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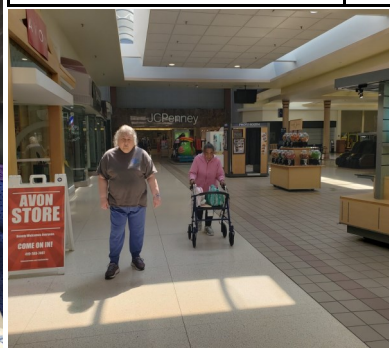
AUGUST 2023

Community and in-group events kept everyone busy during the month of July

July was a busy month at RNI! Several people visited the Ohio Bird Sanctuary, Kingwood Center Gardens, and Jeanie Beanie's Ice Cream truck visited our Mansfield locations. A great time was had making crafts and shopping at the Richland Mall. And of course lots of employment training continued, including Grayson watering the hanging baskets to keep Downtown Mansfield looking good!

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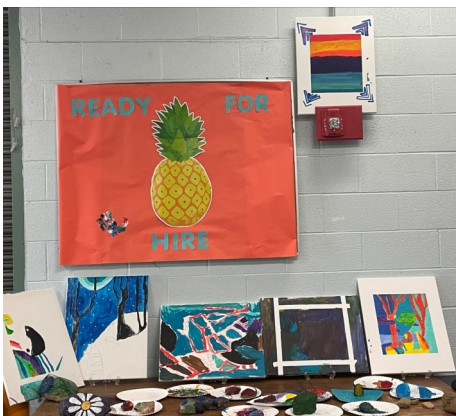


RNI, Inc. Community Employment Spotlights “Ready for Hire”



A beautiful weather forecast during lunch time was the perfect reason for the Ready for Hire group to head to downtown Mansfield's Central Park. The students started out by packing their own lunches for the trip. While preparing their lunches, a couple of students failed to listen to reminders to ensure they brought the appropriate utensils along for what they had selected to eat. We have all been there! This is a common lesson everyone learns, but usually it sticks in our memories when we have forgotten once or twice. They still had a filling lunch and then enjoyed playing the musical instruments in the park. The instruments are set up in one area and the Ready for Hire band really put on a show!

Element of Art was the perfect break from all the lessons the Ready for Hire group have been participating in. The students were all given the same sketch to put on their canvas, but then were asked to paint it anyway they wanted. The end result is their personal interpretation and use of colors! The entire group had an amazing time and Wenn was an awesome instructor. This afternoon was a perfect reminder that even when life gets busy, it is important to take time for having fun.



2-1-1 is a wealth of information. The Ready for Hire group spent a little bit of their time calling in and asking various questions. While speaking with the 2-1-1 operator, they learned about services available in Richland County. 2-1-1 is able to provide direction for assistance to residents with things like daily living needs, utility or financial assistance, food pantry locations, clothing closets, and help with housing.

While on the phone, one student wanted to share a joke with the operator.

Student: What do you call a pig that is out in this heat?

Operator: I have no idea.

Student: BACON!



AUGUST 2023 Employee Anniversaries

Michelle Briggs	08/28/2006	17	Years
Audrey Dugan	08/27/2007	16	Years
Jessica Daugherty	08/24/2016	7	Years
Matt Cole	08/06/2018	5	Years
Kennedy Cline	08/26/2019	4	Years
Jennifer Hord	08/26/2019	4	Years
Jennifer Holtz	08/10/2020	3	Years

***Congratulations
Michelle Briggs on
17 Years
and Audrey Dugan on
16 Years***

THANK YOU both for
your years of service!

Element of Art



Element of Art Studio/Gallery Updates

Element of Art is open to the public Monday-Friday 8:30am-3pm and every other Saturday from 10am-3pm. Classes with our contracted artists are currently in session. For sales orders or questions about our public programming, reach out to us on social media, give us a call at 419.522.2965, or email gyockey@rniinc.com.

Join us for our recurring events in August: EOA offers a variety of events throughout the month including Studio Saturdays (every other Saturday from 11am-2pm) and Art Happens (every 2nd and 4th Tuesday from 3-5pm through September).

