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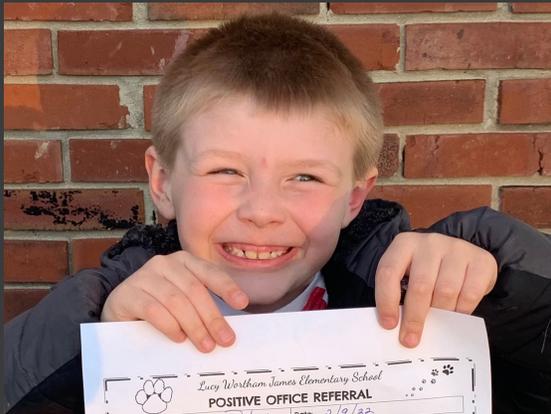
We believe it is our mission to support individuals with disabilities by encouraging and assisting them to accomplish health and fitness goals, value personal goals, and a sense of belonging in their home and community. We will provide a supportive atmosphere of love, care, acceptance, dignity, and respect while upholding their right to:

- BE FREE TO MAKE DECISIONS/CHOICES
- BE AN INTEGRAL MEMBER OF THE COMMUNITY IN WHICH THEY LIVE
- BE THE BEST THAT THEY HAVE THE DESIRE TO BECOME



Disability Rights Legislative Day

Our Restoring Hope group packed in a lot on DRLD! Together we took a tour of parts of the capitol, built more awareness around our services and programs, sharing the direct and positive impact our agency makes through one-on-one meetings with close to every representative and county our agency provides services in. We had such a great group this year and anxiously await DRLD 2023!



Great Behavior = Great Rewards

Jonathan received a Positive Office Referral this past February for having "super awesome behavior and working so hard all day!" As you can see, he was pretty thrilled to be recognized by his teacher and principal. We're super proud of him, too!



Restoring hope one family at a time.



All Things to Celebrate

Damon (top, left), a friend of ours who regularly attends the Nixa Excel Day Program was getting to have a fun St. Patricks Day celebration with his friends and staff. Staci Owen (top, right), CEO of Restoring Hope, seals the deal in taking over the former Daybreak facility in Springfield, MO.

Momentum

BY WHITLEY LEMON

It should come as no surprise that truly successful organizations become that way by having top-level leadership. Never are these leaders self-seeking. They possess high levels of humility and always do what's best for their team and community. Top-level leaders are person-centered and view their business as a life-changing apparatus. To pick up momentum they guide their team members in finding their place and provide them with autonomy and trust. As a result, team members begin operating with zeal in their niche and find themselves starting to naturally mimic the traits of their leader. Unlike some organizations that sweep things under the rug, top-level leaders tirelessly confront brutal facts, never losing hope while facing challenging situations. They are unafraid to uncover hard and uncomfortable truths, then work diligently to find the best solution. Leaders show the behavior they accept best by the way they behave themselves.

Successful organizations have an empire of believers and doers. They are self-aware and thoughtful of their influence, actions, and words, concerning themselves with the impact they have on all others. A culture of discipline is crucial for the continuation of success. Members must restlessly pursue greatness in their work while equally striving to become better leaders, spouses, parents, friends, and human beings. Restoring Hope is a success today, not because we got it all right along the way, but through our relentless pursuit to serve better - with a bottom-up mentality. Our dealings of hope transcend beyond our team, and the evidence is clear. In our years of service, we've borne witness to countless dreams coming true and can attest that patience, love, and giving someone a second chance restores their hope. Our mission has been and remains to be that all people have the right to become the best they desire to become. Restoring Hope has gone through many years of calibration to arrive here and will continue to strive to become better, pursue ways to serve our communities bigger, and seek the best possible path to restore hope in the lives of others - one relationship at a time.

When presented with the opportunity to take over the former Daybreak program, we were willing and ready! It proved to be a great benefit that Daybreak had already built a positive reputation within the provider community. Combined with our positive track record in providing quality services throughout the state, and success at our initial Excel Day Program in Nixa, this has allowed a smoother transition. Yes, there has been a great deal of work completed and more needs to be done, but momentum pushes us forward. When team members residing in varying counties throughout the state show up to move furniture, unload boxes, clean, and help organize a new day program location because they care about each other, work becomes quicker, easier, and smoother, as a result. This moment is when you truly know you have top-level leadership in your organization because servant leadership trickles down and creates a dramatic ripple effect.

