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RNI, Inc. closes all facilities effective March 23rd

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March 19, 2020

We have made the difficult decision to suspend all services in the RNI, Inc. facilities effective Monday, March 23, 2020. Our last day providing day and vocational services will be tomorrow, Friday March 20, 2020. This decision will impact services provided in our 4th St., 995 and 971 Longview, Options, and Southern Ave. locations.

At this time, we will continue to support people, as needed, at their community job. We are individually looking at services provided outside of our facilities, including operation of EOA, and the City Garden Café, cleaning crews and group employment at Timken and Therm-o-disc. We will make decisions regarding continued operation of each of these on a daily basis.

In addition, we are receiving requests to provide waiver (HPC) supports to people due to the closure of facilities. We will be sending notification home with individuals today and we are making direct contact with families and providers of people that have been in attendance this week. If there is a need to continue services at someone's home, we will do our best to coordinate those services through RNI, Inc.

This has been a very difficult decision for us to make, but I am confident we are in a position to provide continued supports for those in need.

We are in the process of contacting families and providers, but if you have any questions please contact us at 419-774-4400.

Thank you.

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In a letter sent to all employees via email on Thursday March 19th, 2020, Executive Director Amanda South stated "that with much regret RNI, Inc. has made the decision to suspend services in all locations effective Monday March 23rd." This included all locations in Richland County and Crawford Counties. RNI, Inc. also closed the Element of Art Studio/Gallery, City Garden Cafe and Trillium Event Center. RNI will continue supporting people, as needed at their community jobs, transportation or at their homes. Thank you to all employees who have accepted their reassignments.

There will be no onsite activities at any of the RNI, Inc. locations.

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RNI, INC. CALENDAR OF EVENTS FOR APRIL 2020 (CANCELED)

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ELEMENT OF ART ATTENDS THE CATHOLIC CHARITIES RESOURCE FAIR AT THE RICHLAND MALL

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READING CLASS/GROUP STARTED AT RNI 4TH STREET LOCATION

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Element of Art attends Catholic Charities Resource Fair

Element of Art attended the 10th annual Consumer Resource Fair. Catholic Charities were promoting consumer education during National Consumer Protection Week - know your rights and avoid scams. The event offered information on identity fraud/scams, money management, credit protection/scores and much more. The event was held March 7th at the Richland Mall from 11 am - 2pm. In attendance at the event were Miss Ohio 2019 Caroline Grace Williams, Troupe Flow, Tony Mitchell from Hitman Entertainment and our very own Element of Art Studio/Gallery. Element of Art was also awarded with the BEST decorated exhibitor table!



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Reading Class/Group begins at our 4th Street location

A fun and uplifting way of learning has been happening under RNI's roof. This group works on learning sight words, reading comprehension and also learning life and employment skills through text. This six week long program is designed to peak the individuals interest to keep them on the path of reading excitement. The individuals participating in the program have expressed that they're excited about the class and have enjoyed it so far, they can't wait for the next one! Maggie Smith states "I really like learning to read and the book we are reading is good and funny." Sue Rheinbolt also had this to say about the class "I like how everyone helps, no one laughs at you." If anyone has any questions about the class they can contact Support Specialist, Shelby Finley.



Crawford Social Integration visits Top Golf and Krispy Kreme

March was a challenge with the Coronavirus scare and people staying home but they were able to sneak in a few fun things before the going out came to a halt. They attended a Cleveland Cavaliers game, a viewing of the new Call of the Wild movie, went to Toledo for Project Linus and squeezed in a trip to Columbus to play Topgolf and eat at Chick-fil-A and Krispy Kreme. Hopefully April will have everyone healthy and back to work! Please view some additional pictures from the month on the bottom of Page 3.



April Employee Anniversaries

Douglas Huff	04/24/2020	22 Years
Penny Sunderland	04/01/2020	16 Years
Sean Laird	04/26/2020	15 Years
Lori Baker	04/12/2020	10 Years
Melissa Cameron	04/21/2020	4 Years
Tom Clark	04/07/2020	4 Years
Robert Patton	04/06/2020	4 Years
Tara Grove	04/01/2020	1 Year
Michael Middleton	04/17/2020	1 Year
William Stephenson	04/02/2020	1 Year
JoAnn Winters	04/24/2020	1 Year

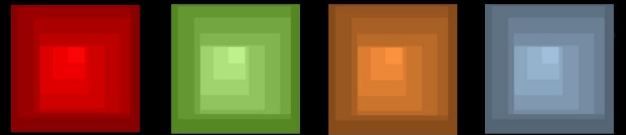
**Special
Congratulations
to:
Doug, Penny,
Sean and Lori on
their
years of service**



Element of Art Studio/Gallery Classes for April

Due to the closure of the Element of Art Studio/Gallery we are going to wait to post the April classes until we reopen the gallery for business. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult decision to close the gallery.

Element of Art



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Crawford Social Integration had some fun in March



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Please **LIKE** and **SHARE** us on Facebook/Instagram. Invite your friends to **LIKE** us too. **UPDATED 03/25/2020; we are at:**

City Garden Café is at 323 LIKES, can we get to 500 LIKES, 177 LIKES to go ??

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 1721 LIKES, can we get 2000 LIKES, 279 LIKES to go ??

Richland Newhope Industries is at 1726 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 274 LIKES to go ??

Trillium Event Center is at 583 LIKES, can we get to 1000 LIKES, 417 LIKES 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!



RNI, Inc. volunteer to serve meals at Salvation Army



In the later part of February, Kaila Grubb, LSA took Billy and Danielle to the Salvation Army to volunteer and help serve meals to the needy here in Richland County. Thank you to Billy and Danielle for volunteering their time! Both are pictured in the photo.



Social Integration Department visits the Richland Carousel



Social Integration Coordinator Sarah Cayten shared some photos she took of Dirk and David when they visited the local Richland Carrousel Park. As you can see in the photo, both Dirk and David had a great time. The Chatter would like to thank Sarah for sharing. The Carrousel is currently closed, but normally open Monday — Sunday 11 AM to 5 PM.



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RNI Options make Easter Eggs for Daysprings

The Options Senior Group made Easter Eggs for the residents of Daysprings Assisted living. As you can tell by the photos below, the individuals had a great time making them. Thank you to Tara Elliott for sending the photos into The RNI Chatter.



Individuals attend the Maple Syrup Festival

Danielle J. and Patrick A. attended the Maple Syrup Festival with Integration Coordinator Sarah Cayten. Neither one had ever been to Malabar Farm! They got to ride horse-drawn carriages, have a tour through the sugar shack, talk to the people who were dressed up like early Settlers/Indians and eat lunch! They both really enjoyed it. Sarah thinks it would be awesome to attend as an annual event.

