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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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Reminder:

Creative Empowerment Opportunities
will be closed in observance of
Memorial Day on May 26, 2025



Creative Empowerment Opportunities Presents

The 32nd Annual Spring Fling and Award Ceremony Disney and Superheroes

When: Thursday, May 1, 2025

Where: Zuccaro's Banquet Hall
46601 Gratiot Ave.
Chesterfield, MI 48051

Time: 6:00pm-10:00pm

Cost: \$15.00 per ticket

CEO does not staff this event. Dressing in Disney or Superhero 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!

5/7/25: Neon Day

5/14/25: Sports Day

5/21/25: Decades Day

5/28/25: Red, White and Blue 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 the Olmstead home for the awesome communication to ensure the health and safety of the persons served.

CEO Washington- Shout out to : Clinton River Home and Angel's Place Home for their amazing communication and friendly responses.

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 Christine and her staff for ensuring that her guy has great attendance. Christine 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: Please remember that if a Person Served is exhibiting ANY symptoms of illness, they should stay home until they are symptom free.

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: 5/23/25 Hot Dogs, BBQ with Baked beans, chips, fruit salad. Cost-\$3.00 due by 5/19/25.

Washington: Anyone dropping off/picking up, please wait your turn in line until you move up to door 2. CEO staff will assist signing them in at door 2. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

May Birthdays will be celebrated on 5/30/25 with a treat

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 May
Birthdays!

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

Karisha Nichols- 8 years
Christina Huber- 6 years
Jabria Billingslea- 1 year
Renee Kaiser- 1 year

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!!!!!!



Special thank you to all the volunteers that made Breakfast with the Easter Bunny at CEO Washington, possible and the sponsors that made this event a success.

- Lighthouse Coffee, Mt. Clemens, Nightingale Automotive, Shelby Twp., The Look, Hair Lashes and Brows Salon, Chesterfield, Calypo's Salon, Romeo, White Cedar Spa & Massage, Shelby Twp., Jarzyna Farms Fine Meats-Deli, Ray Twp., Vince & Joe's, Shelby Twp.

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:

- Jacob M. for working hard at Meals on Wheels and volunteering.
- Maria F. for always helping her peers during activities.
- Myles E. for working hard at 7-11.
- Matt H. for always helping staff gather supplies for outings and making sure things are picked up and cleaned.

Clinton Twp:

- Timothy H.- Welcome to CEO and great job making new friends!
- Becky K.- Congratulations on increasing your days here at CEO!
- Lisa W.- Congratulations on increasing your days here at CEO!
- Kathy K.- Awesome job being so polite and kind to others.

Pontiac:

- Erik F. for being so helpful to peers and staff on a daily basis and having amazing patience.
- Jasmine W. for being helpful and considerate of others.

Washington:

- Danton P.- Best Announcer
- Samuel P.- Friendliest Volunteer
- Jessica P.- Best Prankster
- Lisa R.- Best Taste Tester

Westland:

- Tommy S. for having a positive week.
- Tynesha for helping keep the building clean.
- Kelly for being a classroom helper.
- Danny for keeping the hallway clear.



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



Recognizing a Scam

Are you able to spot the signs of a scam when you see them?

Scammers are creative, coming up with new and more effective ways to trick you into handing over money or personal information. Arming yourself with knowledge about their current tactics is the best way to make sure you don't get scammed.

Most scams have common characteristics. By equipping yourself with the tools to recognize a scam, you can be alert to their key features and avoid becoming a victim.

SIGNS IT'S A SCAM - You are:

1. Contacted out of the blue with an urgent request.
2. Pressured to act or respond immediately
3. Offered something that sounds suspicious:
 - o Winnings from contests you have never entered
 - o Prizes you must pay to receive
 - o Inheritance from alleged long-lost relatives
4. Urged to keep the call secret.
5. Asked to provide personal or financial information.
6. Requested or demanded to:
 - o Update your account information
 - o Provide financial information
 - o Confirm your identity and who you are
7. Asked for money.
8. Asked for payment in an unusual form:
 - o Wire transfer (Western Union or MoneyGram)
 - o Prepaid debit cards, gift cards, or store cards - with a request to read the numbers on the card
 - o Pay Apps (Venmo, Zell, Google Pay, Apple Pay, PayPal, etc.)
9. Told to go to your financial institution to withdraw money and instructed to put your phone in your pocket while they remain on the line. They may also instruct you on what to say to the staff at your financial institution.
10. Told you have won or inherited a large sum of money, then instructed to pay an up-front fee to collect on the windfall. They claim the fee is to cover the cost of processing or shipping or to pay taxes on the winnings.
11. Given vague information regarding the purpose of the call and/or caller is reluctant to answer questions about the business or their offer.
12. Threatened if you don't comply.
13. Promised something too good to be true.

Creative Empowerment Opportunities will be hosting its 4th Annual Summer Day Camp for all CEO Persons Served, coming soon..... Persons Served will participate in educational, exciting and hands on lessons in a beautiful outdoor setting. Watch for more information to come!!!



CEO Pontiac will be hosting a Community Kickball Club, with other CEO locations at Aaron Perry Park, every Thursday, starting June 5, 2025-August 28, 2025, 11am-1pm.

