

New Beginnings



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I have been attending a lot of meetings these days. The basic theme is KanCare, how it works, and how to include intellectual and developmental disorders (I/DD) services starting January 1, 2014. We are attempting to build a new system and it will take a lot of time and is creating a lot of frustration. It is difficult to participate in this process since the old system wasn't broken. In fact, it was a model for other states on how to deliver services to adults with I/DD. It reminds me of the ATT commercials. "Which is better, new or old?" New doesn't always mean better. In this case old is better.

The I/DD system will be under the Legislative Post Audit microscope in the next couple of months. The 2013 Legislative Post Audit Committee is concerned about the relationship between CDDO's and community service providers. The questions surround potential conflicts of interest, client referrals, and funding distributions. Another area of interest is the possible consolidation of some CDDO areas. The above-mentioned concerns have come up year after year and have been well publicized. Angela Allen, NBE CDDO Director, goes above and beyond to ensure all providers in this area are treated equal. Everyone in the I/DD system is aware of the concerns and was surprised when this year the Committee approved a performance audit. Many feel it is no coincidence that this audit is closely connected to our advocacy efforts for a carve out of I/DD services. It is payback for our unwillingness to go quietly into the KanCare experiment. This is another example of how Governor Brownback bullies and intimidates those that don't agree with the direction of his Administration.

Well, let's switch gears to something more positive: Poinsettias! It is our annual Poinsettia Fundraiser and that means the Holidays are just around the corner. What a great way to support our individuals and help fund the leisure time activities they participate in. In advance, thank you for your support.



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**By Martha Heffron
Director of Services**



Happy Fall Ya'll

Martha Heffron, DS

Wow! That was a most interesting summer we just came out of! But, even In the midst of going from heat to gully washes we were still able to provide many experiences as viewed on the following pages. What you might NOT see in these pictures are the people in the background that make these opportunities happen. Here at NBE we have direct support staff, a house manager, 3 Area Program Managers and a team leader who keep the day and residential supports running. This is often done with additional coverage by supervisors or other staff who step up in order for things to stay on course. These people are dedicated individuals who selflessly give of their time and talent.

We are pleased to announce that on July 31 the U.S. Senate unanimously approved a resolution designating the week beginning September 8 as "National Direct Support Professional Recognition Week." This is the sixth consecutive year of recognition by the U.S. Senate. Direct support staff provide an invaluable service to those living with disabilities. We are proud to honor these men and women who assist individuals in living a meaningful and productive life in the community. Quality services and supports depend upon dedicated staff and they deserve our respect and recognition. Please join us in thanking them for all they do!



Here are Casey, John, and Levi working in the back. Here in Neodesha we have the docushred business and pick up papers from all around and cardboard. This is a great opportunity to be out in the community.

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Employees of the Month

Birthdays

Angeleigh Fisher	14-Oct
Andrew Booth	14-Oct
Travis Gooch	18-Oct
Jovey Fry-Fisher	21-Oct
Lena Ouellet	1-Nov
Rosemary Galvan	3-Nov
Susan Porter	11-Nov
John Mills	12-Nov
Marlynda Bratton	14-Nov
Krista Moreno	16-Nov
Sarah Alter	18-Nov
Kirbie Evans	20-Nov
Andrew Usry	23-Nov
Scott McMullen	1-Dec
Melissa Usry	1-Dec
Diane Gillespie	8-Dec
Christina Rosenbaum	12-Dec
Jenny Walker	13-Dec
Mathew Tolle	20-Dec

Anniversaries

Angela Allen	4-Oct
Alyssa Dunham	5-Oct
Joe Espinosa	5-Oct
Mathew Tolle	5-Oct
Travis Gooch	11-Oct
Jacqueline Clark	21-Oct
Bonnie Fitzhugh	27-Oct
Brenda Evans	17-Nov
Martha Heffron	1-Dec
Tammy Drake	22-Dec



JULY
Travis Gooch



AUGUST
Diana Kelley-Sutton



SEPTEMBER
Marilou Fry



ABOVE AND BEYOND



Eureka headed to the Kansas State Fair. When we took this picture I thought this is how I feel sometimes. There was a petting zoo that had all kinds of animals. Some we have seen before but some we have never seen in person. For example: porcupine – they got to touch a camel – they got to see the baby kangaroo in the mommas pouch. When we came out of the petting zoo there were goats that we could feed. Boy was there some mean goats in there. One goat would ram all the others to get the food. Music was everywhere you would go. We stopped for lunch and there was so many different foods that we had no idea what we wanted. There was pizza, turkey legs that was so big, prime rib sandwiches, and hot dogs. We sure had a variety of items to choose from. Then our CDDO was talking about Root Beer stands that they have. You bet we stopped and got us the best Root Beer in the world. After we did all that walking and everyone was so tired we stopped and got us some cinnamon rolls from the Amish. Holy Moley those things are huge and good. After all that we headed home to get so much needed relaxation.



