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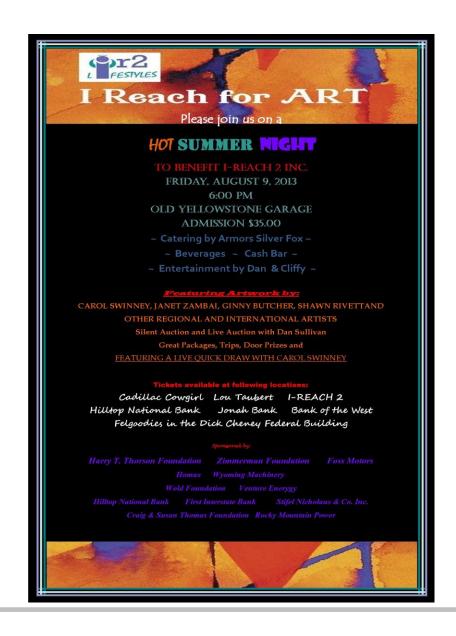
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Upcoming Events

- 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





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

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