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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.



CEO Washington is hosting a

Halloween Dance

DATE/TIME: Friday 10-18-2024 from 5:00pm-8:00pm
LOCATION: 59027 Van Dyke Ave. Washington Twp. MI 48094

Tickets must be purchased in advance by 10-11-2024

*****Cost \$2 per person served *****

***** Cost \$1 per staff*****

Popcorn and temporary tattoos included with admission ticket

Music provided by DJ Drew

Concessions will be available for purchase as listed below

Pizza slices \$1, can pop \$1, chips \$1

HALLOWEEN COSTUME CONTEST= Prizes for 1st & 2nd place

Staff and/or family members are required to remain with their Person Served while attending this event. CEO staff will be hosting this event and unable to provide supervision

****There is limited tickets for this event, so get your tickets early****

Sorry, no tickets will be available at the door.

What's going on?

Spirit Wednesdays!

10/2/24: Flannel/Plaid, Bandanas, Jeans Day

10/9/24: Pink Out Day (Breast Cancer Awareness)

10/16/24: Wear Orange and Black, Halloween Hats or Headbands

10/23/24: Spooky Shirt Day

10/30/24: Halloween Costume 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 Coleman Home for awesome, positive communication to make each day great!

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 Kelly and her staff for ensuring that her ladies had great attendance. Kelly and her staff are kind and helpful when needed.

If you're looking for some fun Halloween jokes, here are a few to enjoy:

1. What do you call a ghost's true love? **A "boo" mate!**
2. Why did the vampire get a job at the blood bank? **He wanted to work on his "bite"!**
3. What do you get when you cross a snowman and a vampire? **Frostbite!**
4. Why did the skeleton go to the party alone? **He had no body to go with him!**
5. What do you call a witch who lives at the beach? **A sand-witch!**
6. Why did the ghost go to school? **To learn how to "boo" a little better!**
7. What do you call a monster who poisons corn flakes? **A cereal killer!**
8. Why don't mummies take vacations? **They're afraid they'll relax and unwind!**
9. What's a vampire's favorite fruit? **A necktarine!**
10. Why did the jack-o'-lantern cross the road? **To get to the other side!**

Happy Birthday!

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



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

Kimberly Atwood- 19 years
Falicita Brown- 16 years
Latesha Marks- 15 years
Kiana Ponder- 10 years
Emily Salmen- 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!!!!!!

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.

Hot lunch: Halloween Celebration- 10/31/24 \$3.00- Menu: Spooky McNuggets, French fries, witches brew and dessert.

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.

Hot Lunch: 10/31/24- Halloween Celebration! \$3.00 Menu: Spider Meatballs with witch hair pasta, beverage and dessert. Bring costume to wear and candy to share if you wish!

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.

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

Individual Served Achievements

Anchorville:

- Paula S. for working hard at Meals on Wheels and always enjoying volunteering.
- Shae S. for always helping peers during activities.
- Myles E. for working hard at 7-11.
- Maryann A. for always helping staff gather books and making sure things are picked up and cleaned.

Clinton Twp:

- Florintina S.- Great job being a helpful friend!
- Christina H.- Great job increasing your community inclusion!
- Loma W.- Awesome job helping keep the counters clean!
- Amber B.- Great job increasing your community inclusion!

Pontiac:

- Marshall N. for outstanding work on Unifirst and communication with peers.
- Victoria H. for positive participation in daily activities and flexibility.

Washington:

- Heardie B.- Amazing Volunteer
- Tina C.- Most Friendly
- Monica D.- Most Silly
- Michael F.- Most Thoughtful

Westland:

- Allen for W. for having a positive week.
- Kamiah for being helpful with the book bags.
- Darris for helping keep the classroom clean.
- Paul for being the hall monitor.



CEO Clinton Township Fundraiser:

Giving Bean fundraiser

start date is (9/17/2024), and "end date" is (10/8/2024).

If you love coffee or tea, this is the fundraiser for you...If you are interested in ordering, you can contact Darlene Underwood at Clinton Twp. (586)569-4250 or and or come into the location and look at an order form. Order forms can be sent home with Persons Served. Payments are to be turned in at Clinton Twp. The products will be delivered to Clinton Twp. and the items can be delivered to you!

Emergency Contact Update Form – October 2024

Person's Served Name: _____

Home Name: _____

Home Manager Name: _____

Home Manager or Parent Emergency Number (cell):

Name and Phone Number of emergency contact other than home manager (give 2 if possible):

Provider Contact Name and Number:

Thanks so much!!

(Please return to the front office of the program attended.)

HALLOWEEN WORD SEARCH

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BONES	BROOM	CAULDRON	COFFIN
DRACULA	FRANKENSTEIN	FRIGHTEN	GAMES
GRAVEYARD	HALLOWEEN	MASK	NIGHT
OCTOBER	SCARE	SHADOWS	SKULL
SPIDERWEB	VAMPIRE	WEREWOLF	ZOMBIE

Friendly Reminders:

Please make sure that when sending in lunches for Person Served, that you please include items they may need to go along with that.... Such as napkins, plasticware, paper plates, etc.

Please make sure to apply sunscreen or sun block and bug spray to your Persons Served before they arrive at their program.

Thank you for your continued cooperation and support!

Michigan Voter Information Center

Your source for Michigan election information

Visit **[Michigan.gov/vote](https://michigan.gov/vote)** to:

- View your sample ballot.
- Find out if you are registered to vote.
- Find your voting location.
- Track your absentee ballot.
- And much more!

Also available on smart devices.




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.