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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.



Important Dates:

November 3, 2023- Daylight Savings

Please remember to turn your clocks back an hour!

Safety Steps to go along with time change:

1. Test your smoke alarms; change batteries.
2. Test your carbon monoxide detectors; change batteries.
3. Check your first aid kits to ensure that you have ample supplies on hand in case of an emergency.

November 5, 2024- National Presidential Election

Exercise your right to vote! Your vote counts!!!

November 28, 2024 and November 29, 2024

Creative Empowerment Opportunities will be closed to observe Thanksgiving. We hope everyone has a safe and cheerful holiday.



What's going on?

Spirit Wednesdays!

11/6/24: Fantasy Football! Wear your team apparel

11/13/24: Where am I? Wear Camouflage

11/20/24: Comfy/Cozy Wednesday

11/27/24: Wear Autumn Colors in celebration of Thanksgiving!



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 Bigelow 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.- Thank you, Colony Group Home for great communication so that we can provide the best care for the persons served.

CEO Westland- Thank you to Dewanda and her staff for ensuring that her lady has great attendance. Dewanda and her staff are kind and helpful when needed.

30 DAYS OF

gratitude

- a person I'm glad to have in my life.
- something I find comfort in
- my favorite part of the morning
- my favorite memory
- an accomplishment I'm proud of
- a hidden blessing in a difficult situation
- an opportunity I'm grateful for
- my favorite song (& why)
- a life lesson I have learned
- the biggest gift in my life right now
- a future event I'm excited about
- some positive news I've gotten recently
- my favorite area in my home
- a memory that makes me smile
- something beautiful I saw today
- my favorite part of the evening
- my guilty pleasure
- one good thing that happened today
- how I show gratitude for my friends
- something I love about a family member
- something positive about my body
- a challenge I'm grateful for
- a compliment that made me feel good
- the best gift I've ever received
- the item I treasure most
- the people who mean the most to me
- my favorite part about nature
- something that made me laugh today
- a book that I loved reading
- a freedom I am grateful for

Happy Birthday!

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



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

Barb Emery- 12 years
Linda Hunter- 3 years
Kenesha Lawrence-2 years

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: Thanksgiving Feast- 11/14/24- A flyer will be sent out closer to date.

Clinton Twp: With cooler weather approaching, please make sure your loved one/ Person Served is dressed appropriately for the weather.

Hot Lunch: Thanksgiving Feast- 11/27/24- Turkey with all the fixings!

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: 11/27/24- Turkey Feast with stuffing, mac and cheese, cranberry sauce. Cost \$3.00 due by 11/22/24.

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

CEO 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.....

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:

- Larry D. for working hard at Meals on Wheels and always enjoys volunteering.
- Jim S. for always helping his peers during activities.
- Greg N. for working hard at 7-11.
- Angela F. for always helping staff in cooking class and making sure things are tidy.

Clinton Twp:

- Katrina B.- Great job learning a new task at Dave's Sweet Tooth!
- Sue Lynn P.- Great job helping out at Focus Hope!
- Becky K.- Awesome job helping others!
- Emily F.- Great job reading to your friends!

Pontiac:

- Ann J. for outstanding work on Unifirst and communication with her peers!
- Vicki H. for positive participation in daily activities and flexibility!

Washington:

- John F.- Most Friendly
- Larry F.- Amazing Volunteer
- Madeline F.- Most Amazing Smile
- William F.- The Hardest Worker

Westland:

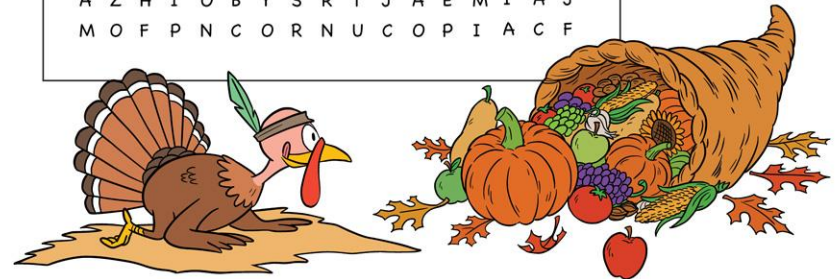
- Tynasha for having a positive week and being so helpful.
- Marvin for helping in the classroom.
- Danny for being an amazing helper.
- Jagdeep for his positive and effective communication skills.



Happy
Thanksgiving!

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THANKSGIVING
NATIVES
AUTUMN
CORNUCOPIA
CRANBERRIES
FAMILY
FEAST
COLONY
SETTLERS
POTATOES
BREAD
PILGRIM
HARVEST
AMERICA
PUMPKIN
MAYFLOWER
CORN
TURKEY



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Community Rewards through Kroger:

Creative Empowerment Opportunities is registered with Kroger Community Rewards and we encourage you to link your Kroger Plus Card!

What are Kroger Community Rewards?

Every year, nonprofit organizations earn millions of dollars through Kroger Community Rewards. It's easy to get started, and then simply scan your Kroger Plus Card on your next shopping trip.

How do register my Kroger Plus Card with Creative Empowerment Opportunities?

- Go to krogercommunityrewards.com and click on Sign In/Register.
- If you are a new online customer, click on SIGN UP TODAY in the 'New Customer?' box.
 - Sign up for a Kroger Rewards Account by entering zip code, clicking on favorite store, entering your email address and creating a password, and agreeing to the terms and conditions.
 - You will then get a message to check your email inbox and click on the link within the body of the email.
 - Click on My Account and use your email address and password to proceed to the next step.
 - Click on Edit Kroger Community Rewards information and input your Kroger Plus card number.
 - Update or confirm your information.
 - Enter Creative Empowerment Opportunities, select organization from list and click on confirm.



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 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.