This is a butter sculpture that we saw at the State Fair. Not sure how much butter it took to make this but it was sure awesome to see. Everyone thought it was awesome. Not only did they see this they watched a big phone book be ripped in half.



This is one of many tunnels in the Oklahoma City Zoo that we saw and crawled in. Some of the animals and exhibits were closed the day we went. We tried to lose Michael in the gorilla cages but they wouldn't take him. The gorillas said that they didn't need monkeys in their cage. Some got to touch a sting ray. We were a little worried about sticking our hand in that tank of water. After a few deep breaths we finally stuck our hand in the water. The sting rays swam right to our hands and let us touch them. We also walked through a bat expo. It was so dark but we saw a lot of bats on the ceiling and flying around. There was a lot of walking and it sure was hot.

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Justin and Michael climbing out of a Semi Truck at the State Fair. They had free rides around a dirt track. Justin wanted to go ride in a Semi so Michael went with him



Here are the Eureka women 80's picture for the poinsettia Thursday.



National Letter Head Day In Moline.



Elden is with Wanda Lee Mills on National Senior Citizen Week and delivered cookies to her that was made by the Moline group.

UPCOMING EVENTS

11/21—Poinsettia Awards & Thanksgiving Dinner

12/13—Employee Christmas Party

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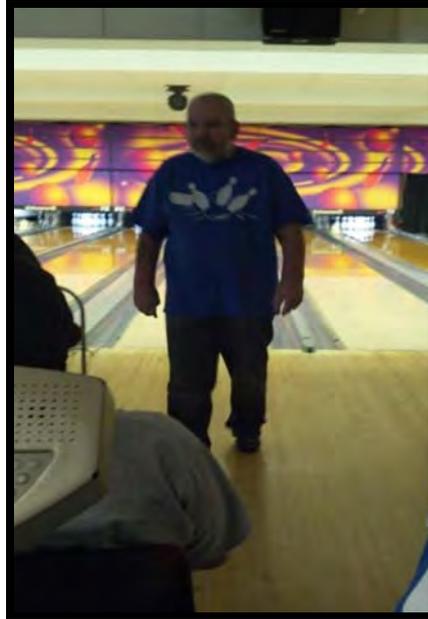


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Pat Just got a strike!



Lyle bowling like a champ!



Special Olympics was on Wednesday the 15th and we had four participants but everyone went. We had lots of cheerleaders in the crowd. Bonnie Fitzhugh and Alyssa Dunham were the coaches for our team "Ten Pin Mafia." TJ Hite received 1st place and Kevin Phillips received 2nd place in bowling. They had fun TJ said the best part of the bowling was "he liked how everyone cheered for everyone." Lyle Farley received 2nd and Pat Sanderson received 4th in their division. All in all it was a win for everyone. This was a new experience for New Beginnings we hope to participate in upcoming events. New Beginnings in Neodesha threw the kickoff for the poinsettia party and it was a blast, we are trying to sell, sell, and sell some more. If interested in buying please contact us!! We did a spirit week before the kickoff party and everyone participated but if they didn't they received a pie in the face and that was Michael from Eureka. Sorry Michael J

The week 14-18 was fire prevention week so we did a lot of activities to know what to do when there is a fire. The Neodesha fire department was nice enough to give us a tour of their living quarters and showed us an ambulance, trucks, and everything needed to rescue. Special thanks to them. Friday the 25 we are going to Neehollow to enjoy the food and also visit the Richenberger pumpkin patch.



Proud Coach with her 1st place winner !



Kevin patiently waiting for his turn!



It takes only a single idea, a single action, to move the world — Anonymous

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Melissa delivered these cookies during National Senior Citizen Week.



Poinsettia Kick Off at Neodesha. Pizza was what was for lunch and everyone loved it. Andy Booth won the trophy last year let's see if he can hang on to it this year. Eureka wishes everyone good luck on selling Poinsettias. We hope that everyone meets their goal. I heard Michael got a pie thrown at him. We want to thank Bonnie for getting him with the pie. Congrats to Moline for winning the cheer.



Daniel, Stoney, Dale, Melissa and Jamie with cookie recipient, Pat McCarty for National Senior Citizen Week.



The Annual Chili cook-off held in Moline City Park.

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Beth and Dale singing Karaoke during the festivities during the chili cook-off.