

# RNI Chatter



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### RNI, Inc. receives generous donation from First Energy

Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. was recently presented with a generous \$5,000 donation from the FirstEnergy Foundation. This award highlights RNI for its dedication and commitment to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities within the community. RNI would like to extend a thank to Joe Jakubick of the First Energy Foundation for presenting the \$5,000 check to Amanda South, Executive Director of RNI. RNI, Inc. will use this grant money to enrich the lives of the people we serve. Thank you to Mr. Jakubick and FirstEnergy Foundation for this generous donation!!

### Trillium Event Center has successful Wedding Open House

Trillium Event Center invited all engaged couples to attend their 1st Annual Wedding Vendor Open House on Saturday January 15th from 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM. The event included over 28 different vendors such as DJ's, formal wear, balloon arches, wedding day coordinators, florists, table linen suppliers, caterers, travel agents and décor rental. The event attracted over 200 couples and a lot of them were able to book their venue and wedding vendors for their big day! Event Coordinator, Maggie Dean, stated that she was happy with the attendance of the event and would like to make this an annual event at Trillium. Trillium Event Center would like to thank all of the vendors that attended and purchased a booth at the event despite the chilly weather!



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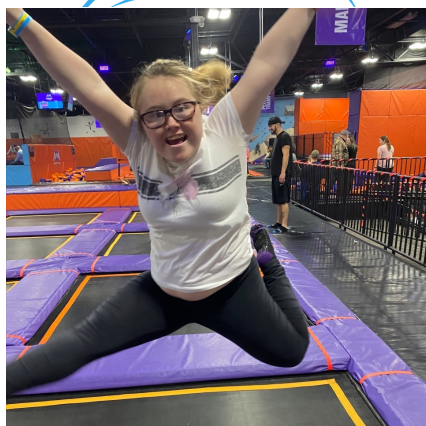
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## Momo, Bre'Quil and Xavier have a great time on recent outings

RNI, Inc. Integration Coordinator, Carolina Walker recently took Momo and Bre'Quil to the Altitude Trampoline Park in Ontario. Momo and Xavier also went bowling at Lex Lanes. Xavier came out on top on this day and proved he was a pretty good bowler! Thank you to Carolina for the wonderful pictures supplied to The Chatter.



## RNI, Inc. February Employee Spotlights



Tammi Black is the owner operator of Treeder's. Treeder's is the snack bar located in the Richland County Courthouse where she sells a variety of snacks, candy, and drinks including flavored coffee. She has recently celebrated a huge milestone of reaching 15 years in business. She enjoys spending time with her husband, Nathan. Together, they enjoy going to open gym at their church and following the Richland County Special Olympics teams. She enjoys taking pictures at the different events and cheering for her friends! Tammi is an independent consultant for Paparazzi jewelry and has an awesome jewelry collection. She loves to read and is currently working on writing her very first book. In her spare time, she likes to make weaving loom potholders.



Chris Coy has recently taken a new position at Mansfield Memorial Homes. He has several years of experience in kitchen dietary positions and was looking to expand on his skills. Chris is learning the new duties required of him. Currently, he is responsible for preparing meal trays for orders, washing dishes, rolling silverware and assisting with delivering meals to the Conard House, which is his favorite task. Chris continues to work with his employment specialist to learn the duties he is responsible for and to be the best employee he can be. Congratulations, Chris. Best of luck on your new position!

## February 2022 Employee Anniversaries

<b>Jacquelyn Steele</b>	<b>02/27/1992</b>	<b>30 Years</b>
<b>Toni Dawson</b>	<b>02/19/1998</b>	<b>24 Years</b>
<b>Abbie Bays</b>	<b>02/08/2000</b>	<b>22 Years</b>
<b>Gerald Sisinger</b>	<b>02/17/2000</b>	<b>22 Years</b>
<b>James Moore</b>	<b>02/01/2016</b>	<b>6 Years</b>
<b>Sarah Stickney</b>	<b>02/07/2017</b>	<b>5 Years</b>
<b>Karen Stimens</b>	<b>02/11/2019</b>	<b>3 Years</b>
<b>Danielle King</b>	<b>02/18/2019</b>	<b>3 Years</b>



