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## MONTHLY NEWSLETTER - DECEMBER 2021

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT:

The Holiday party was a huge success! Thank you everyone for your participation, it really upped the fun factor. I promise to find a way to make Bingo less drawn out next time :) During the holiday season, I know I find myself stretched very thin between work and all the family expectations the season presents. Please remember to take care of yourselves too, and be kind to others who may be experiencing extra stress this time of year. As the Winter continues, please keep an eye on weather and travel issues as they arise. We try to keep an eye on weather events and provide guidance, but we do live in the unpredictable Willamette Valley! Happy New Year to each and every one of you as we look forward to a less dramatic 2022.

Kelly Graves- President

### THE EXTRA MILE! SES GOING ABOVE AND BEYOND



This month SES would like to highlight a few of our staff members for the exemplary work and support they provide in the field. Team member contributions such as these make all the difference in cultivating success in a supported position.

This month, SES would like to highlight the services provided by,

**Chris E.** - Shout out to one of the newer employees for doing a great job working with new and established customers. Chris has shown his ability to be flexible and his willingness to help SES to uphold its commitment to our customers, team members, and community partners. It is appreciated how well you have hit the ground running.

**Scott E.** - Recognition and appreciation go out towards Scott. His effective communication regarding the customers and concerns that arise are highly relied on. His detailed documentation provides his team members a clear picture of his support and what may be effective in the future. Scott goes above and beyond and has since 2006. He shows a great deal of compassion and respect for our customers, his team members, and our community partners. Scott has embodied the values and mission of SES and is highly praised by everyone he works with, both customers and team members alike.

**Patty C.** - A shout-out to Patty for her ability as a new employee working in the supported living customers to uphold the "doing with not for" method. It is not always easy as a newer employee trying to build relationships to stick to this method with our customers. Still, it is impressive how well you can set this boundary while building relationships. Your work is greatly appreciated; keep it up!

### Breaking News

#### APPLE'S IPAD GETS ASSISTIVE TECHNOLOGY BOOST

"We are excited that people who need this technology will have the opportunity to control iPad using just their eyes," said Sarah Herrlinger, Apple's senior director of global accessibility policy and initiatives. "At Apple, we build foundational technology, including support for eye tracking, into our operating systems to make them accessible, and we're thrilled that Tobii Dynavox's TD Pilot is leveraging that to enable people with disabilities to pursue their passions." TD Pilot is a medically certified device meaning that it is available by prescription and can be paid for by health insurance. Tobii Dynavox has long offered its eye-gaze technology through Windows-compatible devices, but this is the company's first foray into Apple products.

Source: <https://www.disabilityscoop.com/2021/11/18/apples-ipad-gets-assistive-technology-boost/29605/>

#### CUSTOMERS MILESTONES/ SHOUT OUTS

- **Devon G.** - Will be employed for **three** years with SMS on **12/27/2028!**
- **Trevor N.** - Will be employed for **one** years with Deployed Logix on **12/22/2020!**
- **Lonnie O.** - Has been employed for **two** years with Chevron as of **1/3/2019!**
- **Justina F.** - Will be employed for **one** year with Deployed Logix on **1/4/2021!**

#### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY



- **Carole** - began 4 years ago with SES on **November 28, 2017!**
- **Scott** - began 15 years ago with SES on **December 01, 2006!**
- **Craig** - began 14 years ago with SES on **December 19, 2007!**

## NEW JOB STARTS

- **Nathan K.** has worked his 2nd month in a row at Brookdale Heritage Plaza with perfect attendance!! Nathan started his job as a Busser/Server towards the end of last July. He is still enjoying his position, learning new tasks, and continues to improve on his performance. Fantastic job, Nathan!
- **Mason F.** is progressing with his copy/scanning position at Cadwell. His goal is to work independently, and he is making great strides. He is also getting positive reports from his employer, and they are thankful he is working on a job that they have been unable to tackle for the past several years. Go, Mason, Go!
- **Austin W.** completed his first full two-week PAID vacation in November! He has worked at Fred Meyer for the past 2 1/2 years and is one very hardworking, loyal young man. I hope Fred Meyer is as proud of you as we are!
- **Shawn G.** began working at Alberson's this month as a Courtesy Clerk. He is very excited to resume this kind of work and is confident in his new role.
- **Jeremy Z.** after a lengthy job search Jeremy found a position as a Dishwasher at Public House and began the 1st of this month. He is loving his new job and is excited to continue to grow in independence in his position.
- **Clay G.** accepted a position at Safeway on east 40th. He took an active approach to his job search and will be working in the deli and will begin later this month.
- **Parker K.** is a more recent addition to the job development customer list. He accepted a position as a Product Demonstrator with Club Demo Services and is excited to get started in his new position.

*"Employment Services for Business and for Workers with Disabilities"*

## GET TO KNOW SES IN ALBANY:

The month of November flew right by and it is hard to believe Christmas and the New Year are upon us already!

We have worked with Amber B. for the past several years developing social skills, gaining work experience by volunteering at Habitat for Humanity and learning new skills in general. She is currently in Job Development as well. During a recent meeting Amber appeared to be knitting something and when I asked she shared that she was making a baby beanie type hat. We have all heard Amber talk about making hats, scarves and pot holders in the past and she offered to share what she has been creating. She had an entire large garbage bag full of adult hats, baby beanies, scarves and pot holders that she had knitted using a round loom. The variety of colors and styles were amazing!! After the meeting I thought to myself, "How was I not aware of this great talent of hers?". Just goes to show that we must never underestimate one another!

Wishing you all a holiday season sparkled with joy, prosperity and happiness!

Deb Smith- Employment Services Coordinator

## MEET OUR CUSTOMERS!

### WHO IS UP NEXT FOR EUGENE JOB DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

- **Robert W.-** began in job development service this summer 07/2021. He is looking for a position in janitorial services for about 25 hours per week.
- **Ray P.-** came into services 08/2021 and is looking for work in cleaning, organizing, sorting, or stocking for 16 hours a week. He enjoys working with things rather than people.
- **John W.-** also started in job development services in 08/2021. He is interested in working in production between 20-25 hours per week.

### COMMUNITY EVENTS AND RESOURCES

**Willamette Lane offers ideas and classes to Stay busy and active with NEW at-home:**  
[https://www.willamalane.org/classes\\_and\\_programs/index.php](https://www.willamalane.org/classes_and_programs/index.php)

**Linn county Pamplin Media Group offers a variety of virtual events and informative classes:**  
<https://www.pamplindigitalmedia.com/events/>

**Event URL for Eugene/Springfield area:**  
<https://www.eugenecascadescoast.org/events/full-event-calendar/>

**or**  
<https://wheremindsgrow.org/events>

**Events In Albany and surrounding areas go to:**  
<https://albanyvisitors.com/calendar-of-events/calendar/>

**or**  
<https://westlinnoregon.gov/parksrec/parks-recreation-advisory-board-97>

### JUST FOR LAUGHS:

