



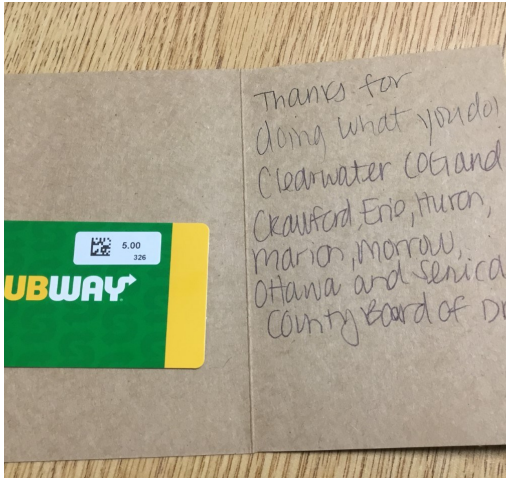
# Richland Newhope Industries, Inc.

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## Clearwater COG recognizes our DSP's

RNI, Inc. is proud of our hardworking direct support professionals (DSP). In recognition of DSP Appreciation Week, the Clearwater Council of Government (COG) brought in thank you cards and Subway gift cards to all of our Crawford DSPs. DSP Appreciation week gives RNI and organizations like the Clearwater COG the opportunity to recognize and remind people about the important contributions that DSPs make to their communities. As a profession, DSPs are sometimes overlooked, even though their work is a crucial piece in the delivery of quality services for people with intellectual and developmental disabilities.



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## RNI, Inc. welcomes two new Board members

The RNI Board of Directors has added a couple of new faces. The new members are Trae Turner of the Area Agency on Aging (Ohio District 5) and Bianca Elder of Foundation Academy.

**Trae Turner** serves as the Area Agency on Aging's VP of Community Living. He manages the agency's home repair, wellness, care coordination, and adult protective services programs.

**Bianca Elder** works at Foundation Academy as an Behavior Intervention Specialist. She has vast experience supporting children and individuals to develop skills, independence, and community connections.

Both Trae and Bianca think their involvement in the Board will be mutually beneficial and look forward to contributing to the mission of RNI, Inc.





## Hamilton named Employee of the Month at Outback Steakhouse

Bryan Hamilton has been employed at Outback Steakhouse for 6 years and was recently selected for Employee of the Month! In his current position Bryan is responsible for making sure all the dishes are clean. If they are extremely busy, he helps clear tables too. He was selected as Employee of the Month because of his great work ethic. He works extra hours and also does a fantastic job making sure his co-workers always have clean silverware to roll. He takes it upon himself to continuously restock the clean silverware when he is working so his co-workers can focus on rolling the silverware. When Bryan is not working, he enjoys watching martial arts and any type of action movie.



## RNI volunteers time for Summer of Caring project



Kim, Richard, Lori, Kayla, and Sadie are pictured with a staff from Catalyst, at the Dalton apartment building where they weeded on a warm summer day, volunteering with the United Way of Richland County Summer of Caring project. Everyone had a great time working together. Catalyst provided a terrific meal of pizza and salad along with air conditioning!

## RNI attends the 22nd RCBDD Charities Golf Outing

Angie Dawson, LSA took BJ to the 22nd Annual Richland County Board of Developmental Disabilities Charities Golf Outing on September 11th at Deer Ridge Golf Course. There were a number of teams and RNI, Inc. fielded a team of Mick Benson, Sean Laird, Support Specialist, Levi Markham and Dennis Benson, Mick's father. Angie and BJ had a great time together and watching the golfers. As you can see in the top right photo, they even got a picture of a deer on the course. Thank you for submitting the photos to The Chatter Sean and Angie!





## October Employee Anniversaries

Jillea Burling	10/01/2001	21 Years
Judy Greanya	10/01/2001	21 Years
Julie Pfahlor	10/15/2001	21 Years
Marilyn Kukowski	10/21/2015	7 Years
Jennifer Gray	10/09/2017	5 Years
Ann Glaze (2nd time)	10/10/2017	5 Years
Ron Conaway	10/16/2017	5 Years
Jacob Windsor	10/17/2018	4 Years
Mark Russell	10/15/2019	3 Years
Sarah Cayten	10/21/2019	3 Years
Carolina Walker	10/19/2020	2 Years

*Congratulations*

Jillea, Judy and Julie

THANK YOU all for  
your years of  
service!

## Everyone had a great time at People First Softball game



On Tuesday September 13th, Richland County People First held their annual 2022 People First Annual Softball Fundraiser! This was the first time since 2018 they were able to have it. The event this year raised \$900.00 for our Richland County self-advocates! Funds help self-advocates attend trainings/conferences and provide materials for when we teach local trainings. Here were the winners of the 50/50 drawing as well as the 4 raffle basket winners:

50/50 Winner  
Andrea P. from SSA

Raffle Basket Winners:  
Winner of Raffle Basket 1 (cooler/camping) = Coni K.  
Winner of Raffle Basket 2 (toaster oven/cookware) = Lorri L.  
Winner of Raffle Basket 3 (waffle maker/accessories) = Jennifer P.  
Winner of Raffle Basket 4 (movie/popcorn accessories) = Pat C.







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

***RNI Safety TOPIC for October: National Preparedness Month***

**NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH**

REGISTER FOR RICHLAND COUNTY ALERTS AT  
[ENTRY.INSPIRONLOGISTICS.COM/RICHLAND\\_OH/WENS.CFM](http://ENTRY.INSPIRONLOGISTICS.COM/RICHLAND_OH/WENS.CFM)

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Ways  
to  
Prepare

<input type="checkbox"/>	 Sign up for Alerts and Warnings	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Make a Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Save for a Rainy Day	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Practice Emergency Drills	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Test Family Communication Plan	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Safeguard Documents
<input type="checkbox"/>	 Plan with Neighbors	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Make Your Home Safer	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Know Evacuation Routes	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Assemble or Update Supplies	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Get Involved in Your Community	<input type="checkbox"/>	 Document and Insure Property

Some hazards may not have an advisory, watch, or warning.

Learn more about **Whole Community Planning** at  
[www.richlandhealth.org/personal/weather-safety-tips](http://www.richlandhealth.org/personal/weather-safety-tips)

[www.ready.gov/plan](http://www.ready.gov/plan)





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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 10/07/22; we are at:**

City Garden Café is at 441 LIKES, can we get to 500 LIKES, 59 LIKES to go

Element of Art Studio/Gallery is at 1,807 LIKES, can we get 2000 LIKES, 193 LIKES to go

RNI, Inc. is at 1,944 LIKES, can we get to 2000 LIKES, 56 LIKES to go

Trillium Event Center is at 823 FOLLOWS, can we get to 1000 FOLLOWS, 177 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!



## Fall activities taking place at RNI



Here are a few great Autumn photos from around RNI, Inc. The above photo was a bulletin board created in LSA Marilyn Kukowski's group to brighten up the work area. On the right, is David dressing up pumpkins from an activity in the Options group.



October is  
National Disability Employment  
Awareness Month

