

RELAY FOR EMPLOYMENT



Expect. Employ. Empower.
Johnson County Sheltered Workshop

Saturday, October 25th, 2014

9 AM to 11 AM

Warrensburg Middle School Track

The Johnson County Board of Services Foundation is hosting a community event and fundraiser. The event's proceeds will be used for employment services. Participants can register as either individuals or pairs. Individuals/pairs from the community will be placed on teams and participate alongside individuals served by the Board of Services to complete laps around the Warrensburg Middle School Track. There will be an element of competition, but the primary goal is to create a fun and informative experience for all participants.

- ⇒ Pre-Registration Cost (per individual): \$15
- ⇒ Registration Cost (day of event): \$20
- ⇒ Registration: 9:00-9:45 AM
- ⇒ Relays: 9:45-10:30 AM
- ⇒ Recognition: 10:30-11:00 AM

For more information, visit www.jcbs.com or call 660-747-2619. You can also register online for the event at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/relay-for-employment-tickets-12604086161>



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Director's Corner

October 1st is my one year anniversary as director of JCBS. It has been an eventful year with many successes. In this letter, I would like to expand on Goal 3 of the strategic plan which has two elements:

- Increase Sheltered Workshop income to reduce county subsidy
- Develop a system for job discovery, job preparation and employment in addition to the Workshop

Sheltered Workshop: As of August, income has increased enough to allow the Workshop to cover the significant increases in the insurance cost we experienced last December. I am pleased with the performance of the JCSW team in their efforts of increasing revenue. We will continue to work on reducing subsidy.

You can take two actions to help the Workshop income. The thrift store and recycling center can always use what individuals can bring. Please participate and encourage your neighbors and friends.

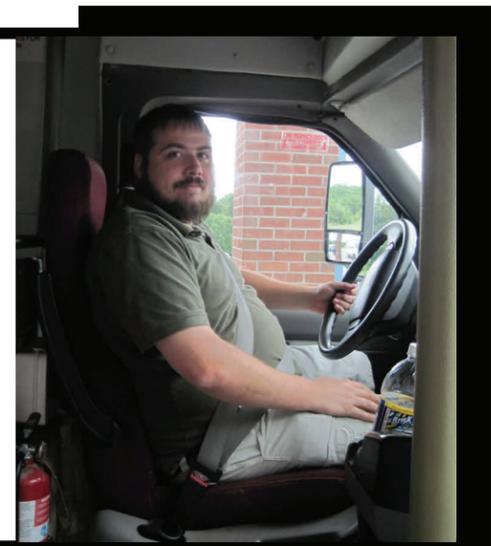
JCBS passed the criteria to provide job discovery, job preparation and employment under our contract with the Dept. of Mental Health. This is exciting - it will help us expand employment services in addition to Workshop which operates under guidelines from the Dept. of Elementary and Secondary Education.

We are currently defining what Employment Services look like. It is my goal that JCBS builds a broad program that works with an individual to identify an interest then build a job preparation plan that not only targets the person's interest but also identifies other areas of need. These other areas may include proper work place attire, attendance and punctuality and completing tasks.

The agency team has accomplished much this past year, and I look forward to continuing to help the JCSW/JCBS team grow and adapt the services we provide to meet the needs of the community.

Perks of Being a Bus Driver – Leroy Whelehon

- 1) Getting to see new people every day
- 2) Interaction with the riders and fun with the radio
- 3) The view of Johnson County is different every day
- 4) Feeling like being a part of something bigger than yourself
- 5) Team work - everyone working together to achieve the same goal



WHAT'S HAPPENING:

- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month
- NEW - Sunday brunch from 10am-2pm at the Cafe
- October 15th - Skills Center Ribbon Cutting in JCSW, 10:00am
- October 24th - Halloween Dance at Elks Lodge, 6:00pm-9:00pm
- October 25th - JCBS/JCSW "Relay for Employment," 9:00am-11:00am
- November 8th - Special Olympics Bowling Tournament
- November 27th and 28th - Office closed for Thanksgiving holiday



Paige, an employee at the Ridgeview Café, is a fan of The Food Network. She has these tips for keeping food fresh and tasty:

- Put lemons (whole or cut) in plastic baggies
- For cut salad waiting to be served, put a moist paper towel on top
- For whole bananas, put a small amount of plastic wrap around the top stem area

Meet the Targeted Case Management Team

TCM currently serves 219 individuals. Our team assists individuals determined eligible for services from the MO Division of Developmental Disabilities. Case managers are professionals who are trained in the field of mental health and/or closely related fields who assists the eligible person and his/her family to identify, locate, coordinate and monitor services that meet the individual's distinct needs.

