  
team!

### Celebrating June Birthdays!

KAREN K. (6/1)	MIRANDA F. (6/12)	JOYCE K. (6/23)
ASHLY A. (6/2)	ALLISON P. (6/18)	SHAVON M. (6/23)
TAMMY M. (6/3)	LARONN S. (6/20)	THERESA B. (6/25)
TIFFANI R. (6/9)	BAYLEE R. (6/21)	MASON M. (6/28)
RUSSELL W. (6/10)	JOLICE A (6/22)	

### Honoring June Anniversaries

JULIEN A. (1 YEAR)	KRISTINA W. (2 YEARS)	ELLA R. (3 YEARS)
BRETT C. (1 YEAR)	ANDILE M. (2 YEARS)	KIMBERLY C. (11 YEARS)
SARAH R. (1 YEAR)	BRANDON F. (2 YEARS)	TERESA R. (15 YEARS)
REGIS G. (1 YEAR)	TIFFANY V. (3 YEARS)	

### We'd love to hear from you

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