

The Peoples Press

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Newsletter



“Making lives better tomorrow by what is done today.” **Honks!**

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-Samantha B.

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for having great communication to smooth out client issues. - Samantha B.

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Julia Guiliams for attending a PCSP and giving good feedback and goal
ideas. -Kara L.

Baylee Ruffcorn for attending a client appointment and advocating for the
client. -Bre R.

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Honks!

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Isaiah M.

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Becky H.

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member. -Becky H.

Rodneya Miller-Carter

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Client



David C.

Since 2013, David has been a familiar face at Ameriserve, weaving his unique personality and experiences into the fabric of the community. A man of diverse passions, David's love for music, television shows, and his unwavering memory for the names of musicians and actors has left an indelible mark on those around him.

Beyond his work, David's true passion lies in the realm of entertainment. As an aficionado of music, his knowledge spans genres, and cultures. From classic rock to contemporary pop, David's ability to recall the names of musicians, their discographies, and even obscure trivia never fails to impress. His presence at Ameriserve is often accompanied by the melodic strains of his favorite tunes, providing a soundtrack to the day's activities and conversations.

In addition to his musical prowess, David possesses an encyclopedic knowledge of television shows and movies. He delights in discussing plot twists, character arcs, and behind-the-scenes anecdotes with anyone willing to engage in lively banter. For David, these cultural touchstones serve as windows into different worlds, sparking imagination and fostering connections with others who share his passion.

Yet, amidst his love for music and television, David's true joy lies in the simple pleasures of community and companionship. He finds solace in spending time at the local library, immersing himself in games and articles on the computer that expand his horizons and deepen his understanding of the world. Equally fulfilling are his interactions with peers at Ameriserve, where shared interests and mutual respect form the bedrock of meaningful relationships.

David's journey serves as a reminder that richness of life is not measured solely by material wealth or societal status, but by the depth of one's passions, the strength of one's connections, and the resilience of one's spirit. In a world often preoccupied with superficialities, David stands as a beacon of authenticity. His multifaceted interests and unwavering commitment to community embody the true essence of what it means to live a fulfilling life. David reminds us all to embrace our passions, cherish our connections, and find joy in the everyday moments that make life worth living.

Spotlight

Power of Proof

Jairret B.

Jairret's journey stands as a testament to the remarkable transformation that unfolds when one passionately pursues one's interests and diligently works towards their goals. Recently, Jairret has discovered a newfound passion for cooking, approaching it with a fresh perspective centered on health and wellness. Through consistent practice and exploration, he has honed his culinary skills, delighting in creating delectable dishes. Beyond the confines of the kitchen, Jairret selflessly dedicates his time to volunteering at Habitat for Humanity Restore, where he actively contributes to the organization's operations and upkeep. His hands-on involvement exemplifies his unwavering commitment to giving back to the community, deriving immense satisfaction from the meaningful impact of his efforts.

However, Jairret's pursuit of a fulfilling life extends far beyond his culinary and charitable endeavors. He recognizes the significance of maintaining a balanced and healthy lifestyle, both physically and mentally. Thus, he prioritizes regular exercise to sustain vitality and sharpen focus, whether through gym sessions or serene nature walks. In embodying values such as dedication, generosity, and resilience, Jairret's story serves as a reminder for us all to pause, reflect, and prioritize the aspects of life that truly resonate with our core values. His journey inspires us to not only pursue our dreams but also to actively contribute to positive change in the world.

As we navigate our individual paths, let us draw inspiration from the remarkable example set forth by individuals like Jairret. Through purpose-driven living, let us savor each step of the journey and strive to make a meaningful impact along the way



Power of Proof

Richard B.

Richard has made remarkable strides since his arrival from GRC. He has acquired the skill of communication and delights in engaging in conversation. Additionally, Richard finds joy in dancing, singing, and even greeting passersby from his spot on the front porch. Although he may occasionally playfully act as if he's ready for a friendly scuffle, Richard's true role is that of a jovial host, spreading cheer by serenading everyone with renditions of "Happy Birthday."



Furthermore, he has taken on responsibilities around the house, ensuring tidiness by picking up items from the floor and even taking pleasure in waking up his roommate each morning. Richard also relishes the opportunity to embark on rides, and his social circle has expanded to include a neighbor who frequently drops by for a visit, adding to his enjoyment of community interaction.

Client Birthdays

Gabriel E. Garold H.
Michael F. James N.
Robert F. Vanessa N.
Bruce H. Shelby S.

Its time to celebrate!
These individuals have birthdays
in April!



