

RNI Chatter

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Jessica Reinhart purchases her first home

On Wednesday February 3rd, Jessica Reinhart's life changed with the purchase of her new home. Jessica is shown here receiving the keys from the former owner Matt Smedley. Jessica stated that Mr. Smedley used the home as a rental prior to her purchasing it. Jessica's new home is located in Shelby, OH and currently being renovated by her uncle. In the Chatter's conversation with Jessica, she stated, "that her furniture will be moved in soon and she hopes to be all moved in and living there in mid- March." "I am excited to have my friends over to my new home. I enjoy cooking and baking for my friends and having little parties," stated Reinhart. Congratulations on your new home!!



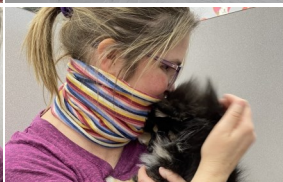
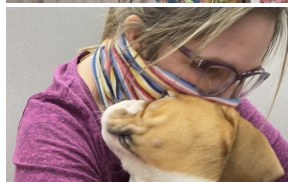
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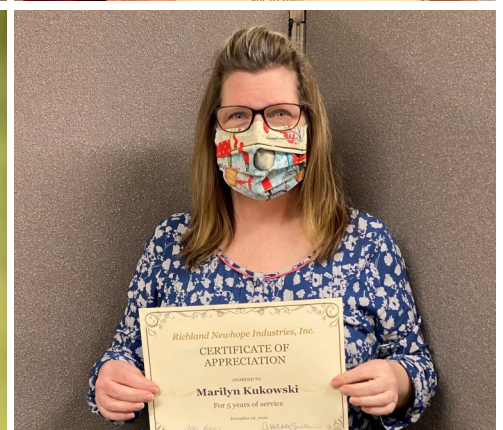
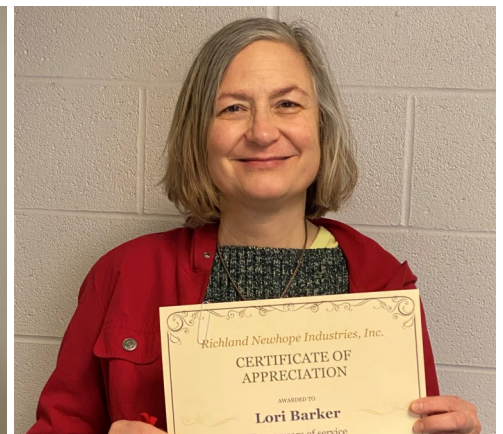
Social Integration was busy during the month of February

The RNI Social Integration team was busy on a few outings during the month of February. Across the top row, Cody Oswalt is about to enter one of his favorite stores, Toy Hunters in Ontario. Cody was also found at Ashland Golf Course sled riding with Wendi Miller and Social Integration Coordinator, Carolina Walker. In the bottom photos, Wendi has always expressed her love for dogs, so Carolina took her to Petland in Columbus. Wendi asked the store associate to tell her what breed each puppy was and how much they were. She picked out her three favorite puppies and gave each puppy an equal 15 mins of playtime with her. Wendi also spent some time laughing at the parrots and guineapigs. Once she left, Wendi couldn't wait to call her dad to tell him she saw a shih-tzu. Overall, it was a fun day that raised her spirits.



RNI, Inc. Employees achieve Employee Milestones

RNI, Inc. and The Chatter would like to recognize employees that achieved milestones throughout the year of 2020. From Left to Right and Top to Bottom here are the employees being recognized for their years of service: Dawn Weaver, Administrative Support associate with 25 years of service, Kim Thompson, Planner/Scheduler with 25 years of service, Abbie Bays, Department Supervisor with 20 years of service, Gerald Sisinger, Van Operator with 20 years of service, Sean Laird, Support Specialist with 15 years of service, Lori Barker, Life Skills Assistant with 10 years of service, Sequoia Bond, Planner/Scheduler with 10 years of service, Sean Conrad, Shift Leader at City Garden Café with 5 years of service and Marilyn Kukowski, Life Skills Assistant with 5 years of service. They are all pictured here with their Certificate of Appreciation as well as the gift card that they chose. Thank you and congratulations to each one of these employees and we look forward to many more years of employment with Richland Newhope Industries, Inc.



