

IR2 News 4 You



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Upcoming Events

- July 1 - Duck Derby
Tickets go on sale
- July 9th - Parade Day and Barbeque
- July 15th - Special O Golf
- August 9th - I-REACH for Art
- August 25th - Duck Derby/Riverfest

I Reach for ART
Please join us on a
HOT SUMMER NIGHT
TO BENEFIT I-REACH 2 INC.
FRIDAY, AUGUST 9, 2013
6:00 PM
OLD YELLOWSTONE GARAGE
ADMISSION \$35.00
~ Catering by Armors Silver Fox ~
~ Beverages ~ Cash Bar ~
~ Entertainment by Dan & Cliffy ~

Featuring Artwork by:
CAROL SWINNEY, JANET ZAMBAI, GINNY BUTCHER, SHAWN RIVETTAND
OTHER REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL ARTISTS
Silent Auction and Live Auction with Dan Sullivan
Great Packages, Trips, Door Prizes and
FEATURING A LIVE QUICK DRAW WITH CAROL SWINNEY

Tickets available at following locations:
Cadillac Cowgirl Lou Taubert I-REACH 2
Hilltop National Bank Jonah Bank Bank of the West
Felgoodies in the Dick Cheney Federal Building

Sponsored by:
Harry T. Thorson Foundation Zimmerman Foundation Foss Motors
Homax Wyoming Machinery
Wold Foundation Venture Energyy
Hilltop National Bank First Interstate Bank Stifel Nicholas & Co. Inc.
Craig & Susan Thomas Foundation Rocky Mountain Power

Supported Employment News

Kelly McNally, Supported Employment Team Lead



As the Supported Employment Team Lead, I have the opportunity to work with several employers in the Casper Community. Each business that employs one of I-REACH's participants really makes a difference in our community. They are examples for all employers to create a diversified workforce. They make a difference in the lives of our participants by offering the opportunity for independence and growth. In each quarterly edition of IR2 news, I will be highlighting a business

that employs an I-REACH participant.

Godfather's Pizza is the newest employer in our community to join the 20+ employers working with our organization. Godfather's was willing to carve out a specific schedule that allowed for John to utilize CATC transportation to obtain a job in the community.

After only days on the job, Jamie at Godfather's Pizza commented on the skills and great attitude demonstrated by their newest employee. It is also important to note that

John used his training and experience at Felgoodies as a true stepping stone to competitive, community based employment.

Welcome Godfather's Pizza and congratulations John!

Day Services News

Tina Conley, Executive Director

Starting June 1, 2013 we began structuring our programs that will include a variety of classes in which participants can choose to sign up for during the course of their week. Some of the topics for these classes will include: First aid/CPR, basic cooking, resume and cover letter writing, basic sewing, wood working and budgeting. In addition, we will be

training job specific skills, such as bagging groceries, wrapping silverware, using a cash register, etc.

In order to increase meaningful community integration hours, we will be offering weekly volunteer opportunities at Food Bank of the Rockies, Fort Casper, Adopt a Highway to name a few. We are also going to be piloting a mobile vending

operation through Felgoodies. Activities such as jewelry making and fitness classes will also be planned to offer a wide variety of opportunities for all.

Felgoodies

Frankee Foley, Site Manager

The Felgoodies crew is busy as usual.

You can view our monthly menu on the I-REACH 2 Inc. Facebook page, as well as on our web site. As an added convenience, we also offer delivery service and are available to cater your next luncheon or event.

I-REACH 2 has been accepted into the Combined Federal Campaign (CFC) this year and will be hosting a kick-off party for Federal staff in the fall.

Our CFC charity code is 92022.

We can't say thank you enough to the GSA for their ongoing support of our operation.

Parent/Guardian Advisory and Advocacy Group

We firmly believe that you are the expert on your loved one who attends our services and we want to hear from you on an ongoing, face-face basis. We hope to discuss matters that are important to you and your son/daughter/program participant.

Please join us on Monday, August 19th at 5:30pm. The meeting will be held at I-REACH. Light refreshments will be served.

To confirm your attendance or to receive further information, please email Jaime at psd@ireach2.org or call 265-8086.

Our tentative agenda item is Waiver Re-design. If you have additional agenda items, please email or call.

Residential News

Heather Nielson, Residential Manager

The residential sites have been busy sprucing up our homes. All residents have assisted in getting our lawns and flower beds in shape for the summer and John has planted a small garden. In addition, we have been taking in a large variety of community activities. We have attended Calvary games, the Special O Rodeo, Summer Games in Laramie, Stage III Community Theatre performances, and volunteered in a backyard rehabilitation and Nic Fest.

ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE CORNER...

Employee Anniversaries January through June

Jaime Bordeaux: 10 years
Durk Brown: 4 years
Briana Carpenter: 3 years
Tina Conley: 2 years
Jolene Cummings: 3 years
Frankee Foley: 3 years
Heather Neilson: 4 years
Kathy Poellot: 6 years
Derek Soltis: 3 years

Amazing Participant Volunteers!

Chris K - Food Bank, YMCA
Rhonda T - Life Care
Liz D - Humane Society
Tawnie G - Life Care
Sheryl D - Habitat for Humanity
Sam R - Habitat for Humanity
Kris L - YMCA
Julie H - Life Care
Todd D - Life Care
Robert D - Meals on Wheels
Serenity House - Food Bank, Nic Fest
Curtis House - Wyoming Bassett Hound Rescue, Nic Fest, Casper Marathon, Food Bank
Harmony House - Food Bank, Nic Fest, Wyoming Basset Hound Rescue

Amazing Community Volunteers Projects!

Food Bank
Casper Marathon
Wyoming Basset Hound
Rescue
Life Care
YMCA
Humane Society
Habitat for Humanity
Nic Fest
Meals on Wheels

Amazing Donors

Thank you, Rick and Mary McGill, for your generous donation of the new gas grill for Curtis House! All the residents are enjoying it so much.



I-REACH 2 Inc. Board of Directors

Did you know that I-REACH 2 Inc. is one of only a small handful of disability service providers in Natrona County who operate as a nonprofit organization? Our Board of Directors take their volunteer service very seriously and we are grateful for their commitment and service.

Our current board members are:

Carmen Dolen - Chair
Tim Stirrett - Vice-Chair
Valerie Kulhavy - Treasurer
Heather Huber - Secretary
Ethan Dexter - Member
Jackie Immel - Member

If you would like to submit an application to sit on our Board of Directors, please email Tina at admin@ireach2.org or call 265-8086