

Customized Support Newsletter

Farewell Courtney and Welcome Ann!

After seven years, Customized Support Coordinator Courtney Montoya is moving on, but not far away! Courtney accepted a position in the Lifeworks Accounting Department as an Accounts Receivable Specialist and started her new position on December 21st. She has enjoyed working with her clients and families and wishes you all the best.

With Courtney's departure we welcome a new arrival to the Lifework Customized Support Team. Please join us in welcoming our newest coordinator, Ann Hurst.

Arc Day at the Capitol Thursday, February 11, 2010

Make plans to join fellow advocates at the State Capitol for Disability Day at the Capitol on February 11, 2010. Let your voice be heard, schedule visits with your state representative and senator, get a briefing on the upcoming session, and rally with other supporters of services for people with disabilities. The \$1.2 billion projected state budget deficit will mean services to persons with disabilities and their families will again be at risk. More information on the February 11th agenda are available at www.arcmn.org. For questions or registration information, call 651-523-0823, ext. 113.

Did you know?

In addition to Lifeworks helping over 1,000 families manage the everyday challenges of living with a disability, Lifeworks supports individuals with disabilities through career development employment opportunities at area businesses and social enrichment opportunities at eight day program locations throughout the Twin Cities and in Mankato.

Lifeworks Career Development connects people with disabilities with employment opportunities. Individuals have the opportunity to work part-time, full-time, or on a temporary basis. The job opportunities Lifeworks pursues enables our clients to become integrated into the community. They are jobs onsite at area businesses- providing real jobs with real pay, real responsibilities, and real rewards.

Lifeworks Social Enrichment helps build skills and confidence by offering individuals with disabilities opportunities for personal growth and meaningful experiences everyday. Choosing from a wide range of social enrichment programs at any of our locations, individuals have the freedom to plan and participate in the activities they find most meaningful. Activities include job training, art classes, healthy lifestyle classes, music therapy, field trips, and book clubs.

For every individual who wants to learn more, do more, and contribute more, Lifeworks strives to provide the best possible support.

To learn more about all of the comprehensive services Lifeworks offers individuals with disabilities, visit lifeworks.org or contact Vicki Gerrits, vice president of services, at 651-365-3734 or vgerrits@lifeworks.org.



Jim Anderson, employed at Life Time Fitness in Plymouth says it makes him "feel happy inside" to clean the exercise equipment and that he's glad when he can make a machine "sparkly" for Life Time members.



"In my opinion Lifeworks is doing everything right. You are the best thing that has happened for my daughter." - Anonymous quote from a Lifeworks Social Enrichment parent.

Mileage Reimbursement Change

Effective January 1, 2010, the standard IRS mileage reimbursement rate is .50 cents per mile.

Employee Handbook Updates

A new copy of the employee handbook will be available at www.lifeworks.org on January 15th.

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