ART SHOW PREPARATION

Excel participants are gearing up for their very first all-inclusive Art Show, to be held at our new Springfield program location, from 12-2 pm. Kimberle Yates was kind enough to spend a day teaching our Nixa Excel participants how to create unique pottery pieces. These, among other pieces of artwork created by our participants, will be judged by a panel of judges.



Getting Out In The Community



A GROWING COMMUNITY

Our Excel Program is more than a day program - we are a community and our community is growing! Since November 2020, our Nixa location has successfully served participants and their families, but our desire to serve more and being presented with a golden opportunity led us to acquire and open two new locations! Open house at our new Springfield location, formerly known as Daybreak and conveniently across from BigShots Golf, was an evening full of excitement for new and previously served individuals and their families. Guests toured the space, located their new cubbies, met with staff, and enjoyed some refreshments and treats. On April 11th, our doors will officially open, pending final inspections pass. The excitement doesn't stop there; renovations are also underway in Buffalo, our now third location! We'll be hosting an open house at our Buffalo location, on May 18th from 4-6 pm. We believe that daily life should be filled with meaningful relationships and we cannot wait to welcome even more friends to a place where every person matters, every moment counts, and everyone can excel!



Director of Community Services

Excel Lead Staff Nixa, MO

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Danielle Coffey

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Abbie Scharbach

Emma O'Dell

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CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

Big and positive changes are underway in Kirksville, but we first want to recognize one incredible team member! Veronica Snyder celebrated 10 years with Restoring Hope this past January. We would not be where we are today without her efforts and heart to serve others! She is an absolute rockstar in general, but more recently for her ability to successfully transition four individuals who previously resided in the ISL to a lesser restrictive environment and place them in a family setting! This, being our mission, we consider its transpiration a huge success! Veronica has additionally aided a couple of the ISL Staff in becoming Host Homes themselves, as the ISL will be officially closed by the end of May. Change can sometimes be challenging - this change was made a success because of Veronica!



Medical ISL - St. Louis



POSITIVE CHANGES FOR ALL

We've had a few great changes in the St. Louis ISL over the last quarter. Mikey successfully transitioned to a host home in Lincoln and is doing very well. We are so happy we were able to transition him to a less restrictive environment in which he is thriving, but his unfelt presence is missed at the ISL! His room did not stay open for long, however. We received a plea for help from a guy who's not receiving adequate care. We quickly learned that he has relationships with three of the staff that work at the ISL. We were hesitant to accept him due to not being compatible with our kids, but our ISL team saw that he is someone we know we can help and meet his needs in the interim while we help find a more appropriate placement for him. When he came to visit, he smiled and said, "I find it ironic that I need to start over, and this place is called Restoring Hope." He also shared, "I'm happy I found this agency, and I feel at peace because I know the staff are really good caregivers." Then, there is Maddie who was granted her Make-a-Wish and was able to have a full out Glam Day where she was pampered with a full body massage, a cut and style, her make-up done, a mani-pedi, and received several nice gifts! One last update that was very exciting for us is that Ryan has been using a stander at school. This is super special because Ryan has not been supported with the opportunity to stand upright in many years. We are so proud of him!

Medical ISL - Lincoln

THAT FAMILY FEEL

All the boys at the Lincoln Medical ISL are happy and healthy! We have two boys going to Prom and were recently fitted for a tux to match the dresses of their dates! Corey and James are ready to dance the night away! Trent made the Principals Honor Roll at school and has created a summer time bucket list with lots of adventures he would like to check off. Toney and Andrew are preparing for their wishes to be granted from Make-a-Wish. Andrew is ready to go fast with a full NASCAR experience and Toney is getting some bedroom updates to include an amazing new sensory chair. It's going to be a busy spring and summer, but so much fun! Our ISL team continues to go above and beyond for our young men and RH could not be more proud to have them! Everyone treats the boys and each other like family and that makes the ISL a real home. We are excited for the upcoming expansion to include another home in the Lincoln area to give that family feel to more individuals with medical needs.