Stop in and join us for our August events:

Cozy Creatures - August 17th from 4-6pm

Record Painting - August 31st from 4-6pm

Our Recurring Events/Classes are open to the public:

Mixed Media - (Every Monday) \$15

Acrylics & Watercolor - (Every Tuesday) \$15

Ceramics - (Every Wednesday) \$30 Must attend two classes (building & glazing).

Jewelry - (Every Thursday) \$15

Art 101 - (Every Friday) \$15

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Maggie Mazzei's hard work pays off with new car purchase



Congratulations to Maggie who has worked at Milark for a little over 18 years and is now sitting in her brand new 2023 Chevy Trailblazer. That smile pretty much says it all! Her hard work and dedication have paid off and she is very proud of her accomplishments. Maggie works at putting parts together for motorcycles that are shipped out to other places and she does a great job.

First Energy Foundation donates to RNI, Inc.

RNI, Inc. would like to thank Joe Jakubick from FirstEnergy Foundation, who stopped by RNI to present us with a donation. RNI, Inc. would like to say THANK YOU to the FirstEnergy Foundation for their continued generosity and support!



SYWE celebrated for their hard work at Kingwood

Summer Youth Work Experience (SYWE) celebrated with some special treats provided by Kingwood Center Gardens. Josh Steffen, Executive Director, stopped in to thank the group for all their hard work. Another special visitor, Mrs. Cleaver (his teacher at school) came in for a surprise to help one of the participants celebrate their 18th birthday. She treated them all to lunch from Arby's and cupcakes and candy for dessert. Everyone worked very hard over the last several weeks and always kept a smile on their face no matter what job they were doing, but their favorite job, by far, was cleaning the peacock playhouse. Thank for all your hard work and we wish you much success in the future!



RNI Bucks issued for the month of July



We would like to take a moment to THANK all of employees that received RNI BUCKS during the month of July '23:

Cassie Everhart was a great leader during a recent MERT call. She gave instructions and really held the whole situation together (nominated by Kennedy Cline)

Toni Dawson, Kathy Rhein, Tara Elliott, Kennedy Cline and Britni Smals for their amazing teamwork during the MERT call on Fri 7/7/2023 (nominated by Cassie Everhart)

RNI Safety TOPIC of the Month:

Preventing Slips, Trips & Falls

Clean all spills immediately. Mark spills and wet areas with warning signs and barricades.



Remove obstacles from walkways and always keep them free of clutter.



Cover cords and cables that cross walkways.



Keep working areas and walkways well lit. Replace burned-out light bulbs and faulty switches.



Secure mats, rugs, and carpets that do not lay flat by tacking or taping them down.



Spread grease-absorbent compound on oily surfaces.



Always close file cabinet or storage drawers.



Never carry or push loads that block your vision.



Cover all floor openings or protect them with guard rails.



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RNI, Inc. Team: Let's increase our presence on social media and increase our LIKES on Facebook. LIKE or FOLLOW or SHARE us on Facebook to invite your friends to LIKE us too. UPDATED 08/09/23; we are at:

City Garden Café is at 472 LIKES, can we get to 500 LIKES, 28 LIKES to go ??

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 1,914 LIKES, can we get 2000 LIKES, 86 LIKES to go ??

Richland Newhope Industries is at 2009 LIKES, can we get to 2500 LIKES, 491 LIKES to go ??

Trillium Event Center is at 966 FOLLOWS, can we get to 1000 FOLLOWS, 34 FOLLOWS to go ??

Help us increase our social media exposure by liking and sharing our four (4) Facebook pages. City Garden Café, Element of Art Studio/Gallery, Trillium Event Center and Richland Newhope Industries, Inc!



Chris receives CARE award from RCBDD



Congratulations to Chris Mitchell who recently received the CARE Award from the Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities. This award is given to someone who is a great advocate for themselves or others. His team is very proud of him, and the care that he gives to everyone he encounters.

Rose Neptune receives CARE award

Join RNI, Inc. in congratulating Rose Neptune on receiving the 2023 Direct Service CARE Award given annually by the Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities. Rose just recently retired from RNI, Inc. after over 31 years of service! This award is given to someone who is a great advocate for themselves, or others. When the Chatter asked how she is enjoying retired life, "She said its great, you should try it!" Congratulations Rose! RNI, Inc. is honored to have worked with you!! Pictured with Rose are her former co-workers, Patty on the left and Natalie on the right.

