

# RNI Chatter



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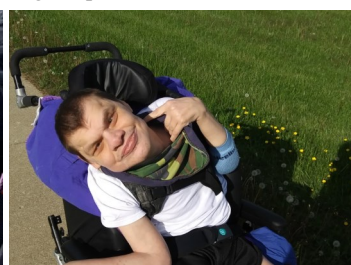
## Becky Pittman receives 2020 CARE award

Richland County Board of DD presented their CARE (Compassion, Advocacy, Respect, and Excellence) award to Becky Pittman. She had been nominated by Jill Boyd of RNI, Inc. For many years Becky has visited the individuals at Richland Newhope Industries Inc. at their older adult Options program and at the 4th St location. Becky's choir program does not simply bring some songs to the individuals' she brings a whole experience. Becky makes sure she knows each individuals name, and often makes sure to sing it out to each person during her visits so everyone feels included. Becky also makes sure that she is not the only one taking center stage, she encourages those who may tend to hide their light under a bushel to feel safe and empowered so they can sing out. For those who aren't shy she makes sure to spotlight them and encourages their talents. Becky has provided choir classes to individuals of all ages and she gears her program to her audience. She ensures that the standards she sings are from the individuals "era" which is a great way to help those folks memories. While Becky herself is a talented flute player and signer, she provides a wide variety of instruments during her choir program so that individual of all abilities can participate. While one individual may be able to play the guitar along with her, she make sure she has instruments that even an individual with the most limited range of motion can make a joyful noise and participate with the group. Recently Becky's duties have changed and she isn't able to visit RNI anymore, but she didn't forget all the individual's who love her choir program. She has gone above and beyond to work with RNI staff to be able to include those we serve in her new classes. Congratulations Becky on your CARE Community Partner Award!



## Justine Home is enjoying the nice weather and the outdoors

The Justine home is enjoying the great weather that we have been having. In the photos below from left to right is Jamie spotting a bunny outside and he enjoys being outside and tells the staff to "go fast!" David is enjoying the sunshine and fresh air which always brings a smile to David's face. In the photo on the right, TJ is heading out after dinner to enjoy the nice weather. The Chatter would like to thank Integration Coordinator Sarah Cayten for submitting the photos to the Chatter.



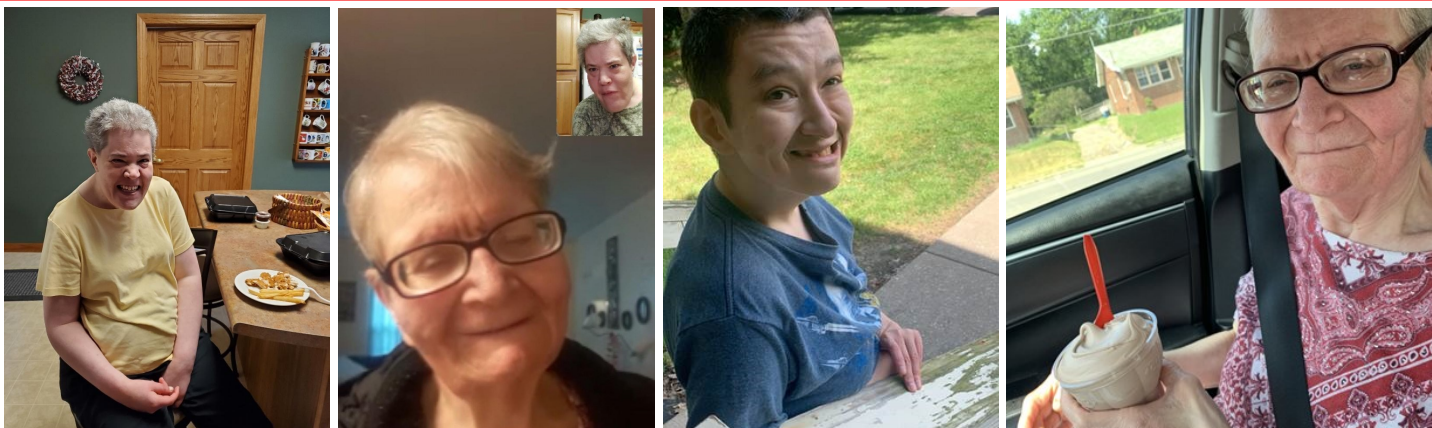
**There will be no onsite activities at any of the RNI, Inc. locations.**

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## Technology being used to stay in touch with one another



Here are a few photos of friends Catherine Wilma using Facetime to stay in touch with one another, since they can visit each other in person. Catherine is also enjoying curbside delivery and ice cream to top it all off. The two photos on the right are Kenny and Wilma getting outdoors enjoying the nice weather and getting some ice cream. The Chatter would like to thank Abbie Bays for submitting these photos.

