RNI Chatter





Happy New Year



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First Energy Foundation donates to RNI, Inc.

On Thursday December 17th, Joe Jakubick from First Energy Foundation presented Amanda South, Executive Director representing Richland Newhope Industries, Inc. with a generous \$5,000 grant. RNI was chosen to receive a special award because of their dedication and commitment to improving the lives of people with developmental disabilities within the community. This is the second year that Richland Newhope Industries has received a grant from First Energy Foundation. Our programs could not exist without the generosity of organizations like the First Energy Foundation. RNI would like to thank First Energy for their support of our organization. RNI's mission is "To improve the lives of people with developmental disabilities and engage community partners through specialized and innovative opportunities."



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Thank you Kroger for your support to RNI, Inc.



Isaac C. is a courtesy clerk at Park Avenue Kroger and has worked through the entire Covid pandemic. He works diligently to ensure customer orders are bagged efficiently and the parking lot stays clear of carts. RNI, Inc. met with Isaac and his manager, Pete, to say thank you to the employees of Kroger for all they are doing to keep our community safe and well stocked.

Remembering Marsha Madden

On December 18th, RNI, Inc. lost a co-worker that will never be forgotten. Marsha was a devoted wife, mother, daughter, friend and supervisor. Marsha never met anyone that she did not call a friend. She was a 33 year employee of RNI with her career beginning in high school as a receptionist. At the time of her passing, Marsha was the Manager of Production Services. Marsha loved her job, the people she worked with and supervised, as well as the individuals we served. Marsha would plan the annual parties for the individuals and employees and always did a fantastic job!! Marsha loved her family, friends and co-workers and will be missed by so many. Marsha you will never be forgotten for the stamp that you placed and the history that you will always be a part of at RNI. We Love You and We Miss You Marsha!!



YOU WILL BE MISSED...



January Employee Anniversaries

01/02/2004 **Veronica Schenz** 17 Years 01/03/2006 15 Years **Sharon Murray Candice Gerhart** 01/31/2013 8 Years **Nathaniel Bays** 01/08/2015 6 Years **Sean Conrad** 01/01/2015 6 Years **Michael Majors** 01/30/2017 4 Years **Danielle Adkins** 01/30/2017 4 Years Tara Elliott 01/03/2018 2 Years **Shelby Finley** 01/28/2018 2 Years Nanette Bandagski 01/02/2018 2 Years **Rvan Evans** 01/07/2020 1 Year

Congratulations

To all of the January Anniversaries. Thank You for your years of service!

Element of Art

Element of Art Studio/Gallery Website Updated

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 sstickney@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!

Andrew loves job at BK

FLAME GRILLED LIVING SINCE BASE

Andrew Bishop is about to finish his second month of employment as a dishwasher at Burger King in Bucyrus. Andrew enjoys working in the community and has already made new friends at Burger King. His second day of work happened to fall on his birthday and his new coworkers surprised him with a party that included cake and gifts! Andrew enjoys being part of the BK crew because they answer his questions and give him

hints to make tasks easier. With the help of a Richland Newhope Industries job coach, he has been able to learn his job duties, understand the schedule and was able to request another shift per week, which was granted. He is a hard worker and challenges himself to finish all of the dishes before the end of his shift. Keep up the excellent work, Andrew! RNI, Inc. is proud of you and your success!

Disinfecting a Top Priority at RNI





A big thank you to Robert Guegold and John Beal, drivers in RNI, Inc. transportation for being the first ones to disinfect the buildings with our new backpack sprayers. These will be used to disinfect the workshop, office areas and bathrooms. RNI was able to purchase 4 backpack sprayers and 4 portable sprayers with funding from the United States Department of Health and Human Services. The portable units will be used at our smaller locations at the Richland Mall, Element of Art Studio/Gallery, Options and City Garden Café. RNI continues to do all we can to keep everyone's safety a top priority and the sprayers will be used by the evening custodial crew to keep the entire building sanitized.

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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 01/12/21; we are at:

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

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 1,738 LIKES, can we get 2000 LIKES, 262 LIKES to go ??

<u>Richland Newhope Industries</u> is at 1,777 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 223 LIKES to go ??

<u>Trillium Event Center</u> is at 598 LIKES, can we get to 1000 LIKES, 402 LIKES to go ??

Visit us on the Web at rniinc.com

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!







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Mike Majors honors the Safety forces with Christmas Display





Mike Majors recently moved and wanted to take this Christmas to honor everyone in the safety forces and bring them hope during the coronavirus pandemic. Mike, as many of you know is a custodian here at Richland Newhope Industries. Mike began decorating his yard for the holidays to honor law enforcement and firefighters, all first responders, dispatchers, corrections officer everywhere, nurses and emergency rescue squad personnel. Mike decorated his yard with a red, white and blue-theme with a large American flag on the house. A lighted sign on a large tree at the end of the driveway says, "We support our police" and is decorated with a U.S.flag. Mike told the reporter that covered his story that "He wanted them to have hope as they're dealing with people with COVID-19." Mike stated that he is not in law enforcement but supports them 100%. With Mike's recent move, he expanded the holiday lights that he traditionally puts up, wanting everyone to know his fiancé Alicia Brumfield and the entire side of the family is with law enforcement and others during this pandemic. Brumfield decorated the Christmas tree in red for fire and rescue personnel in Mansfield and throughout Richland County. Mike told the Chatter that he may leave the holiday light display up even after the holidays as a show of support during this difficult time with so many people affected by the coronavirus. His yard included green lights on Monday in remembrance of Pearl Harbor — when Japanese forces attacked the Hawaii base on Dec. 7, 1941. There's a lot of things to see in the dark of the night, from his porch light in red to various decorated trees. If you would like to see the light display, enter Seventh Avenue from Grace Street by Liberty Park, travel to the dead end and over a culvert and the display is the last house on the left. He is going to take the display down in early February!!