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Welcome to New Dawn's Life Styles newsletter

In this issue we have pictures of consumers mini-golfing, fair projects, end-of-summer picnic, and a look at one of our newest consumers. We continue learning, improving and provide training and tools to our staff for the betterment of the individuals we serve. **THEY** are our **MAIN** priority. Kristin Tonsager

2nd



George D.—2nd Place

Latch Hook project

George D from Johnson Lane entered his latch hook art into the Nobles County Fair and placed 2nd in his division.

This latch hook took many hours to complete. But for George it was fun and effortless. He has won several ribbons over the years for his art work. Congratulations George on a 2nd Place win at the 2015 Nobles County Fair.

We look forward to seeing what you do next year!



Above: Duane B and Matt B playing mini-golf in Spirit Lake, Iowa in Aug. 2016.

Right: Duane and Matt pose with the local scarecrow while taking a break from golfing.

MINI-GOLF



Each year the staff at Burlington have been bringing Duane B and Matt B golfing in Spirit Lake, IA. They love the outing and enjoy hitting the golf ball around the fabulous course, hoping for a hole-in-1. Here is some pictures from their outing this year. Thanks to NDI's assistant supervisor Jo Erwin for arranging this outing again this year. Thanks Jo!



New Dawn's

Quality Improvement Plan

Staff that have completed all documentation are eligible for a \$25.00 gift card. 1 gift card per house per quarter is given out. The Goal is to increase the number of staff completing all documentation per quarter.

3rd Quarter Winners

Christine Hurley—Clary Street

----- Sara Joens—Johnson Lane

----- Julie Christensen— N Douglas

----- Angie Nelson-Linda Lane

----- Phil Willardson-Linda Lane

----- Troy Nasers— Linda Lane

well done!



Meet Jeremiah T.

Meet Jeremiah T. Jeremiah is a long-time Worthington resident and moved into New Dawn on July 5, 2016. He was living at home with his parents until making the decision to move. He started working at Hope Haven in early Sept. and works in the contracts dept. Here is a few things he enjoys doing in his free time.

Hobbies: Draw & sketch, shoot hoops, listen to oldies music, watch football, work on cars with his dad, ride bike and loves the game Candy Land.

Favorite Foods: Waffles and Pizza

Favorite Music Group: Twista (American Gangster)

Favorite Video: Thriller by Michael Jackson

Favorite Movie: Ghostbusters

Below: Jeremiah sketched this drawing about a month ago, and decided to hang it up on the front door of Clary. It is visible from the street and shows passer byers that we have a flare for fall.



NDI Houses Dorathea and Summit enjoyed a 2nd Annual End-of-Summer picnic on Aug. 31, 2016. They used the park on 1st Ave. in Wgtn to eat and had fun on the slide and merry-go-round. The smiles show that everyone had a good time. Thanks to the staff and Patsy for putting this picnic together for these great individuals.



After the picnic, Summit enjoyed a bonfire in the driveway, and even made S'mores to eat. Thanks Summit staff for making this happen for your guys.....an evening they won't forget! Thanks to Jay Jensen for letting the guys use his firepit to make S'mores.



PICNIC IN THE PARK!



Lloyd Berger and Jo Erwin organized a summer picnic at Granite Falls, MN in Aug. This is a yearly picnic enjoyed by everyone. Matt enjoys the van rides and the time spent with his dad. We can't forget about the picnic lunch as Matt and Duane love the meals Jo cooks for them. Matt took the day off of work for the picnic with his dad Lloyd. Matt says "I love you Dad"



House mates,
5 buddies
& friends



Burlington went up to Mankato for the MN Vikings Training Camp in August. The watched the guys practice on the field taking pictures of practice drills, then walked around participating in a football throw and a corn hole game. All three guys had a great day at the MN Viking Training Camp in Mankato, MN.

Right: Eric S throwing a football

Below: Jason P throwing a football



Above: Duane B
Left: Eric S and Jason P



LtoR: Eric S, Duane B & Jason P



New Dawn — 4 Fulda Houses



304 Roy Ave. - Fulda,



718 Lloyd Lane—Fulda, MN



407 3rd Street—Fulda, MN



310 8th Street—Fulda,

New Dawn has 4 homes in Fulda, MN which are located in several neighborhoods. Lloyd Lane is located on the Fulda Lake. These homes are beautiful and give our individuals the best New Dawn has to offer. We take pride in our homes and make necessary improvements when needed to best serve our individuals. Giving our individuals the QUALITY of life they deserve.

RENOVATIONS

Johnson Lane—Worthington

Driving by Johnson Lane this summer people noticed some home improvements taking place.

The house had gray siding when NDI purchased it back in 2004, and was showing signs of age and in need of replacement. NDI decided to replace the siding and the soffits. The top picture on the right shows some new siding on the end of the house, and the bottom picture shows Johnson Lane with siding all completed.

A new deck will be constructed in the back yard for the individuals to enjoy.

A great improvement for the individuals NDI serves.



NDI Staff Testimonials

We asked four NDI employees to share their work experiences, memories and why they chose to stay working at one job for so many years. Here are the responses from 4 long-time New Dawn staff.

Sheena Eidhammer, NDI nurse and former supervisor of Hillcrest.
Employed with for 14 years.

What makes you want to stay with NDI? NDI has always been a home like atmosphere and always goes above to do things for the individuals we serve. Whether it be activities, medical, personal needs or even end of life.

Why did you choose to work at NDI? It actually just made sense for me back then as I was also attending college so I started off working overnights (sleep) and would go to school during the days. It was PERFECT!

