

RNI Chatter



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Happy Valentine's Day !

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RNI, Inc. sends out large eCycle load

On Wednesday January 20th, Shannon Ruhl and the eCycle team sent out almost 17,000 pounds of materials. On the shipment was the following: 17 skids of TV's (4,214 lbs.), 5 skids of monitors (2,087 lbs.), 1 skid of disc drives (929 lbs.), 2 skids of mixed wire (1,230 lbs.), shredded hard drives (1,368 lbs.), 2 skids of laptops (1,479 lbs.), 1 skid of toners (490 lbs.) and CRT TV's 3 skids weighing (1,647 lbs.). The goods were loaded by our very own LSA, Shelby Thompson, and the skids were picked up by Sprout ITAD Recycling Center based out of Statesville, North Carolina. Great job to the entire eCycle team!!



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RNI Transportation receives a new member to the fleet

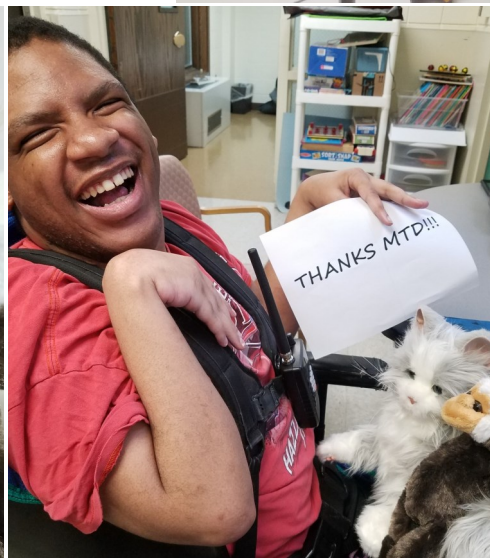
RNI, Inc. has received the newest member to our fleet! The 2020 E-350 Ford Transit arrived on January 19th and is a much-anticipated addition. It has seating for 7, plus one wheelchair or we can take all the seats out and fit 4 wheelchairs, a seated passenger, and the driver. It has a unique floor system that will allow us to move the seats into a lot of different configurations or take them all out and only transport wheelchairs.

This very versatile vehicle will allow us to take larger groups out into the community without having to have a specialized driver and we can also use it as a route vehicle, if needed. Transportation Manager, Jennifer Gray, told the Chatter, "My favorite part is the color, a very sleek gun metal grey, won't our logo look great on it! Come on down to the lot and take look."



MTD donates 125 Hanging Monkeys to RCBDD Group Homes

MTD Products in Shelby is a big supporter of the Annual Richland County Board of DD (RCBDD) golf outing and consistently fields two teams and donates a piece of yard equipment annually for the raffle. MTD received 125 of these monkeys and donated them to RCBDD group homes. They passed them out to all of the residents so they could hang them from their beds, dressers, doorknobs, etc. Look how excited Jon, Kristy and Petey were to receive their monkeys. Thank you to MTD Products for your generous donations and your continued support of both RCBDD and Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. #MTDproducts #ThankYouMTD



February Employee Anniversaries

Jacquelyn Steele	02/27/1992	29 Years
Sharon Murray	02/19/1998	23 Years
Abbie Bays	02/08/2000	21 Years
Gerald Sisinger	02/17/2000	21 Years
Jim Moore	02/01/2016	5 Years
Tony Mascazzini	02/06/2017	4 Years
Sarah Stickney	02/07/2017	4 Years
Jailyn Taylor	02/06/2019	2 Years
Karen Stimens	02/11/2019	2 Years
Danielle King	02/18/2019	2 Years

Congratulations

To Jackie, Sharon, Abbie and Gerald on 20 plus years! THANK YOU for your years of service!

Element of Art



Element of Art Studio/Gallery Updates

The Element of Art Studio/Gallery has updated its website for you to be able to shop online. Check out our great selections under the Shop tab, call the gallery or email kmorehead@rniinc.com or ssstickney@rniinc.com to purchase and to arrange curbside delivery. It is that easy and we have some great gift ideas for family & friends. Thank you for your support of Element of Art and our Artists!

Calvin loves new job at Arbors



Calvin Herritt obtained community employment in October of 2020. He works as a Floor Technician at Arbors at Mifflin. He not only keeps the floors clean and shiny, he also sanitizes all high touch areas. Calvin can also be found helping out in laundry and will do whatever is asked of him, according to his supervisor. Calvin has stated he really likes his new job and working in the community again. Keep up the good work Calvin!

Phone call made Maxine's Day



Maxine got the chance to talk to her boyfriend, Dale. She was so happy to hear his voice. Talking to Dale made her day. Maxine lives at the Harding Home Group Home and has had some "cabin fever". This day put a little SPRING in her step!

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HEART AWARENESS MONTH



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RNI, Inc. Team: Let's increase our presence on social media and increase our LIKES on Facebook. LIKE and SHARE us on Facebook to invite your friends to LIKE us too. UPDATED 01/31/21; we are at:

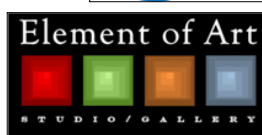
City Garden Café is at 371 LIKES, can we get to 500 LIKES, 129 LIKES to go ??

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 1,732 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 268 LIKES to go ??

Richland Newhope Industries is at 1,778 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 222 LIKES to go ??

Trillium Event Center is at 602 LIKES, can we get to 1000 LIKES, 398 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!



OOD honors Shannon Skidmore in their Monthly Newsletter

“ You can do it. You can get a job. You can do what you want to do, and you should always believe in yourself. ”



Shannon

Shannon Skidmore has always been passionate about helping other people. Prior to graduating from Mohawk High School in 2020, Shannon could often be found helping other students in her resource classes. She was first referred to OOD by her teacher, Mr. Eric Daniel, due to communication challenges from an Intellectual Disability. Shannon started working with Kate Jones, OOD Senior Vocational Rehabilitation Counselor, to plan for her future career in December 2019. Shortly after graduation, Shannon received job readiness training services from Richland Newhope Industries (RNI) and participated in Summer Youth Foundations. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, which forced Shannon to virtually participate in these services, she has remained upbeat. Her Job Coach, Darlene Loughery, expressed great appreciation for how helpful and motivational Shannon was to other students participating in Summer Youth Foundations. “She was our personal cheerleader,” Darlene stated. Shannon progressed to Job Development services with Danielle Adkins from RNI. Danielle started working with Shannon to practice interview questions, learn to write resumes, and discuss job applications. Using these new skills, Shannon independently obtained employment with an OOD Employer Partner, Liquibox, and began working on September 1, 2020. As a laborer at Liquibox, Shannon is responsible for small assembly and quality checks. She operates various machines throughout the facility, which helps produce parts for fast food restaurants and equipment for hospitals. During the COVID-19 pandemic, assisting others in this way is one of her favorite aspects of the job. Shannon also values her coworkers, explaining, “We all work together as a family; we help each other, we’re there for each other. I just really enjoy being there. ” Shannon is a joy for others to be around, too. “Shannon has such a caring and giving personality. She will gladly do anything she can to help someone, and her kindness is contagious. The future will be very bright for Shannon. I am honored to have worked with—and learned from—her during her transition to adulthood,” said Kate. In addition to her coworkers, Shannon credits her mom, stepdad, Mr. Daniel, Mr. Hawkins, and Kate with helping her attain this benchmark. “OOD helped me learn more things about work areas, how to work, how to be safe at work, and what kind of job I wanted. ” Her advice to others with disabilities is simple: “You can do it. You can get a job. You can do what you want to do, and you should always believe in yourself.”