Anniversary Dates

Each quarter we continue to grow and grow! So, for our contractors and staff who started their journey with us between January - March, we want to say thank you, for their year/s of service!

Contractors

9-10 Years

Brek Snyder, Veronica Snyder, Lyle Rothschiller, Steve Smith, Racquel Uhlmann

7-8 Years

James Hawthorne, Barry Hairston, Tara Swanigan, Christina Williams, Riley Holesapple

5-6 Years

Melissa Alberson, Julie Johnson, Elizabeth Johnson, Craig Edwards, Roscollin Edwards, Tony Kerr, Curtis Palmer, Dennis Palmer, Kevin Styles, Kayla Swanigan, Larry Williams, Robert Gardner, Kathleen Gardner, Rachael Sherrer, Matthew Sherrer

3-4 Years

Gary Gillaspay, Shawn Johnson, Cheryl Conaway, Nick Adams, Mike Brooks, Caleb Carmichael, Sarah Davis, Austin Davis, Amy Dismer, Paige Hurd, Josue Palacios,

Kathie Jackson, Troy Jackson, Yelena Montalvo, Soledad Pacheco, Joseph Pacheco, Relmond Rice, JoAnne Rice, Yelena Seu, Oleg Seu, Levi Chamness, Jill Fike, Sierra Freeman, Charles Chesser, Mary Brown, Natalie Herrick, Thomas Herrick, Tommy Herrick, Sharon Spillers, John Spillers, Ruby Pace, Ryan Pace

1-2 Years

Hilda Coleman, Daryl Coleman, Yenis Estrada, Jasmine Wright - Kessio, Shandy Miller, Melissa Peck, Brandon Peck, Ekaterina Shavlovsky, Brook Snider, Paula Thompson, Jessica Stanley, Thomas William, Brenda Raetz, Mark Raetz, Danielle Ryals, Brittany Davis, Roy Weatherby, Joyce Baker, David Baker, Troy Broeker, Carla Callahan, Jerry Cottrell, Sherrlyn Keisler, Sydney Webb, Gail Davidson, Shannon Davidson, Jaiseno Locke, Jennifer Turner, Darletta Tabb

Staff

9-10 Years

Veronica Snyder

7-8 Years

Diane Smithey

5-6 Years

Angela Bullard, Kelli DeBoard, Jaime Grider, Whitney Schnakenberg

3-4 Years

Heather Thompson, Kyli Plowman, Amy Scheihing, MacKenzie Howard

1-2 Years

Madison Harlan, Emma O'Dell, Danielle Coffey, Kyle Collins, Kyla Lough, Kaycee Miller Paul

Caregiver Coffee Chats



Disability Rights Legislative Day at Missouri State Capitol



Upcoming Events

CMRO | Coffee Meeting

Apr. 13th | 9:30am | Ozark Coffee Co. 610 S. Ohio Ave. Sedalia, MO 65301

Poplar Bluff -WP | Easter Party

Apr. 29th | 4:30-7:30pm | Central Office 306 Davis Dr. Suite 200 West Plains, MO

Excel Program | Art Show

Apr. 30th | 12-2pm | SFLD Excel Day Program | 2221 E. Kearney Springfield, MO 65803

SFLD | Cinco de Mayo Party

May 5th | 5-7pm | Andy B's 1127 E. Battlefield Rd Springfield, MO 65807

Buffalo | Coffee Meeting

May 11th | 9-11am | Main & Maple 101 S. Maple St. Buffalo, MO 65622

Buffalo | Excel Day Program Open House

May. 18th | 4-6pm | 304 S. Pine St. Buffalo, MO 65622

KC | Summer Pool Party

June 3rd | 7-9pm | Benton Community Center | 16400 N. Mullen Rd. Benton, MO 64012

Book Club Dates | Virtual -Zoom

Tuesday Mornings at 9am | Dates: April 19 / May 3,17,31 / June 14 & 28

Enrollment Link Here

Questions?? Contact Amy, at: amyscheihing@werestorehope.com



reach. restore. repeat.