Team Member Creativity

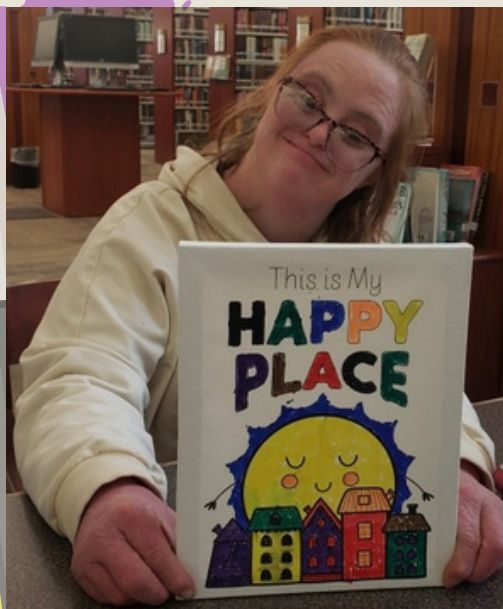


Shae Ruger



Rhonda Baldwin

Client Creativity



Amanda C.



Sydney T.



Corey W.



Steven H.

Spring Dance

The Spring Dance Party at the Grass Wagon was a resounding success! Attendees showcased fantastic dance moves as they grooved to the beats curated by DJ Gnome McGrone. With snow cones and popcorn to enjoy, the event provided a delightful opportunity for everyone to come together once more. We eagerly anticipate our next quarterly celebration!



Welcome!

We would like to extend a warm welcome to all the new team members who have joined our team!

Ryleigh Brass
Mamadi Diero
Margerita Etta
Katerra Hamilton
Jackeline Interiano
Ainsley Irwin
Alysa Knapp
Nyaguah Koat

Caitlyn Kush
Larry Libby
Annalisa McGinn
Jennifer Payne
Elizabeth Peek
Haylee Sales
Ryleigh Smith
Lorie Wilcoxson



Team Member SPOTLIGHT

We are delighted to shine the spotlight on Dennis Stolz for the month of April. Dennis has been an integral part of the AmeriServe family since December of 2006, demonstrating unwavering dedication and commitment throughout his tenure. Dennis commenced his journey with us in the residential program, swiftly ascending to the role of house lead through his exemplary work ethic and passion for serving our clients. Transitioning to the hourly program in 2012, Dennis exhibited exceptional versatility by effectively catering to the diverse needs and personalities of our clientele. Currently serving as a house lead within the lead on program since January of 2017, Dennis continues to set a high standard of care and professionalism. His proactive approach ensures that our clients receive comprehensive support, from attending appointments to engaging in enriching activities and outings. Moreover, Dennis is deeply committed to fulfilling the daily needs of our clients, fostering an environment conducive to their growth and well-being.



Dennis Stolz

Outside of his professional endeavors, Dennis is a devoted pet parent to two dogs, Alex, and Luke. He cherishes quality time with his family and recently celebrated the joyous occasion of becoming an uncle to a beautiful baby boy. Dennis finds solace in the pages of mystery novels and enjoys immersing himself in the intrigue of mystery and horror films. Notably, Dennis's personal milestones mirror his professional achievements, as he purchased his home in conjunction with joining the AmeriServe family—a testament to his determination and ambition. Dennis's unwavering positivity and willingness to go above and beyond for our clients are truly commendable. His adept coaching abilities have facilitated the progress of countless individuals towards an independent lifestyle, underscoring his profound impact within our organization. In recognition of his outstanding contributions and steadfast dedication, we extend our heartfelt gratitude to Dennis Stolz. He embodies the values of AmeriServe and continues to inspire us all with his remarkable commitment to excellence. Congratulations, Dennis, on being selected as April's Team Member Spotlight.

Office Spotlight

Isaiah, also known as “DJ Gnome McGrone,” has exemplified remarkable teamwork skills by volunteering to DJ at our recent quarterly Spring Dance. Having been a valued member of AmeriServe for two years, Isaiah has significantly contributed to both the Lead-on Program and the Culture Task Force. His presence consistently exudes positivity and good vibes, elevating the atmosphere of any task he undertakes.



For the Spring Fling Dance, Isaiah went above and beyond, investing numerous hours to curate a diverse selection of songs spanning various music genres to cater to our clients' preferences. Throughout the day, Isaiah not only kept the crowd engaged but also ensured that their dancing shoes remained firmly on. He graciously accommodated song requests and spread positivity to all attendees, making the party an unforgettable experience. We extend our heartfelt gratitude to Isaiah for his unwavering willingness and dedication in making the dance a resounding success. Thank you for your contributions, Isaiah!

