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"Maximizing Personal Potential through Dignified and Purposeful Living"

Leaders Learning from Others

OU's Leadership team gathers together each month to discuss relevant topics ranging from policy & procedures to common leadership principles. It's a nice opportunity to connect with leaders throughout the organization and focus on common agendas. Knowing the value of our DSPs and the basis for services provided at OU, our leaders have been spending time in the homes observing our staff to learn first-hand the responsibilities that are included as a direct support professional. Melissa Combs, HR Assistant, shared this from her experience, "We are not a team because we work together. We are a team because we respect, trust, and care for each other."



Chamber Ribbon Cutting

The Sioux City Chamber of Commerce hosted a ribbon cutting event at Opportunities Unlimited to celebrate the completion of our most recent home remodel! The organization was able to complete



two such projects this past year, allowing updates throughout the home that included renovations to four bedrooms (each with their own half bath), large bathroom with whirlpool tub and shower, living room, dining room, and kitchen.



These homes support individuals of all mobility levels, allowing persons served to thrive in a home environment that supports their independence.



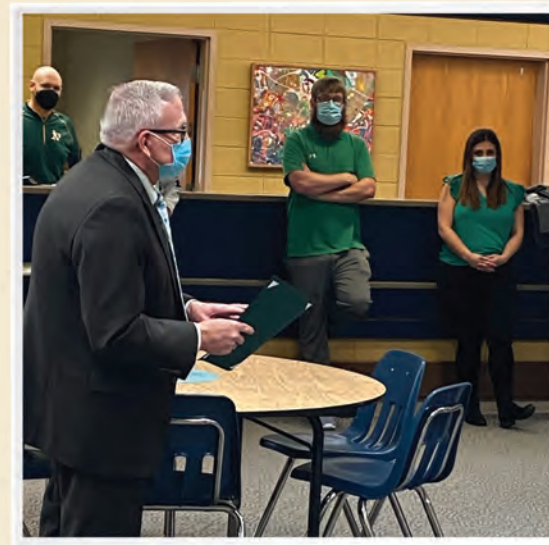
Join the OU Team

Come and join the Opportunities Unlimited team where you will cultivate, rebuild, guide, and positively impact lives! While our organization supports many individuals through our residential and community-based programs, our need to expand our incredible team of dedicated, hardworking professionals is ever present, including that of LPNs or RNs. If you are interested in a career that impacts the lives of others, apply to OU today! For more information go to www.opportunitiesunlimited.com



Brain Injury Awareness Month

March is Brain Injury Awareness Month and members from Opportunities Unlimited have been busy celebrating and partaking in various events.



Proclamation & Celebration

In honor of persons served, a proclamation declaring March as Brain Injury Awareness Month was held by the Sioux City Council. We are grateful that our civic leaders continue to support our organization, persons served, and causes which are the foundation for services we provide. Another event, including a proclamation led by Mayor Pro-Tem, Dan Moore, was conducted in an event at OU. This included members of our organization and was celebrated with green confetti cannons and cupcakes for dessert.



State and National Conferences

Members of OU participated in the 31st Annual Best Practices in Brain Injury Services Conference held in Des Moines, Iowa. This is just one way in which team members stay connected with colleagues and stay abreast to industry trends and topics as it relates to our industry. OU also participated in the Brain Injury Business Practice College, held in San Antonio, Texas. This national conference brings leaders together from around the country who provide services specializing in brain injury.



Hill Day

Members of Opportunities Unlimited participated in "Hill Day" sponsored by the Iowa Association of Community Providers (IACP). As a member of IACP, we are joining other providers to ask our representatives to "Close the Gap" in this legislative session. Supporting rate increases would address the workforce crisis and help improve the lives of Iowa's most vulnerable citizens. To learn more about the "Close the Gap" initiative, go to www.iowaproviders.org.

Gotta Brain Getta Helmet

Each year, Opportunities Unlimited's "Gotta Brain Getta Helmet" program donates helmets to second grade students within the Sioux City Community School District. Our goal is to positively promote safety and brain injury prevention by partnering with local educators to provide our customized curriculum which highlights the importance of bicycle safety and wearing of protective equipment. Since the program's inception, we've been able to distribute a few hundred helmets each year. This year we've been fortunate to



expand this program to neighboring communities and provide a helmet to all participating students! This wonderful community program is made possible with the support of Vern Eide! Over 1500 students will benefit from this program and receive a brand-new helmet with their generous support! We're glad to help our community and work towards education and brain injury prevention.



OU Annual Golf Tournament

Opportunities Unlimited is preparing for the 26th Annual Golf Tournament and we are asking for your support! This tournament is OU's primary fundraising event and is scheduled for Friday, July 21st at the Sioux City Country Club. The tournament is an ideal time to partner with OU and provide support to many who benefit from our services; all while enjoying a beautiful day of golf on one of our community's finest golf courses! As a non-profit organization, OU strongly relies on the Siouxland Community to help support our mission; one that allows us to continue to improve and excel in the rehabilitation, therapeutic, and community services we provide. We're humbled by the continued support and enthusiasm we see from the community. For more information, please contact Susan Vondrak at 712.277.8295, svondrak@opportunitiesunlimited.com, or www.opportunitiesunlimited.com