Tell us one of your most memorable memories you have from working at NDI? Oh....I have many! Some funny, some just good times, others not so grand, but the ones that stick out the most are ones that involve hard times/bad days. Our individuals will come up to me and say something so SPECIAL, that I forget why I am having a bad day. How they can make me smile or laugh and not even know all the work that is required. How precious a smile is.

Stacy Grube, NDI Designated Coordinator at N. Douglas & Johnson Lane, Wgtn.
Employed with for 20 years.

What has made you stay working at NDI for 20 years? So many things, the people we serve, the staff that work at New Dawn, my co-workers, our past and current leadership. And, New Dawn has given me the opportunity to make this a career that is challenging and rewarding all at the same time.

Tell me what your experience has been with NDI? I started in March 1996 and was hired as a Direct Support staff. At that time there were the 4 houses in Fulda and 2 houses in Worthington. As New Dawn, Inc. grew, I was given the chance to become a Program Supervisor in 1998. New Dawn has continued to grow and provide services to more and more people and provide jobs to many caring people. It's been interesting and exciting to see the growth over the years.

Why did you choose to work at NDI? I started working in this field when I was 16 and then chose to go to college for Human Services. When I first applied at New Dawn, I was interested in working with persons who had higher abilities than the people I had worked with in the past.

NDI Staff Testimonials

Julie Worden, DSP at Roy Ave. in Fulda. Employed for 39 years.

Tell us one of your most memorable memories you have from working at NDI? My most memorable memory working at New Dawn was when we moved from the ICF-MR to individual houses and seeing the growth in the consumers because of the changes.

What has made you stay working at NDI for 39 years? I've enjoyed working with the consumers on a 1-1 basis and getting to know them individually as to their needs, wants and likes. Another memory is when we have family events, medical appointments, vacations we are able to have time off with the help of the other staff members. Everyone working together.

Tell me what your experience has been at NDI? There has been many changes over the years and I still enjoy working at New Dawn. Spending time with the consumers (often a "Hello" as soon as you walk in the door") and still talk about the memories that were created. I'm still learning something new after all these years, and enjoy meeting the family members, new staff, etc.

Melissa Walton, DSP at Johnson Lane in Wgtn. Employed for 23 years.

Can you think of a word or phrase that best describes your relationship with NDI? The first word that comes to mind is "Dedicated". I value the work that NDI does and have enjoyed seeing its growth and success.

What makes you want to stay with NDI? There are so many reasons I want to stay with NDI. The people here feel like family, and I can't imagine leaving them.

What has made you stay working at NDI for 23 years? NDI offered me the opportunity to do work that I enjoyed doing, to build relationships with life long friends, and to earn the money I needed to support raising a family. I thank God for all the blessings I've had since I started working here. It has been a Joy!!!

Staff Anniversaries

Celebrating 39 Years

Julie Worden

Works at Roy Ave.

Thank You for being an essential part of our success

Celebrating 23 Years

Melissa Walton

Works at Johnson Lane

To a valuable member of the NDI Team

New Staff—

Welcome to New Dawn!

James Federico

Erik Ensrud

Victoria Sell

Santisouk Saysirisanh

Nathan White

Heather Oberloh –1yr.

Jackie Meier –1yr.

Emily Timmerman –1yr.

Gerald Simpson –1yr.

Brenda Schweigert –1yr.

Linda Thi Lo –2 yrs.

Sandra Like –2 yrs.

DeAnn Kirlin –3 yrs.

Angie Benavente –3 yrs.

Kristina Pineda –4 yrs.

Joshua Duerr –5 yrs.

Joseph Kinley-6 yrs.

Daniel Nelson –6 yrs.

Rebecca VanDerLinden –8 yrs.

Nancy Xanaxay –10 yrs.

Julie Christensen -14 yrs.

Sheena Eidhammer –14 yrs.

Becky Tuin –16 yrs.

Christine Hurley –18 yrs.

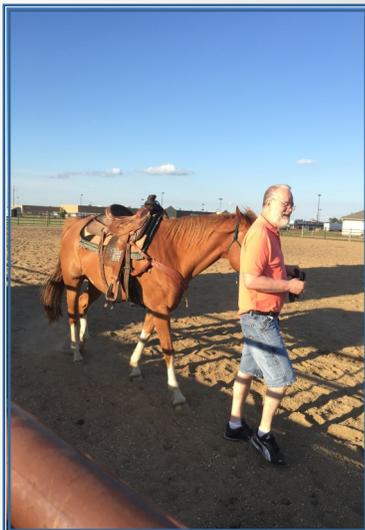
Sarah Joens—19 yrs.

*Thank for all you do—
each day you bring smiles to those
you serve.*

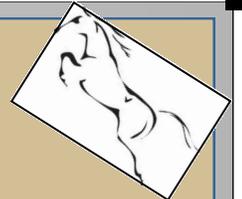
We're proud to have you
ON OUR TEAM
HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Steve J.

A Love for Horses



Steve has always enjoyed horses, and thanks to his friend Mike Wolf, from Adrian, his love for horses continues. Mike brings his horses into the fairgrounds arena and invites Steve to come out and do some riding. Steve feels like a true cowboy on days like this. Keep riding Steve!



Favorite View

Stacy Grube captured these beautiful pictures of the sun and railroad. Something we see everyday, but looking at these it makes you stop to appreciate their beauty.



Upcoming Events.....

October—National Breast Cancer Awareness Month—Wear PINK to support those family, friends or acquaintances who have battled cancer.

Oct. 29—NDI will be at Pioneer Village in the Big Barn—Come see us!

Oct. 31— Halloween - put on your fun, scary or silly costumes and take your picture with your loved ones.

Nov. 8 - Election Day—Go out and Vote!

Nov. 24—Happy Thanksgiving. Gives thanks for all you have.