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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

March 2025 Edition

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.



Set Your Clocks: We will “spring forward” one hour on Sunday, March 9, 2025 at 2 a.m.

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!

3/2/25: Choose Your Own Decade

3/12/25: Anything in Michigan Wear

3/19/25: St. Patrick's Day Wear

3/26/25: Mad Hatter's Day- Craziest Hats



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 Davison Family for awesome gift bags for Halloween!

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 Fern and her staff for ensuring that her guys have great attendance. Fern and her staff are kind and helpful when needed.

CEO Washington presents its 5th annual Breakfast with the Easter Bunny

DATE/TIME: Saturday 4/5/25 from 10:00am -12:30pm
LOCATION: 59027 Van Dyke Ave. Washington Twp. MI 48094
(586) 935-1500

**Tickets must be purchased in advance by 3-28-25
Cost \$9 per person **

**A photo with Easter Bunny is included in ticket price.
We will also have raffle tickets on sale for raffle baskets
\$1 per ticket or 6 tickets for \$5**

**Home staff or family members are required to remain with any persons
Served attending this event. CEO staff will be hosting this event and
unable to provide supervision.**

**Breakfast Menu: Pancakes, Sausage, Scramble Eggs
Choice of Milk or Juice and Coffee**

******There is limited seating so get your tickets soon******

**All proceeds will go to classroom activities/activity supplies and greater
community outings**

Happy Birthday!

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



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

Trent Leaver- 12 years
Adam Michaeli- 11 years
Bunny Flisnik- 9 years
Stacy Wiers- 8 years
Crystal Fuqua- 7 years
Maria Coleman- 3 years

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 our programs will be glad to take them off your hands.
- Proceeds will go towards the 2025 Annual Spring Fling.

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

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.

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

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.

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:

- Elaine B. for working hard at Meals on Wheels and always enjoys volunteering.
- Adrian B. for always helping his peers during activities.
- Angie F. for working hard at 7-11.
- Sharon D. for always helping staff gather supplies and making sure things are picked up and cleaned.

Clinton Twp:

- Bacent A.- Great job volunteering at Focus Hope!
- Botrus B.- Great job building your job skills at Dave's Sweet Tooth!
- Kathleen G.- Good job increasing your community inclusion!
- Vicki I.- Great job increasing your community inclusion!

Pontiac:

- Kyle B. for being so helpful to her peers on a daily basis and her amazing patience.
- Melvin W. for awesome growth and helping others.

Washington:

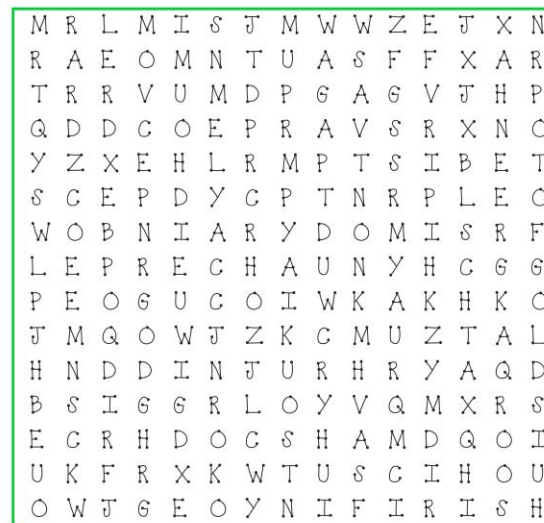
- Nicole M.- Fantastic classroom helper
- Lorrie P.- Best joke teller
- Timothy M.- Most knowledgeable of historic dates
- Ron P.- Best Meals on Wheels volunteer

Westland:

- Paul for being an advocate for Persons Served.
- Nate for keeping the building and vans clean.
- Kimiah for having a positive week.
- Michael for helping with the bags.



ST. PATRICK'S DAY WORD SEARCH



CLOVER	GOLD
IRISH	JIG
LUCKY	MARCH
RAINBOW	SHAMROCK

GREEN
LEPRECHAUN
POTOFGOLD
STPATRICK

Please remember to dress appropriately for the weather conditions. Winter Weather is still here! Please make sure to dress in warm coats, hats, gloves, scarfs and boots, etc. 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!

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!



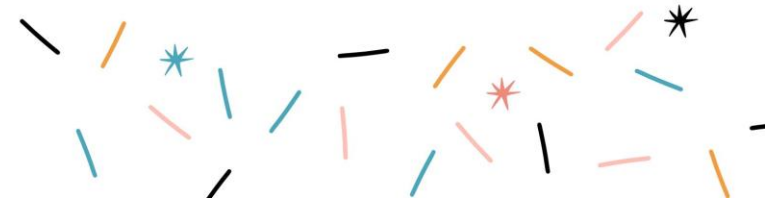
CREATIVE EMPOWERMENT OPPORTUNITIES PRESENTS:

2025 Spring Fling



DATE AND LOCATION: TBD

SUPERHERO AND DISNEY THEME
DRESS UP AND HAVE A GREAT TIME!



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.