March Employee Anniversaries

Patricia Eith	03/11/2002	19 Years
John Beal	03/10/2003	18 Years
Jennifer Huffman	03/13/2008	13 Years
Natalie Koch	03/27/2008	13 Years
Ashley Baumgartner	03/14/2016	5 Years
Patricia Bowen	03/20/2017	4 Years
Nathaniel Crockett	03/22/2017	4 Years
Linda Johnson	03/27/2018	3 Years
Gary Thompson	03/04/2020	1 Year

Congratulations

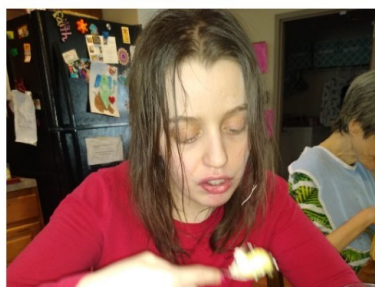
to all of the March
Employee
Anniversaries!
THANK YOU for
your years of
service!



Element of Art Studio/Gallery Updates

The Element of Art Studio/Gallery will begin classes with contracted artists this month on Monday March 8th. We are still not open to the public, but we updated our 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.

Valentine's Day Celebration held at Harding Home Group Home



On Friday, February 12, the Harding group home celebrated Valentine's Day with a celebration party. The staff and individuals prepared a lunch that included individual heart-shaped pizza, pudding and brownie parfaits and heart-shaped brownies with icing. Leona Barnett in the bottom left photo took no time at all to eat all of her delicious lunch. The Chatter would like to thank Della Brandt for submitting the wonderful photos to the Chatter and she stated that everyone had a great time and enjoyed all of the delicious food that was prepared.

Happy Valentine's Day

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City Garden Café is at 373 LIKES, can we get to 500 LIKES, 127 LIKES to go ??

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 1,730 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 270 LIKES to go ??

Richland Newhope Industries is at 1,781 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 219 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!



Richland County Commissioners kick off Disability Awareness



The Richland County Commissioners signed a proclamation declaring March as Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month this past Thursday, February 25th. Representatives from the Richland Newhope/Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities (RCBDD) and RNI, Inc. were in attendance for the proclamation, which took place before the Commissioner's regular Thursday meeting. With issuing the proclamation, the Commissioners recognized the more than 1,500 individuals served by RCBDD and encouraged each and every resident of Richland County to value and respect the abilities of all people," said Commissioner Mears. "It is the Commissioners' hope that this proclamation will increase awareness through openness to learn and acknowledge each individual's contribution to the community and to foster and support full access to education, housing, employment, and recreational activities. "The Richland County Board of Commissioners has a long history of supporting developmental disabilities awareness, and again offered their full support in assisting people with disabilities to lead fulfilling and successful lives, and to realize their full potential." "Essential Employees" was the theme for this year's proclamation. Essential workers in attendance were Kim Taylor (Arbors of Mifflin) with Commissioner Mears top left, Mason Eisaman (OhioHealth) with Commissioner Banks bottom right and Maggie Smith (Winchester Nursing Home) with Commissioner Vero top right. Also pictured with Kim in the bottom left photo is Troy Smith, representing the RCBDD. Since the pandemic began, several individuals supported by RCBDD and RNI, Inc. have continued to work as identified essential workers at various places throughout the community. For Developmental Disabilities Awareness Month, the RCBDD has included displays at the main branch of the Mansfield-Richland County Public Library and the Richland Mall. There are several billboards around Richland County thanking essential employees and radio commercials celebrating DD Awareness Month. Due to the pandemic, many of the annual awareness events had to be cancelled again this year. Thank you to the Richland County Commissioners for recognizing Disability Awareness Month and the Chatter would like to thank Sharon Murray, RNI, Inc. Department Supervisor for submitting the photos.



Mark Pass celebrates his 66th Birthday

On Friday, February 19th, Mark Pass celebrated his 66th birthday at the Woodville group home. Mark also received a special visit from his father, Richard on his special day as well. This was the first visit since March due to all of the COVID restrictions concerning visitors. RNI hopes that you had a wonderful birthday and a nice visit with your father.

