

New Beginnings News



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In the last newsletter I discussed the launching of New Beginnings website. Good news!! It is up and running and contains a lot of good information and many pictures. The website address is www.nbeinc.org. Information cards were mailed last week letting people know the next quarterly newsletter will be posted online from now on. Check the website periodically to see what new things are happening at New Beginnings!!

October, November, and December are busy months for us at New Beginnings. One major reason is the annual poinsettia fundraiser. The fundraiser is now in full swing. Each of the 3 sites created a wish list of activities or purchases as incentives to make their sales goal. If you haven't been contacted and would like to purchase a poinsettia, just call 620-325-3333 ext. 231 and we will get your poinsettia ordered. November 14th is the last day to order and certain colors do sell out in advance.

Another October event that deserves mention is our GOALS Classes that are held in conjunction with CLASS Ltd. at the Independence Community College. GOALS stands for Giving Opportunities to Adults for Learning and Success. This year 6 individuals from NBE participated in workshops like woodworking, art, driving/pedestrian safety skills, and basketball. An awards and demonstration session was held on October 18th. See the pictures on the NBE website!! It was a great event and an effort will be made to reach out to other possible participants in Parsons at their next affiliation meeting. The next session will be held in the Spring of 2015.

November is also the annual NBE Thanksgiving Dinner. We celebrate our blessings and gift cards are presented to all individuals who helped sell the hundreds of poinsettias. And with all those sales comes the hard work of delivering. It takes many hands and good organizational skills to match the poinsettia with its rightful owner. Many thanks to all those who make this huge fundraiser work!!

My final topic has to do with Tuesday, November 4th. November 4th is Election Day. I cannot stress how important it is to participate in the election process. This request isn't about whom to vote for, but to vote and participate. I have heard many people say they don't like politics and don't want to get involved. The reality is that certain small segments do get out and vote and without your vote, a minority point of view affects the majority of people. By you participating a balance of power prevails. Please exercise your right get out and VOTE!!

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Fall is Here!

One of my most favorite seasons has arrived...with cooler days and evenings. It's that time of the year to take advantage of outdoor opportunities before winter comes and of course, to gear up for the annual Chili Cook-off, Poinsettia Sales, and Halloween party.

The poinsettia sales are very important to the day services as this is an opportunity to make contact in the community and raise funds for projects throughout the year. Individuals who sell are also rewarded with gift cards to Walmart. It's never too early to think about who you can contact this year that may not have had the chance to receive a beautiful plant and help our organization. Churches are an excellent source and if you have an "in" with someone please let us know. Once established, NBE is often the place of choice for their Christmas decorations.

Winklemans has supplied the plants for many years now and also has provided seasonal jobs for our individuals at NBE. We appreciate their support and welcome any volunteers to help

As seasons end, so many times will the employment of staff. This is often a very difficult time for everyone, especially for the individuals and co-workers when it is long time staff. Recently, we said good-bye to Bonnie Fitzhugh and Michael Edwards; and we'd like to thank Jennifer McDow for stepping in for the summer. NBE appreciates their talent, dedication and skills. We wish them the best in their new adventures.

And as the changes of fall come so will the staff that replace others. We welcome Derrick, Shelly, Jamie, Doug, Brittany and Cindi to the NBE family!

Direct Support Professional Recognition

The Governor and U.S. Senate have both designated the week of September 7, 2014 as "National Direct Support Professionals Recognition Week". It is during this time of the year that we recognize the hard-working dedicated staff who support the individuals with disabilities that we serve. Medicaid reimbursement rates have kept wages low, so it is important to find other ways to show appreciation to staff. One week just isn't enough time thank them for the work they do. Because of them individuals we serve live with dignity and comfort in the community. Thank you for all you do!

IT'S POINSETTIA SALES TIME!!!

Once again, NBE is selling the beautiful flowers provided by Winklemans. All three sites are hard at work so that funds can be raised for their "wish" list. In Neodesha the list has grown to include Tanganyika, rides at a go-kart track, a trip to the Wichita or Oklahoma zoo, Precious Moments Chapel, a small gas grill, Wii games, new remote, a 4slice toaster, trips to eat out, and the St.Patty party they sponsor. Moline has included the Lake Afton Observatory, Chrisom Trail, pulled taffy in Dexter, Wichita zoo, Rolling Hills Drive and a CyncoDeMayo party. Eureka's wishes include going to see Big Brutus, Wichita or Emporia zoo, the Cosmosphere, State Fair, bowling and a movie.

If you haven't purchased your flower, please call today. Individuals selling receiving Wal-Mart gift cards and the remaining proceeds stay in their area. Even if you aren't a poinsettia lover, you might consider sending a flower to your local hospital, nursing home, church or person who has limited community contact. Your gift will benefit many!!!



By Martha Heffron
Director of Services

BIRTHDAYS

ANNIVERSARIES

Employees of the Month

Birthdays

Angeleigh Fisher	14-Oct
Andrew Booth	14-Oct
Travis Booth	18-Oct
Jovey Fry-Fisher	21-Oct
Lena Ouellet	1-Nov
Patricia Clark	3-Nov
Susan Porter	11-Nov
Marlynda Bratton	14-Nov
Krista Moreno	16-Nov
Sarah Alter	18-Nov
Kirbie Hutchinson	20-Nov
Andrew Usry	23-Nov
Jennifer Chase	30-Nov
Scott McMullen	1-Dec
Melissa Usry	1-Dec
Diane Gillespie	8-Dec
Douglas Johnson	14-Dec
Mathew Tolle	20-Dec

Anniversaries

Mathew Tolle	5-Oct
Travis Gooch	11-Oct
Melissa Gillenwater	17-Nov
Brenda Evans	17-Nov
Martha Heffron	1-Dec
Patricia Clark	4-Dec
Tammy Drake	22-Dec



JULY
Diane Gillespie
Moline



AUGUST

Melissa Gillenwater
Neodesha



SEPTEMBER

Jo Lee Dwight
Moline



ABOVE AND BEYOND

NEODESHA



Mad Scientist Day in September at Neodesha Day Hab. We had tornado in a jar, and a volcano among other wacky experiments. Pictured, left to right are Misty, Melissa, Stephanie, Casey, T.J., Pat, Ramona, Pan, and Doug.



Ronnie's August Birthday celebration and a hug from Charlie(left).



The Poinsettia kick-off held in Neodesha in October. Pan is participating in the balloon popping contest.



Chili Cook-off 2014 held in Moline and the winner is**NEODESHA!!!!!!!**

MOLINE



Moline day hab individuals are the proud producers of Critter Corn.



It was National Potato Day with baked potatoes, French fries, tator tots, and, of course, mashed potatoes.



During the warm weather of summer Moline enjoyed air conditioning and worked hard on document destruction.



This is Poinsettia kick-off day in Neodesha and contestants were playing "bust your balloon".

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EUREKA



Eureka doing the Wii Dance for exercise. Watch out they will hit you when they are dancing. Way to go Eureka.



2014 Special Olympics' Torch run. Scott every year does the torch run with officers from different areas.



Smoothie day in DayHab. Look at all the mustaches. They sure were good.



The Chicken Dance !!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!



Marlynda playing pool at the local Senior Center.

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

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