The Bridge

"Bridging the Gap Between Work and Home"

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The Community Employment Program Congratulates Asia Jones

We have some great news worth celebrating here in the Community Employment Program! Asia Jones in officially an employee of The Blue Water Area Transit! She worked hard and proved that she would be a great fit to their team. She demonstrated motivation, reliability, and dependability.

Asia was selected to participate in a 20-hour Community Based Assessment. A Community Based Assessment is a trial period where our participants can go into a company and try a job out for 20 hours. There is also a Job Coach there to help them get used to the work and train them on their duties. People who participate in the 20-hour CBA also get paid minimum wage for their work. Once the 20 hours are complete, the business will decide if they want to hire that individual on to their team. It also allows our participants the opportunity to decide if this is the kind of work they want to do before applying for the job. There is no obligation on the Business to hire the person who is completing their CBA. The person participating in the CBA also has no obligation to accept a job if the Business does offer them a position. It is a fantastic way to provide real life experiences to some people who have never had a job in the community before.

Michigan Rehabilitation Services provided this opportunity for Asia. If you are interested in participating in CE's Community Employment Program, talk to either Jill Gorde or Haran Stanley here at Community Enterprises. Your CMH Case Manager can also assist with a referral to MRS.

Asia, we are all celebrating with you on your new job. We know you are going to be a huge success!

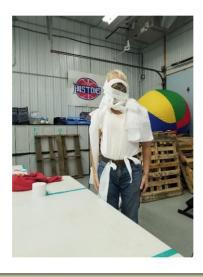
CE-Plastic Works

Since our re-opening in July our pail production has been quite busy, with little signs of slowing down. Overall, since our return we have produced a total of 23,578 pails. Which is an average of about 6000 pails a month. Breaking that number down, we produced 13,218 12-quart pails, 5,996 10-quart pails and 4,364 5-quart pails during the past 4 months.

Way to go to all those who made this happen!! Keep up the great work!

River District's Spook-tactular Halloween

Although this year's Halloween celebration could not be the 'usual' River District was determined to make the most of it anyway. Halloween was celebrated all week long by participating in a variety of Halloween themed crafts, recipes and entertainment. Friday we ended the week with frightening feasts, spooky punch and a "mummy wrapping" contest. Pictured below are Bob Mullennex and Sherry Richardson mummified!





Life Skills Remembers the CE Friends We Loved & Lost ~Thank-you for loving & sharing, giving & caring~ Forever in our Hearts



As we move into the holiday season, The Life
Skills staff would like to wish you all good health, happiness,
and
peace on earth!

ECL Virtual Classes are a Big Hit

ECL is excited to show off our brand-new set of virtual classes! With safety concerns and regulations still in place, we wanted to be able to offer services to as many consumers as we could in the safest way possible. We decided to try our hand at remote classes that have been offered to those who are not yet able to return safely to in person programming. We have been running these classes for about a month and we think they have been a big success! We are happy that we can offer this new opportunity and are excited at the possibilities for expanding our abilities to offer program!



ECL Staff, Jessica, instructing our Remote DIY Crafts Class

Mark Your Calendars!

<u>Upcoming CESCC Holiday Closures</u>- December 24th-25th, 2020 and January 1, 2021 <u>May Ball</u>- May 14th, 2021