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Official Newsletter of Community Living Options



Best Wishes to Tim, goodbye after almost 30 years.



FOR ALMOST 30 YEARS, TIM VAN DYK HAS WORKED FOR COMMUNITY LIVING OPTIONS. FIRST AS A DIRECT SUPPORT PROFESSIONAL AT THE DARMO HOME, THEN AS THE SUPERVISOR AT THE PORTAGE ROAD HOME, THEN OPENING AND RUNNING TRANSITIONS IN 2015, AND FINALLY LEADING TEAM 2 AS THE PROGRAM DIRECTOR SINCE 2019.

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Best Wishes to Tim Van Dyk Cont.



Best Wishes!

A future so bright, you'll need sunglasses!

TIM RECENTLY JOINED ANOTHER NON-PROFIT IN A ROLE WE ARE SURE HE'LL SUCCEED AT! WE CELEBRATE WITH HIM ON HIS BRIGHT FUTURE AHEAD, EVEN AS WE FIND OURSELVES MISSING HIS EXPERTISE, HUMOR, AND CONNECTION! HERE'S TO YOU TIM! STEALING FROM HIS OWN WORDS, WE WOULD LIKE TO SAY, "THANKS, TIM, FOR BEING A GOOD HUMAN FOR HUMANS WHO NEED GOODNESS!"



Staff Highlights

July Birthdays

GABBY ANDERSON-4TH FI SPALVIERI-5TH TAMIKA THOMPSON 5TH MARTHA ANDERSON-13TH NIKKI SMITH- 18TH BETHANY GAINEY-17TH GAIL GRANVILLE-21ST CAROLYN WILSON-23RD AZEEZAT SARUMI-25TH MOLLI KORNAK-25TH SOULEYMANE ILLA-29TH CRISSY BLOOD-31ST



Welcome New Hires

FREDREA PACE

Anniversaries

1 YEAR Kaylin Slavings

3 YEARS Kristin Bauer Harrison Osborn

> 6 YEARS Mark gernaat

7 YEARS EMILY DURKIN

9 YEARS Amber Schmidt Crissy blood

18 YEARS CELEAH ELLIS

30 YEARS

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Staff Feature



About Bernard:

- Hobbies: A musician--the piano, guitar-bass, electric, acoustic, the drums; my 6-month old grandson
- What brings him Joy: My family. I've always been a family man.
- Strengths: communication, and very detailed
- What he hopes to Accomplish at CLO: Great people take organizations to the next level. I want to keep moving forward and learn as much as I need to learn to get to the next level.

About Kristin:

- **Hobbies:** crafting, making jewelry, spending time with my family
- What brings her Joy: my family, seeing people succeed, having people around me be happy
- **Strengths:** oI can get along with anybody and can usually stay level-headed through any situation
- What she hopes to Accomplish at CLO: build more relationships with staff and residents; doing more activities with the residents



Coffee with a Cop at Alcott

Portage Public Safety Officer came to visit Alcott, have some breakfast, and chat with the participants and staff



Family Style dinner at

Portage!

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Making friends and walking

at the Celery Flats!

Celebrations



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Happenings Around CLO





Participants and staff helped plant donated flowers from Wenke Greenhouses into new planters at the Alcott Center!

David and Chip from the Darmo Home were able to have a tour of Station 6 courtesy of Lt. Tim and his crew! Thanks Kalamazoo Public Safety!





Community Living Options would like to remind all team members of the importance of protecting our consumers' information. The Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) is a policy that limits how we can store, share, and access consumers Protected Healthcare Information (PHI).





Protected Healthcare Information



To protect our consumers, CLO staff should always:

- 1. Use encrypted emails when discussing consumers with external partners.
- 2. Always use the least amount of information possible to identify consumers (such as only using initials, not full names).
- 3. Never send or post photos of our consumers without a proper release in place.
- 4. Never discuss consumer information with anyone who is not authorized.

As a staff person with CLO, you have access to some of your consumers' PHI and it is your responsibility to protect it. We are continually evaluating the best practices of how to protect this information and expect to have new changes to our policies and procedures to be coming soon.





HAVE ANY QUESTIONS, YOU SHOULD CONTACT YOUR HIPAA PRIVACY AND SECURITY OFFICER, ABBY FINN EXT. 7210, FOR ASSISTANCE.

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WE ASSIST INDIVIDUALS IN ACHIEVING THEIR LIFE GOALS BY BUILDING RELATIONSHIPS THROUGH QUALITY SERVICES IN SUPPORTIVE ENVIRONMENTS.

OUR VISION OUR VISION IS TO ENHANCE THE QUALITY AND SCOPE OF OUR SERVICES THROUGH INTEGRATED AND COORDINATED CARE.

NEXT BOARD MEETING AUGUST 23RD



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