## RNI, Inc. Watering Crew is keeping Downtown Mansfield looking good

The RNI, Inc. watering crew is back and caring for the baskets and planters in downtown Mansfield. RNI partners with Downtown Mansfield Inc. (DMI) on the planters and Richland Community Development Group (RCDG) on the baskets in the downtown area. They contacted service clubs, merchants, garden clubs and other civic organizations for help. Many responded with donations and most importantly, volunteer their time. The designs for the floral planting were provided by Justin Marotta. The 72 baskets are made up of Dragon wing Begonia Pink, Lantana yellow, Petunia, Coleus and Thunbergia yellow. The round planters have been planted with Kong Coleus Salmon, Dragon Wing Begonia Pink, Sunpatiens White, Lantana Yellow and Weeping Lavender and some with Dichondra. The rectangular planters are made of the following plants, Cyperus Baby Tut, Kong Coleus Salmon, Dragon Wing Begonia Pink, Sunpatiens White, Lantana Yellow and Weeping Lavender. There are a total of 101 planters in and around Downtown. The city was supportive of preparing planters and handling watering and some of the maintenance of the planters. Mansfield in Bloom now plays a significant role in ensuring that Central Park and much of the balance of the downtown is coated with floral colors during the warm weather months. The watering, which includes the addition of some fertilizer for the downtown flowers, is being handled on alternating weeks by the city and Newhope Industries. Pictured here is waterer Sarah and she is being supported by her Job Coach, JoAnn Winters. Take a look up and around the next time you are in Downtown Mansfield and see all of the flowers that are kept looking beautiful by RNI, Inc.





## July Employee Anniversaries

|                         |                   |                 |
|-------------------------|-------------------|-----------------|
| <b>Susan Crider</b>     | <b>07/24/2020</b> | <b>23 Years</b> |
| <b>Britni Smals</b>     | <b>07/12/2020</b> | <b>13 Years</b> |
| <b>Carl Ruth</b>        | <b>07/22/2020</b> | <b>7 Years</b>  |
| <b>Shawnee Smith</b>    | <b>07/03/2020</b> | <b>3 Years</b>  |
| <b>Ian Vencil</b>       | <b>07/20/2020</b> | <b>3 Years</b>  |
| <b>Heather Gibson</b>   | <b>07/23/2020</b> | <b>2 Years</b>  |
| <b>Kashema Ginn</b>     | <b>07/06/2020</b> | <b>2 Years</b>  |
| <b>Jessica Reinhart</b> | <b>07/18/2020</b> | <b>2 Years</b>  |
| <b>Kathy Rhein</b>      | <b>07/05/2020</b> | <b>2 Years</b>  |
| <b>Jesse Thomas</b>     | <b>07/24/2020</b> | <b>2 Years</b>  |
| <b>Lisa Church</b>      | <b>07/22/2020</b> | <b>1 Year</b>   |

Special Congratulations to:



Sue Crider with 23 years of service with RNI, Inc.



## Element of Art Studio/Gallery Classes for July

Due to the temporary closure of the Element of Art Studio/Gallery we will wait to post the July classes until we reopen the gallery for business. Thank you for your understanding during this difficult decision to suspend operations at EOA.



## RNI RECEIVES COMMUNITY AWARD FROM RCBDD

RNI, Inc. would like to THANK YOU to Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities Superintendent, Michelle Giess for presenting RNI, Inc. with a certificate of recognition for our work in the group home and help in the community during the pandemic! Pictured are Michelle Giess, Superintendent RCBDD presenting the certificate and balloon bouquet to Amanda South, Executive Director of RNI, Inc.

RNI, Inc. would also like to extend a THANK YOU to all of the employees that have helped over the last several months with the coverage of the Group Homes and the scheduling of the folks to make sure that all of the shifts were covered as best we could.





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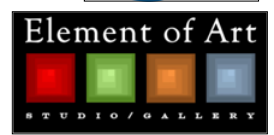
**City Garden Café** is at 338 LIKES, can we get to 500 LIKES, 162 LIKES to go ??

**Element of Art Studio/Gallery** is at 1724 LIKES, can we get 2000 LIKES, 276 LIKES to go ??

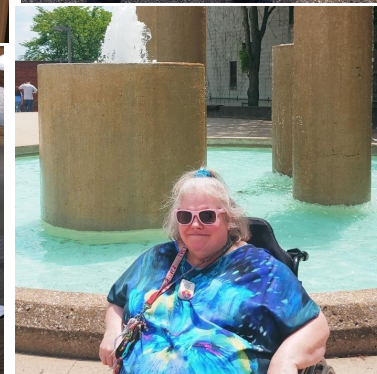
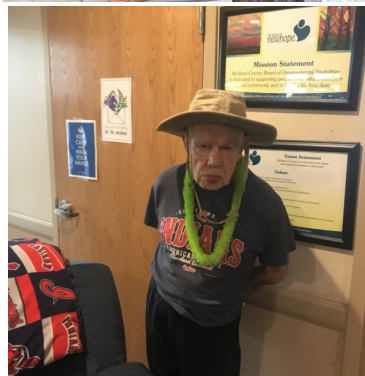
**Richland Newhope Industries** is at 1748 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 252 LIKES to go ??

**Trillium Event Center** is at 591 LIKES, can we get to 1000 LIKES, 409 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!



## Photos of some recent outing and events



These photos were submitted to the Chatter by Sarah Cayten, Jenny Echelberger and Heather Gibson. On the top row from L to R is Sarah posing for a photo at Gorman Nature Center, Sarah and Wendi doing crafts after a hike at Gorman, Maxine and Lori Barker doing a puzzle at Harding Home. Middle row from L to R is Paul enjoying the Luau and Gina swinging at Marshall Park. In the bottom row is Joyce having fun with her staff by pretending to draw on her face and the last photo is Pam visiting all of the fountains and enjoying lunch in Downtown Mansfield. Thank you to all of the staff sending in photos of all the fun things happening with the people that we are honored to serve.