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We would love to hear from you!

Please check the website for current news and information

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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 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!

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Coordinator's note:

What's going on?

Spirit Wednesdays!

9/4/24: Colors of the Rainbow: Wear your Favorite Color

9/11/24: Reflect your program's Country of representation for Cultural

Diversity Day at CEO

Clinton Twp: England
Pontiac: Mexico
Washington: Japan
Anchorville: Pacific Islander

9/18/24: Football Fanatic

9/25/24: End of Summer Vibe



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

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: 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 <u>ANY</u> symptoms of illness, they should stay home until they are symptom free.

Hot lunch on 6/28/24...\$3 per person.. Menu: Pizza, fruit cocktail & cole slaw with dessert and beverage.

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
September Birthdays!

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

Jennie Whitmer- 17 years Anne Bieri- 13 years

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!

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!!!!!!

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:

- Frank M. for working hard at Meals on Wheels and always enjoying volunteering.
- Shae S. for always helping out peers during activities.
- Eric H. for working hard at 7-11.
- Dina J. for always helping staff gather books and making sure things are picked up and cleaned.

Clinton Twp:

- Stephen S.- Great job maintaining your employment at Kroger!
- Becky K.- Great job helping your friends!
- Matthew M.- Great job helping out deliver Cintas!
- Darien W.- For having an infectious smile and laugh!

Pontiac:

- Dan C. for always being so helpful to others.
- Ann J. for amazing communication and thoughtfulness of others.

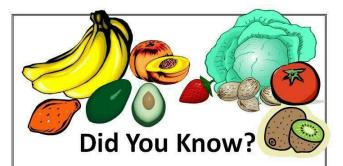
Washington:

- Dawn S.- Amazing Laugh
- Matthew S.- Bright Smile
- Paul T.- Amazing Volunteer
- William V.- Most Friendly

Westland:

- Sharon O. for having a positive week.
- Tynesha P. for cleaning our building.
- Marvin B. for helping in the classroom.
- David M. for welcoming the new guys.





- ✓ The only fruit that has its seeds on the outer skin is the strawberry.
- The only vegetable or fruit that is never sold frozen, canned, processed, cooked, or in any form other than fresh is lettuce.
- ✓ Almonds are members of the peach family.
- ✓ Tomatoes are a fruit.
- ✓ Kiwi is neither a fruit nor a vegetable. It's a flightless bird native to New Zealand. New Zealanders also like to refer to themselves as kiwis, but they find it irritating when we refer to "kiwifruit" as just "kiwi".
- ✓ Bananas, mangoes, peaches, and avocados are pollinated by bats.

CEO Anchorville:

Will be hosting a Mom to Mom sale on 9/21/24. If you are interested in selling items, please contact Dani at (586) 716-9920.

Creative Empowerment Opportunities will be closed on Monday, 9/2/24 in observation of Labor Day. We wish everyone a safe and fun holiday weekend.

What to Do During a Power Outage

Monitor alerts. Check local weather reports and any notifications. by phone, television or radio. Utility officials may come to your door to alert you of a planned power outage. If available, sign up for local alerts and warning systems to notify you through a call or text to your phone.

Contact your support network. Let people in your network know that you are OK, check to see if they're OK, and tell each other if you need help.

Keep food cold and when in doubt, throw it out. Eat your fresh, perishable foods first. Avoid opening your refrigerator and freezer to preserve cool temperatures. An unopened refrigerator will keep foods cold for about 4 hours. A full freezer will keep the temperature for about 48 hours (24 hours if it is half full) if the door remains closed. Use coolers with ice if necessary. Measure the food temperature in your refrigerator and freezer with a thermometer. Throw out food that has been warmer than 40 degrees F.

Prevent power overloads and fire hazards. Unplug appliances and electronics to avoid power overloads or damage from power surges. Use flashlights, not candles. Turn off the utilities only if you suspect damage or if local officials instruct you to do so. Your gas line can only be turned on by a qualified professional. If any circuit breakers have been tripped, contact an electrician to inspect them before turning them on.

Prevent carbon monoxide poisoning. Don't use a gas stove to heat your home and do not use outdoor stoves indoors for heating or cooking. If using a <u>generator</u>, keep it outside in a well ventilated area away from windows.

Decide if you need to stay or go. Evacuate if your home is too hot or too cold, or if you have medical devices that need power. Communities often provide warming or cooling centers and power charging stations.

Michigan Voter Information Center

Your source for Michigan election information

Visit **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.





The United States Presidential election is set for November 5, 2024! Exercise your right to vote!!!

DID YOU KNOW?

If you drive
to the sun at
55 mph, it
would take
you about 193
years.