

IR2 News 4 You



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Talent has no
boundaries

Competence and flexibility: they are vital skills that employers seek in new hires. Today more than ever, businesses need people with a demonstrated ability to adapt to different situations and circumstances. And perhaps more than any other group, people with disabilities must think creatively about how to solve problems and accomplish tasks. In the workplace, this resourcefulness translates into innovative thinking, fresh ideas and varied approaches to confronting business challenges and achieving success.

I-REACH 2 Inc. would like to thank the following employers who support the employment of people with disabilities

Upcoming

Events

- Area Games
05/05-05/06
- State Games
05/09-05/11
- Calvary Clinic
05/31
- 5k walk/run
06/02
- Rodeo Night
06/16

- Albertson's on CY Avenue
- Farnham's Furniture
- Pizza Hut
- K-Mart
- Safeway on Wyoming Boulevard
- Wal-Mart on CY Avenue
- Target
- Life Care Center of Casper
- Meals On Wheels
- Eagle Bowl
- Lisa Burrige and Associates

Thankful Thursday

I-REACH 2 had the privilege of being selected to participate in Thankful Thursday on 3/15/12. The generosity of our local community made this a very successful event!! Thank you so much!

Thankful Thursdays, are a great chance for folks to gather with friends and co-workers, for a bit of fun and a chance to win cool prizes, all while raising money for a different local charity each week. Plus each week, attendees have a chance to WIN \$500 dollars!

This event provided us the opportunity to speak publicly about all the great things happening in our program. In addition to prizes provided by the Beacon Club, My County 95/5, and Western Distributing, Coors Brewing Company, we were pleased to be able to auction of the following:

- Spa Basket (courtesy of Carmen and Bob Dolen)
- Wine and Snack Basket (courtesy of Beth and Mark Opitz)
- 2 Signed, numbered, and framed western themed prints (courtesy of Kelvin and Heather Huber)
- Harley-Davidson Wall Hanging (courtesy of Dave's Darts and Billiards)
- Cheyenne Frontier Days Rodeo tickets (courtesy of Doris and Chad Harvard)
- Cheyenne Frontier Days Brad Paisley Tickets (courtesy of Doris and Chad Harvard)
- Cheyenne Frontier Days Merle Haggard Tickets (courtesy of Doris and Chad Harvard)
- Charity Golf Tournament Certificate (courtesy of three Crowns)
- Hunters Fixed Blade Knife (courtesy of Rocky Mountain Discount Sports)
- Set of three pocket knives (courtesy of Rocky Mountain Discount Sports)
- Buck Knife (courtesy of Rocky Mountain Discount Sports)
- Body Products and Necklace (courtesy of Cadillac Cowgirl)
- Tanning Package from Suntan USA
- Tanning Package from Sunations
- Starbucks and Donnell's Candy Package (courtesy of Donnell's and Jeff Conley)
- Decorative Jars
- Lunch for two from the Cheese Barrel
- Men's Harley T-shirt and Cap (courtesy of Deluxe Harley Davidson)



*"In prosperity,
our friends
know us; in
adversity we
know our
friends".*

John Churton
Collins

Participants and staff pose for a group photo on a recent trip to Riverton.



