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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

April 2024 Edition

Happy 31st Birthday  
Creative Empowerment Opportunities!  
April 1



## Creative Empowerment Opportunities Presents The 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Spring Fling and Award Ceremony Western Hoedown

When: May 10, 2024

Where: VFW Hall  
35011 23 Mile Rd.  
New Baltimore, MI 48047

Time: 6:00pm-11:00pm

Cost: \$15.00 per ticket

CEO does not staff this event. Dressing in Western theme attire is encouraged, but not mandatory. If you have any questions, please contact your program manager or supervisor.

Tickets are now on sale at all CEO locations.



# What's going on?

## Spirit Wednesdays!

4/3/24: Dress in Pink or Blue

4/10/24: Detroit Tigers Day

4/17/24: Dress as something with the first letter of your name

4/24/24: Vacation Day! Wear something that takes you back to a place you have been... Beach, Disney, etc.



## 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 Heard Family for their generous donation of personal care supplies for persons in need at CEO Pontiac.

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

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

**CEO Westland-** Thank you to Mrs. Sidhu for ensuring that her daughter has great 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.

**Fundraiser:** Fudge Fundraiser- \$5.00 a slice. Contact program for selections

**Clinton Twp:** Persons Served should bring lunches that are ready to eat, for example: food should be textured per dietary needs in the POS, food should not require any heating or cooling, necessary thickening supplies should be carried with the person, etc. Lunches should contain all necessary utensils for items packed.

**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 4/26/24- Pizza, salad, Beverage and Dessert... \$3.00 due by Monday, 4/23/24**

**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 to contact the program if you know your person served will be missing a day. We appreciate it.

## 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 April  
Birthdays!

## A big "Thank You" to our dedicated employees celebrating employment anniversaries in April:

Kathleen Kunz- 31 years, Stephanie Hess- 27 years, Cara Flockhart- 26 years  
Amanda Lowe- 23 years, Kenyetta Peguies- 23 years, Ron Peguies- 23 years  
Darlene Underwood- 22 years, April Amburgey- 16 years, Tommy Clark- 16 years  
Michael Dekeyser- 16 years, Latonia Hunter- 15 years, Patsy Durham- 11 years

### 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!!!!!!



### WORD LIST

APRIL  
BASEBALL  
BIRDS  
BLOSSOMS  
BUMBLEBEE  
BUTTERFLIES  
CHICK  
CLEANING  
CLOVER  
CROCUS  
DAFFODIL  
DAYLIGHT  
EQUINOX  
FLOWERS  
FORSYTHIA  
GARDEN  
JACKET  
LADYBUG  
MARCH  
MAY  
PICNIC  
PUDDLES  
RAINBOW  
ROBIN  
SEEDS  
SHOWERS  
SPRING  
UMBRELLA

## SPRING WORD SEARCH

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M	C	R	A	P	A	D	Z	P	S	T	H	J	H
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B	U	P	I	H	Y	C	R	G	X	I	R	D	Z
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<https://everydaychaosandcalm.com>

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Spring is here, so umbrellas may be needed along with jackets, etc. Please also make sure to apply sunscreen to the Persons Served before they come into the programs. Outdoor activities in the community will be more consistent as the weather is warming up.

## Individual Served Achievements

### Anchorville:

- Cameron A. for working hard at Meals on Wheels and volunteering.
- Adrian B. for always helping out her peers during activities.
- Donna F. for always working hard at CEO, making sure things are picked up and cleaned.
- Frank M. for always working hard at CEO.

### Clinton Twp:

- Bacent A.- Great job at Dave's Sweet Tooth
- Matthew M. – Great job at Dave's Sweet Tooth
- Judith G.- Great job volunteering at Focus Hope
- Barb D.- Very helpful and caring

### Pontiac:

- Orion W.- thank you for being a great team player
- Danny B.- thank you for performing outstanding production

### Washington:

- Thomas M.- Awesome knowledge of sports
- Rachel M.- Best laugh
- Kevin M.- Amazing dance moves
- Daniel M. – Amazing singer

### Westland:

- Jason, for keeping our vans cleaned and sanitized.
- Andrew, for having a positive week.
- Danny, for helping with the hallway duties.
- Mary, for shredding papers.



## 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)

### Smoke Alarm Tips

- √ Test alarms at least once a month by using the test button.
- √ If you have an alarm with a removable battery, be sure to check the batteries every six months, and change the batteries every year. If a battery is starting to lose its power, the unit will usually chirp to warn you. Do *not* disable the unit.
- √ Vacuum or blow out any dust that might accumulate in the unit.
- √ *Never* borrow a battery from an alarm to use somewhere else.
- √ *Never* paint a smoke or CO alarm.
- √ Install at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home, including the basement, and in or near each sleeping area.
- √ Smoke alarms should not be installed near a window, because drafts could interfere with their operation.
- √ Families should also develop and practice a home fire escape plan.
- √ Always follow the manufacturer's instructions for testing smoke alarms and replacing the batteries.