Angela previously worked at the JCBS group homes from February 2013 – May 2014. She left JCBS in May to finish her Bachelors in Social Work and returned in August 2014 to join the Case Management team.



Angela Dickey



Katy Carter, TCM Lead

Katy has been providing case management services for 5 years and started with JCBS in October 2013. She moved to the area from Mississippi in 2010 to be near her sister, brother-in-law, and nephew.

Krystal recently joined JCBS and was a case worker for the Dept. of Social Services for 18 years. She has two children, is a project leader for the Chilhowee Indians 4H club and is active in her church.



Krystal Green



Lauron Haney

Lauron started with JCBS in January 2014. She says it has been a wonderful experience. When she is not at work, she is usually busy taking classes for her master's degree or spending time at home with her husband and pets.



Katherine Norris

Katherine has been with JCBS since January 2014. She has a B.S. in Psychology from the University of Central Missouri and a M.A. in Rehabilitation Counseling from the Univ. of Arkansas at Little Rock.

Wendy has been providing case management services for individuals with developmental disabilities for 3 years. She started with JCBS in April 2014. She has a B.S. in Sociology from Kansas State University.



Wendy Sutton

Mylissa has been with JCBS since July 2014 as the TCM Assistant. When she is not at work, she enjoys spending time with her family at the lake.



Mylissa Jennings



Johnson County Sheltered Workshop

News from the Workshop

September 2014

We like to stay busy and these past few months have kept us on our toes!

Work Expansion for the Enclave

Throughout the summer, workshop employees and staff mowed and trimmed the four JCBS properties: main JCBS office on Devasher Rd., workshop grounds, and yards of the two group homes. The Crew also did some trimming around the Rolling Ridge sign in town.

Recently, the Crew took on a new, larger challenge: cleaning and light maintenance for four J.W. Franklin Properties locations in Warrensburg: NorthPark, WestView, and Santa Fe shopping centers, and the parking lot of City Centre Suites (office of J.W. Franklin Properties). Jerry Franklin is a longtime supporter of programs for people with developmental disabilities (including Wonderland Camp) and thought of the workshop for the cleaning and maintenance job. The workshop employees are thrilled to

work in the community. Big shout out to Keri Morrissey for leading the charge in getting the Enclave up and running!

Six months perfect attendance

We're always proud to brag on our employees who have great attendance - congratulations to Shaun Duncan, Kathy Rogers, and Jesse Holcomb for six months in a row perfect attendance! They were treated to lunch of their choice, so Production Supervisor Vicki Coulter and Recycling Supervisor Tony Barman took them to Dairy Queen to show our appreciation.



Shaun, Kathy and Jesse

Flying Flags

We're pretty proud of the work we did with the Warrensburg Chamber of Commerce and UCM to help "Paint the Town Red" before the first football game of the season on Sept. 11. Using our

sewing abilities, we put together red and black flags. The project took more time and effort than originally planned so several community volunteers, including some highly talented ladies from Northside Christian Church, and JCBS staff's friends and family members, did the majority of the sewing. Workshop employees cut the fabric into pieces, including keeping fabric steady and using dressmaker's chalk and a yardstick to draw straight lines for cutting. Now we know how far in advance we need to plan, and the specific skills to teach. Plus, we made some income for the workshop and helped the community celebrate school spirit!

Employment Services Staffing

Last but certainly not least, the workshop welcomed Keri Morrissey as she transitions into her position in Employment Services with Suzy Latare. Keri's office is in the Skills Center at the workshop, a perfect fit as that area is all about employment and skills development.

Stop by the workshop any time to see what we're up to!

EMPLOYEE OF THE QUARTER



Please meet our Employee of the Quarter, Ben Cameron. He is the Thrift Store Supervisor and has worked for JCSW for just over a year. His favorite things about working for JCSW is encouraging community involvement with the employees and urging employees to aspire to do what society tells them they are not able to do. When not at work, Ben enjoys spending his time reading and people watching. In ten years, he sees himself farming. In closing, his favorite quote is, "By judging others we blind ourselves to our own evil and to the grace which others are just as entitled to as we are." (Dietrich Bonhoeffer)