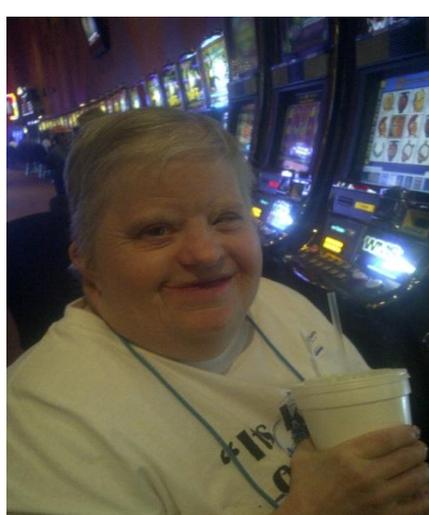
Residential News

As we head into the month of April, we continue to work on improving the quality of services we provide to individuals and their families. I have recently begun making home visits with the Residential Manager, Heather Neilson, to individuals receiving supported living, respite and personal care services in their own homes. The home visits have become one of my new favorite tasks as we are invited in for cookies, coffee and stories. The opportunity to learn more about the individuals we serve and observe them in their homes is an exciting opportunity for me. One gentleman in particular shared stories of growing up on a ranch, his subscription to a dairy magazine and his hidden talent of drawing. I was amazed at what this individual had accomplished and I can only hope that my life is filled with as much adventure and opportunity as his.

We also had the opportunity to assist an individual who required assistance in moving furniture. We have been working with him in getting his living area organized and completing weekly cleaning tasks. His mom has also been involved, assisting her son and staff sort through clothes he no longer wears. I appreciate all of the work the staff and family have been doing together to assist this gentleman in accomplishing his goals.

I look forward to visiting those individuals and their families I have not had the chance to make contact with yet. I am excited for stakeholder feedback about our services and the life stories of those we serve! See you soon!

Jaime Bordeaux
Service Coordinator
I-REACH 2 Inc.



More photos from our Riverton trip.... It was a great day!

Special O News and Special Events

Saturday May 5th and Sunday May 6th- Special O Summer Olympic Area Games, Casper, WY

May 5th

1:15 pm- Opening Ceremonies at Casper Classical Academy/Frontier Middle School

1:45 pm- Competition begins

Basketball: CCA/Frontier gym (parking in rear)

-Individual Skills Competition and Team Competition

4 pm- Power Lifting at the Flex Complex

May 6th

2 pm- Competition begins

Aquatics: Kelly Walsh pool

Track and Field: Kelly Walsh track

Contact Robert Peterson (307) 267-7224 or Robert.peterson@ncsd.k12.wy.us for any Area V summer games questions

Thursday May 10th - Saturday May 12th- Special O Summer Olympics State Games, Laramie WY

Thursday May 31st 3-4:30 pm ---Casper Events Center- Annual Calvary Football Clinic- participants can purchase \$7.00 tickets for the Friday June 1st game.

Saturday June 2nd 9 am at the Tate Pump House Special O Benefit 5k Walk/Run \$25.00 entry fee

Saturday June 16th 9-10:30 am at the Events Center- A special Rodeo- participants receive free tickets to the rodeo that night.

Other News

- IREACH 2 will take a break in our bowling schedule from May-September in order to encourage more outdoor activities.
- Skill Building: To further participant skills we are training various participants to answer the phones. This is a great opportunity the participants, however we ask that you remain patient while they are acquiring this skill.
- Did you know Carl Erskine born 1926 was an American baseball player with Autism? He was a pitcher for the Dodgers from 1948-1959. He threw two no-hitters in 1942 and 1956.
- Individuals with disabilities have a lot to teach us when it comes to acceptance, patience, love and tenacity.

Coming Soon

A survey team from CARF International* will be visiting on

June 25-26

We invited the surveyors to evaluate how well we meet international standards for quality. The survey will tell us what we are doing well and ways we might improve. As a result of this survey, we may earn or continue accreditation.

As part of the survey, the surveyors will interview people who receive services, their families, our staff, and others. Some questions the survey team members might ask people are:

- Do we provide a clean and safe setting?
- Do you receive the services you need and want?
- Are you treated with respect?
- Do you take part in planning your services?
- Are you told what you need to know about your services?
- Are your questions answered in a way you understand?
- Do you know where to go with questions or concerns?

If you would like to talk with one of the survey team members or want to learn more about CARF International, please let one of our staff members know. You may also contact CARF International directly.

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- E-mail: feedback@carf.org
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*CARF International is an independent, not-for-profit family of organizations (including CARF, CARF Canada, and CARF-CCAC) that provides accreditation in the field of human services.

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