### Congratulations

*Jacquelyn Steele  
Toni Dawson  
Abbie Bays  
Gerald Sisinger*

**THANK YOU** for  
your years of  
service!



## Element of Art Studio/Gallery Updates

The Element of Art Studio/Gallery classes with contracted artists are going on now. The art gallery is open to the public, open Monday-Friday from 10 am – 3 pm. You can also go to our website for you to be able to shop online. Check out our great selections under the Shop tab, call the gallery or email [ssickney@rniinc.com](mailto:ssickney@rniinc.com) to purchase and arrange curbside delivery. It is that easy and we have some great gift ideas for family & friends.

## Project SEARCH accepting applications until February 25th

Project SEARCH is a unique business-led transition program for students with disabilities. It provides students who want to work a chance to explore careers and develop transferable job skills. The ultimate goal: Independent adults working in a competitive, community-based job. It is designed as an unpaid internship program, Project SEARCH places students into real-world situations where they learn first-hand all aspects of gaining and maintaining employment.

Students receive individualized support through customized accommodations, modifications, adaptations, and job-embedded coaching. Job development and placement occurs based upon the student's experience, strengths, skills, and preferences.

If you are interested in participating or know someone that might be, please contact our classroom at 419-526-8026 or visit our website, [mansfieldprojectsearch.com](http://mansfieldprojectsearch.com). Applications are due on Friday February 25th, 2022 to be considered for the 2022-2023 school year.



Project SEARCH

## People's First Valentine Candy Grams available until 2/9

**People's First is having a Valentine's Candy Grams Fundraiser!!** Surprise your friends and co-workers with a Valentine's Candy Gram that are only **50 cents each!** Assorted chocolates and a small card will be delivered to your co-worker(s) or you on Monday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.

Deadline to purchase is **Wednesday, February 9, 2022** to ensure delivery. Here are the building representative below to contact to purchase a Valentine's Candy Gram.

Admin. & Community Providers –Sherry Minnig, RNI – Sean Laird, Residential – Deb Steinman and SSA – Renee Putnam



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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 01/02/22; we are at:**

City Garden Café is at 410 LIKES, can we get to 500 LIKES, 90 LIKES to go ??

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 1,850 FOLLOWS, can we get 2000 FOLLOWS, 150 FOLLOWS to go ??

Richland Newhope Industries is at 1,895 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 105 LIKES to go ??

Trillium Event Center is at 730 FOLLOWS, can we get to 1000 FOLLOWS, 270 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!



## ***SAFETY starts with S, but begins with YOU...***



## ***RNI Safety TOPIC of the Month: Slips, Trips and Falls***

We've all seen that funny TikTok or video of the person tripping and falling, watching it over and over and laughing hysterically at their clumsiness but according to OSHA, slips, trips, and falls are a main contributor to workplace accidents. Most of these accidents can be prevented with improved housekeeping, utilizing handrails, surface maintenance of walking surfaces and attention to personal surroundings.

- Wet or greasy surfaces
- Spills
- Weather conditions (rain, humidity, ice, snow, etc.)
- Loose rugs or mats

**Trips happen when your foot hits an object causing you to lose your balance and eventually fall. Common causes of tripping are:**

- Obstructed view
- Poor lighting
- Debris and clutter
- Uneven or wrinkled carpet, mats and rugs
- Loose or uncovered cables
- Lower drawers and cabinets not being closed
- Uneven walking surfaces

**Good housekeeping is an important part of preventing falls due to slips and trips. Good housekeeping tips are:**

- Cleaning and marking all spills immediately
- Mopping and sweeping debris from floors
- Keeping walkways free of clutter and trip hazards
- Securing mats, rugs and carpets that are loose
- Always closing cabinet and desk drawers
- Covering cables that cross walkways
- Keeping working and walking areas well lit

Daily inspections of working and walking areas for slips, trips and fall hazards could aid in the prevention of workplace injuries. If you notice a potential hazard that may result in Slip, Trip or Fall, alert your supervisor or a member of the Safety Committee to get it corrected before an accident happens.



slips      trips      falls