You're Invited!

Restoring Hope r3 Conference @ Wonderland Camp

We understand that as caregivers it can be incredibly isolating and difficult at times. That's why we're so honored to hold our first-ever Restoring Hope Conference for our families, individuals, and staff this summer! This event will be jam-packed with **incredible speakers, behavioral tools, stress management and emotional wellness strategies, helpful resources, and an immense amount of encouragement and fun giveaways!** Meanwhile our individuals will be having a blast, experiencing a **full day at camp!** Individuals will be able to swim in an inclusive pool, enjoy the splash pad, try out the ropes course, play mini-golf, and so much more! Camp will be fully staffed and the Restoring Hope team will be ready and willing to assist you and individuals when needed - all to ensure this day is both relaxing and restorative for **YOU!**

Please note: A separate registration must be completed for each attendee. This event is limited to caregivers and clients only, as occupation limits restrict the number of guests we can support. Individuals will need to bring swimming apparel, a towel, change of clothes, and medications (if needed.) Change of plans or can't make it to the event? Please let us know ASAP. Questions about the event, registration, Consumer T-Shirt Design Contest, etc. may be directed to: mackenziehoward@werestorehope.com or whiteylemon@werestorehope.com.

📅 Aug 6, 2022

🕒 10am-3pm

📍 Wonderland Camp
18591 Miller Circle
Rocky Mount, MO 65072

r3 Registration

Opening Soon!

Conference T- Shirt Consumer Design Contest

Submit Design by April 30th, to: whiteylemon@werestorehope.com



See full T-Shirt Design Contest flyer by clicking [here](#), or scan QR code.



Academic Success

Alex couldn't help but show off his gleeful grin when receiving his Honor Roll Certificate. There is nothing our friends cannot do without a little determination, love, and support!



Meeting Miss Missouri

Brianna was able to meet Miss Missouri, Callie Cox who spoke during the rally at Disability Rights Legislative Day, held at the State Capitol.



Bronze for the Win

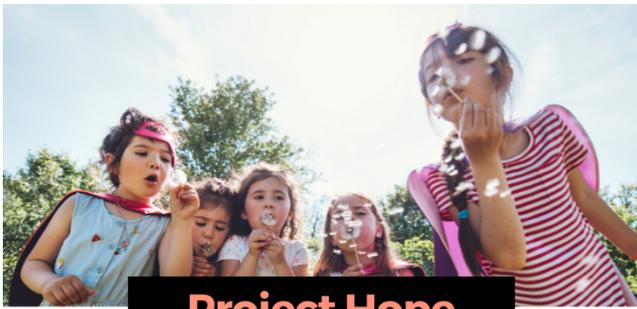
Grady Slayton took the third place medal in the shelf stocking contest, while competing at the Special Olympics!



Behavioral Tips

Our Mandt Trainers have been working hard to put together behavioral tips and resources to help you with navigating behaviors.

Training videos coming soon to our website!



Project Hope
"BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS"

Help us **SPREAD CHEER** and help **MEET NEEDS** of the Missouri foster community!

PROJECT HOPE - BIRTHDAY BLESSINGS

We are super excited to be partnered with Birthday Blessings for this year's **Project Hope!** Birthday Blessings is a 501C Organization that provides resources through a variety of programs through partnerships with local Children's Divisions.

We are providing Restoring Hope bags for those wanting to donate Summer Boredom and personal hygiene items for foster kiddos in our area! **Let your Program Manager know if you need any bags to fill with donatable items.** Collecting donations through May.

Donation ideas: Kickballs, sidewalk chalk, jump ropes, bubbles. Personal items; toilet paper, laundry baskets, personal hygiene items; body wash, shampoo, conditioner, boy shave sets, deodorant, etc.

Too busy to shop? Go to: smile.amazon.com to donate items to Birthday Blessings!



Watch our story and find even more resources on our site!

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"Love recognizes no barriers. It jumps hurdles, leaps fences, penetrates walls to arrive at its destination full of hope. - Maya Angelou