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### **MESSAGE FROM THE CEO...**

As we venture into 2023 comes a new legislative session. As providers of services for people with disabilities, we are in constant conversations with our legislators to ensure they remember us and are advocating for the services we provide to individuals with varying abilities. This year like most years, we are asking for continued increases in financial support. It is imperative we are paid what it costs us to do business. Unlike many businesses, we can't just



raise our rates and fees to meet the rising demands. What is critical is that we can pay our staff a wage that supports them and their families.

We are asking to at minimum receive a cost of living, or inflationary increase each year so that we do not have to go before the legislators every year pleading for increases. The services the direct care staff provide each day is crucial to our communities and society as a whole. They are spending many hours providing supports, skills and cares to some of the most vulnerable individuals.

I am encouraged that we do have legislators from our Southeast Iowa area that understand the value of our work and the services we provide. Please consider talking with your legislators in support of the work we do and the value we bring to our communities.

Thank you for your support.

Peace, Cheryl Plank

In Memory of Tim Whitten



Tim is the son of Jack and Patricia Whitten and was born September 18, 1984, in Fairfield. Tim graduated from Fairfield High School in 2004.

He enjoyed disc golf, playing pool, and long walks. One of his favorite things was kicking and throwing balls.

Tim was employed and a part of the Hope Haven team for many years. Tim will be missed by everyone he came across at Hope Haven.





### EMPLOYMENT SERVICES -INDIVIDUAL PLACEMENT & SUPPORT (IPS)

Employment Services is blessed with several amazing success stories in our IPS program. We have had 8 individuals meet milestones last month alone, which means achieving employment!!!! This one really tugs at our heart strings. PJ has been supported in Hope Haven's IPS program since May of 2022. He was referred by his parole officer through a partnership with the Department of Corrections Mental Health Court program. He was working on his rehabilitation through that program was seeking employment. PJ wanted nothing more than to be working and getting back into his community, but of course found barriers with his legal history, as well as a history of substance abuse. Through the IPS program, PJ and his IPS Specialist were able to develop a relationship with a local manufacturing company that produces traffic control devices. They were excited to offer PJ a chance to work with them, and he became employed there full-time in August, making \$17.00/hour. PJ says, He loves his job and everybody he works with. His co-workers are very supportive of him.He looks forward to going to work every day! In October, PJ was awarded Employee of the Month for the first time in his life.

Thank you to Kayla Robinson and Amanda Hatten for driving IPS forward in Southeast Iowa and making an impact for those we serve at Hope Haven!

### MATT'S STORY AT IPS EMPLOYMENT



Matt was introduced to IPS employment support in May 2022. He had an interest in becoming a counselor but found that school and working on a degree was not the best option for him. He also knew that his history with mental health struggles and substance abuse would be a barrier for him. But with the support of his employment specialist, Matt was connected with Counseling Associates for an informational interview. This led to him being hired as a Peer Support Specialist in September 2022. Matt loves his job and says "I struggled with mental health and substance use but with the support and encouragement of the IPS Program, I am now able to provide support to other people who struggle like I have in the past. I was going to give up on everything, but being apart of IPS changed my life and I am grateful for the opportunity."

### **ROCKING OUT**





Thank you to Randy Spiker for rocking out with us at our Burlington Day Habilitation Program.



Our Adult Development Program celebrated Clayton's 27th Birthday with cupcakes! Happy Birthday Clayton!



#### THANK YOU BURLINGTON AREA UNITED WAY

In 2023, Hope Haven's Employment Services Program will receive \$22,000 from the United Way. Thank You Burlington Area United Way and the surrounding businesses. The support continues to help us drive the mission to assist individuals achieve a life of opportunity and well begin!

AGENCY SPOTLIGHT Hope Haven Area **Development Center** In 2022 369 Individuals Received Employment Support Services Of those Individuals are Employed in **Des Moines County** 25 Staff Provide Support via the Employment Program

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOU DO!

## SPRING HAS ARRIVED AT HOPEFULLY YOURS

Need a place to unload all those unneeded items accumulated over the winter months? Hopefully Yours Thrift Store is the answer! We accept a wide variety of items, from clothing to household items to furniture. Spring is the start of our busy season, which is always exciting for our clients, volunteers and staff. If the cold weather kept you bored or isolated, then now is the perfect time to think about enjoying some nice weather and even volunteering at Hopefully Yours! A great experience is guaranteed, as volunteers get to work alongside our wonderful clients. Duties may include sorting donations, pricing items, stocking shelves, cleaning, hanging clothes and running the cash register. If interested, please contact us at (319) 237-1140.



### **MOTT'S PROGRAM PIZZA PARTY**







Thank you to Jim and Jeanne Mott for hosting a pizza party for our Mott's Program.





### **EMPLOYMENT SERVICES TEAM**

Over the last two days our Employment Services team has under gone a review of our Individual Placement Support program. The IPS model is a rapid job search program that serves individuals with a mental health diagnosis. This program has been offered since October 2021. We are pleased with our growth and are excited to be offering this service in Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa and Washington



counties. Thank you to our reviewers who came from all over the state and are blown away by everything Burlington has to offer!

#### HAVING FUN ON HALLOWEEN



Here is a photo of Flexible Service having fun on Halloween!

### HALLOWEEN AT UP





### **KARAOKE FUN AT UP**







## WHERE DO YOU REDEEM YOUR CANS & BOTTLES?

Where do you redeem your cans & bottles? Most of you know that Hope Haven Area Development Center has been handling bottle/can returns since 1980, providing jobs to individuals with varying abilities and struggling to cover the cost to provide this needed community service.

On July 17th, 2022, Governor Kim Reynolds signed Senate File 2378 into law, changing the bottle bill. This new legislation allows HHADC to now receive 3-cents per container versus the 1-cent that had been allowed since the inception of the bottle bill in 1979. The law allows customers to redeem their 5-cent deposit on bottles and cans purchased in Iowa. It also lets redemption centers and grocery stores get paid in handling fees that beverage distributors pay the centers when picking up containers.

To redeem your cans and bottles please see us at 1804 Douglas Ave, Burlington, Iowa. Hours of operation are Monday-Friday from 10 a.m. - 3 p.m. In addition to the daytime hours, we are also open in the evening on Tuesday and Thursday 6 p.m.- 8 p.m. If you have a large amount and are interested in arranging pickups of your redemption items, please contact Stephanie Cox at 319-754-4689 ext. 309.

We appreciate the support we have received from the community to keep this business going. You can also consider donating your cans and bottles and dropping off at your convenience.

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