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Questions, comments, article ideas?

We would love to hear from you!

Please check the website for current news and information

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# Creatively Speaking

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## Mission Statement:

We believe that all people are entitled to respect, dignity, independence, community integration and the opportunity to make choices in their own future.



Reminder – In the event that Creative Empowerment Opportunities needs to close due to severe weather, snow closings, etc., please watch local television channels 2, 4 or 7 for closings or listen to WJR Radio. You can also check online for all the local news websites as well, under school closings. Please watch for the county and the service site that you attend. Thank You!



# What's going on?

## Spirit Wednesdays!

2/7/24: Football Fan

2/14/24: Be My Valentine- Wear Reds and Pinks

2/21/24: Bring out the Animal in You- Wear Animal Prints

2/28/24: Tie Dye Day



### Home Placement Acknowledgment

**CEO Anchorville-** We wish to acknowledge all homes for the kindness and consideration you show every day for the persons served.

**CEO Pontiac-** We would like to acknowledge the Smit and Clanton Families for their generous donations during the holiday season to enhance the persons served services!

**CEO Washington-** Thank you to the Plewa Family for the generous memorial donations in honor of the loss of their loved one.

**CEO Clinton Twp.-** We would like to say Thank you to Indian Hills Group Home for all of the treats during the holiday season. Our Persons Served really enjoyed them!

**CEO Westland-** Thank you to Carla for ensuring her daughter has good attendance and for being thoughtful to our staff.

### Program News:

**Anchorville:** Please call the building to notify management of absences, please do not wait for the van to arrive to notify the driver. Please make sure they have extra clothing in their bag for any accidents...CEO does not have clothes on hand.

**Clinton Twp:** With the weather changing, please make sure our persons served are dressed appropriately.

**Fundraiser:** Snack store is open once a day to everyone to purchase goodies. Everything is currently .50 cents or \$1.00.

**Pontiac:** Please remember that if a Persons Served is exhibiting ANY symptoms of illness, they should stay home until they are symptom free.

**Friday, 1/26/24- Pizza, Fruit Cocktail, Salad, Beverage and Dessert... \$3.00 due by Monday, 1/22/24**

**Fundraiser:** Pop Bottle drive

**Washington:** Please help persons served be ready for transport pick up with appropriate dress: Coats, hats, gloves, scarves, boots, etc. **A Birthday treat will be provided on the last Friday of the Month, to celebrate birthdays.**

**Westland:** Please make sure that you and your persons served are wearing your mask when entering the building.

### Attention All Transporters: Dropping off and/or picking up individuals

Please DO NOT leave your vehicle running unattended!

If you have other passengers in the vehicle that do not attend this facility, please give the front office a call and ask for someone to come out and assist the individual from your vehicle.

A staff member will come out with the attendance book for you to sign the individual in or out.

Thank you for your cooperation.

# Happy Birthday!

Happy Birthday  
to all  
Persons Served and  
Employees celebrating  
February Birthdays!



**A big "Thank You" to our dedicated employees celebrating employment anniversaries in February:**

Jean Moore- 16 years, Christen Duke-15 years,  
Nila Belton- 1year and Michael Laney- 1 year

## CEO Pontiac and CEO Washington Bottle Drives

- Do you have returnable bottles and cans you don't feel like returning? Please feel free to bring them in or call for a pick-up and both of these programs will be glad to take them off your hands.
- Proceeds will go to skill development activities at the Community Empowerment Center and in the greater community, classroom supplies, art supplies, as well as treats for upcoming holiday parties.

For more information, please don't hesitate to contact the program you wish to donate your bottles/cans to.....

Pontiac- (248) 858-7847  
Washington- (586) 935-1500

Thank you for your support!!!!!!

## 25 Random Acts of Kindness Ideas



- Give a stranger a gift.
- Open a door for someone.
- Bring blankets to a homeless shelter.
- Put out neighbor's trash.
- Write a thank-you note to a teacher.
- Volunteer.
- Bring food to someone.
- Compliment a stranger.
- Mow neighbor's yard.
- Give snacks to mail carrier.
- Visit a nursing home.
- Send a care package to deployed soldiers.
- Donate to your favorite charity.
- Call a relative.
- Say 'hello' to a stranger.
- Help with chores.
- Donate a book to the library.
- Donate old toys.
- Donate outgrown clothes.
- Pick up litter.
- Clean neighbor's garden.
- Babysit.
- Make a gift for a friend.
- Send anonymous flowers.
- Pay for a stranger's coffee.

## Individual Served Achievements

### Anchorville:

- Stacey S. for working hard at Meals on Wheels and always enjoying volunteering.
- Greg N. for teaching sign language to peers and staff.
- Elaine B. for working hard at 7-11.
- Frank M. for always working hard at CEO.

### Clinton Twp:

- Sean C. – increasing time here and getting back into the community with your friends!
- Sue Lynn P.- Great job increasing your community inclusion!
- Michael M. and Michael M. - Great job decorating our building for the Holidays.

### Pontiac:

- Marko V. for great job helping out with daily cleaning.
- Matt M. for trying new tasks

### Washington:

- William F.- Amazing Helper
- Thomas G.- Very friendly towards peers
- William G.- Awesome Sense of Humor
- Paul G.- Amazing Smile

### Westland:

- Andy for improving his attendance.
- Kimiah for having a positive week.
- Darris for helping in the classroom.
- Danny for being our hall monitor.



## Now Hiring: Direct Support Professionals Accepting applications at all CEO Empowerment Centers

Creative Empowerment Opportunities is seeking competent and caring staff, to provide services for adults with intellectual and physical disabilities as well as those with mental illness in a community empowerment center. Instructors may work in the facility, instruct in classroom settings (teaching daily living skills etc.), in the community or job coaching. The job duties do include all aspects of direct care, transporting people in large vans, daily data collection and documentation and assigned cleaning duties. *If you are a group home staff, that would like to pick up some extra hours on your day off, or if you are a family member or friend who knows of somebody looking for work, then feel free to apply! What a wonderful opportunity to make a difference in someone's life!*

For more information regarding employment with CEO, you may call any of the CEO Empowerment Centers at the numbers listed in the newsletter, or you can contact Stephanie Hess, Training Supervisor at 586-569-4250 or email her at [stephanie.hess@creativeemployment.net](mailto:stephanie.hess@creativeemployment.net)

The following CEO Programs are doing a printer ink cartridge drive!

- Clinton Twp., Pontiac and Washington

Bring in your used/empty ink cartridges to any of those programs and we will recycle them!

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Winter Weather is around the corner. Please make sure to dress in warm coats, hats, gloves, scarfs and boots, once that temperature starts to drop. We want to ensure that everyone is safe and that includes cold weather emergencies as well! Layer for Warmth during the Winter Months! Thank you!



## ♥ Valentine's Day Word Puzzle ♥

H E A R T S W E E T O  
K T K A F L O W E R S  
K I S S Z C D G X L I  
C H H L Z U L I E O K  
W A M A R P O V G V L  
R P N J W I N E E E R  
E P K D M D R O S E S  
D Y T Y Y H U G Y D C

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CANDY      FLOWERS      HEART      RED  
CUPID      GIVE      HUG      ROSES  
KISS      HAPPY      LOVE      SWEET