ASI Birthdays!

April 2nd: Stephanie Cox and Jessica O'Neal

April 8th: Hannah Evers and Arbay Unle

April 11th: Garrett Little Bear and Cheryl Musselman

April 15th: Kaleb Hansen

April 16th: Michael Graham

April 22nd: Andrenika Teel

April 26th: Alexandra McClelland

April 29th: Courtney Carmichael

April 30th: Alexandria Peterson

ASI Anniversaries!

•Rebecca Hargens 04/09/2015 (9 years)

•Rochelle Seaman 04/17/2015 (9 years)

•Alexandria Peterson 04/06/2020 (4 years)

•Jeff Manzer 04/01/2021 (3 years)

•Tree're Edwards 04/27/2021 (3 years)

•Jami Bruce 04/08/2022 (2 years)

•Lacey Greiner 04/11/2022 (2 years)

•Darrin Haynes 04/14/2023 (1 year)

•Azia DeCenzo 04/18/2023 (1 year)

•Mashia Reed 04/25/2023 (1 year)

Goal Achievements

Becky Hargens went to South Padre Island!

Michaela Davis got a new car!

Dawn Wilson got a new car!

Donald Blakeman went to the Kansas City Comic Con!

Dennis Stolz bought a new car!

Samantha Baldwin bought a new car!

Upcoming Events and Holidays:

April 4th
Walk the Bluffs
Meet at Cochran Park
11:30am-12:30pm

April 11th
Walk the Bluffs
Meet at Tom Hanafan Rivers Edge
11:30am-12:30pm

April 12th
Blue and Green Day Celebration
Riverfront
6pm-8pm

April 13th
Family Fun Fair
Charles E Lakin Human Services Campas
12pm

April 14th
Nebraska Reptile Breeder Expo
La Vista Convention Center
7:30am-4pm

April 18th
Walk the Bluffs
Meet at Lake Manawa Trail
11:30am-12:30pm

April 20th
Omaha Oddities and Art Expo
The Admiral Theater
10am-7pm

April 20th
Omaha Czech/Slovak Cultural Club
Festival
St. Nicholas Community Center
12pm-430pm

April 27th
Crescent Farmers Market
517 E Welch St Crescent Iowa
9am-1pm

April 27th
TJ Spring Craft Fair
TJ High School
9am-3pm

April 27th
Doggy Barket
Dewey Park
11am

April 28th
Walk the Bluffs
Meet at Bomgaars
11:30am-12:30pm

April 28th
Spring Plant Sale
334 Glen Ave
9am-3pm

April 30th
AL vs TJ Soccer
Gale Wickersham Complex
5:30pm

Bingo Nights
Goldmine Bar
Thursdays at 6pm
Saturdays @ 1pm



Continuing Education

Did you know that April is our designated month for annually required training? It's that time of the year again when we delve deep into essential topics vital for our daily operations. This April, our focus is on Rights Restrictions and Confidentiality. Annual training sessions serve as invaluable opportunities to refresh our knowledge of critical subjects crucial to our roles.

Throughout the month, we'll engage in comprehensive discussions, participate in group activities, and explore various aspects of Rights Restrictions and Confidentiality. Let us seize the opportunity to reinforce our knowledge, sharpen our skills, and reaffirm our dedication to excellence. Together, we will navigate the intricacies of rights restrictions and confidentiality with confidence and integrity, ensuring that we continue to uphold the highest standards of professionalism in all our endeavors.



Is there a topic you would like to see offered? Please email suggestions to Briana Travis at btravis@ameriserveintl.com, Isaiah McGrone at imcgrone@ameriserveintl.com, or Becky Hargens at bhargens@ameriserveintl.com

ASI Cookbook Recipe of the Month!

Pan Fried Cinnamon Bananas

Ingredients:

- 2 Bananas cut into 1/2-inch pieces.
- 1/2 tsp cinnamon.
- 1 tbs butter.
- 2 tbs raw honey or regular honey.



Directions:

- 1.) Combine the cinnamon, butter, and honey in a frying pan over medium high heat until melted and combined.
- 2.) Add the banana slices and cook 4 minutes until the bottoms start to caramelize and turn golden brown. Adjust the temperature and cooking time as needed so that they don't burn.
- Flip all the banana pieces and cook for another 4 minutes until the other side is golden brown.

End up making the recipe of the month? Send pictures of everyone creating the recipe to bhargens@ameriserveintl.com to be featured in the next newsletter edition!

