

# COMMUNITYLINE

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It is the mission of Hodan Community Services, Inc. to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals.

## Upcoming Calendar

Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon,  
Volunteer Recognition and  
Client-Employee Awards  
Wednesday, November 21

Thanksgiving Holiday  
(HCS Closed)  
Thursday and Friday  
November 22 and 23

Christmas Holidays  
(HCS Closed)  
Monday, December 24, 2018  
through Tuesday, January 1, 2019

Hodan Community Services  
Programs Resume on:  
Wednesday, January 2, 2019

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## Dear Friends,



January 1st 2015 we changed our name to Hodan Community Services Inc., which has proven to be a very insightful move. Currently we serve about 170 individuals, roughly 60 of which we serve only through our community based services. These services include employment training, job development, long-term job support, and supportive home care.

Our Supportive Home Care program, which started two years ago, has touched so many lives. It allows individuals to reach their goal of living independently and enables others to remain in their homes and have a meaningful day as they journey through life.

In addition, the Wisconsin Department of Vocational Services contracts with Hodan Community Services to conduct "Skills to Pay the Bills" classes in area high schools. The classes focus on developing skills that prepare youth for first jobs. During the 2018/2019 school year we will conduct classes for about 35 students.

In conjunction with the Wisconsin Department of Vocational Rehabilitation we are also providing skills training to 10 youths involved in the Project Search initiative at UW-Platteville.

Building and expanding our community services has not happened without its challenges. Transportation and staff coverage have provided some logistic issues which the staff have done a great job solving.

Another significant happening is the Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen received a grant from the USDA over a three year period which will expand our ability to work with more local growers and local entrepreneurs to get their products to market.

Though the days at Hodan Community Services move at a very fast pace in all our programs—whether it's Enrichment Activities going on an outing, making sure our seven bus routes run smoothly, meeting a Walnut Hollow deadline, or coordinating deliveries to our Bargain Nook stores—I think it can safely be said the staff always keeps our mission in mind: "to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals".

Thank you to all who continue to support our mission.

**Tom Schmit**, Executive Director

## Staff Changes

**Teresa Pluemer** – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Platteville

**Christopher Clark** – Supported Home Care/Job Coaching

**Cathy Dailey** – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Platteville

**Teresa Pittz** – Supported Home Care/Production

**Monica Wenten** – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Platteville

**Paul Wagner** – Part-time Cook

**James Bennett** – Part-time Facilities

**Shea Allen** – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Platteville

**Steve Arn** recently transferred from the Production floor to the Facilities Manager position.

## STAFF MEMBER PROFILE:

# Rich Weaver



Rich was raised on his family's original homestead (established in 1853) and farmed with his father. Rich and his wife still live on the original homestead.

Rich graduated from Darlington High School and will forever be a Redbird fan!

Rich is married to Marsha (Roberts) Weaver and they have four daughters: Amy, Abby, Anna and Alizabeth. The girls are all married and Rich has six grandchildren ranging in age from 20 years to 3 months. The family loves riding their UTVs on the trails in Lafayette, Iowa and Green counties.

Rich is an avid toy collector and has been collecting toy tractors and farm equipment (mostly IH) since 1980. He enjoys going to toy shows, flea markets, antique stores and garage sales.

He is a Wisconsin Badger and Darlington Redbird fan—and on occasion (if they are winning) a Packers fan.

Rich started at Hodan Community Services in May of 2007 and always comments how much he loves his job. He loves delivering to the Bargain Nook Stores and having the clients along with him.

Rich is a vital part of Hodan Community Services and we are grateful to him for all he does! ●

## CLIENT-EMPLOYEE PROFILE:

# Ted Ihm



Ted came to HCS as a transition student from Dodgeville High School in 2012. He started working on our production floor and attending Adult Basic Education classes

to improve his 'soft skills'. Gradually he was given opportunities to work in the community as an assistant on our delivery truck and our cleaning crews. Ted seized these opportunities, working very hard to master each new challenge he was given. Ted discovered he enjoyed work that was physical and active and that he had the ability to be very productive. He also gained confidence in his ability to interact socially. Equipped with these new work experiences and job skills, Ted was ready to take the next step and look for a job in his community.

In September 2015 Ted was hired at Kwik Trip in Dodgeville as a Retail Helper. This job allows Ted to be active, productive, and interact with members of his community... all of which he enjoys very much. With Ted's hard work, and support from his family and HCS staff, he has become one of Kwik Trip's most dedicated employees. They count on Ted to keep the grounds neat and clean for their customers. Ted continues to work at HCS the remainder of his week. These 'wrap around' services allow Ted to be engaged in productive activities, and maintain his work skills on a full time basis. Keep up the good work Ted! ●



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# BUSINESS PARTNER SPOTLIGHT



## Emission Solutions



Hodan Community Services has many business partnerships, but few as important, or long lasting, as the one with Cummins Emissions Solutions. The Mineral Point Cummins Emissions Plant is located less than two blocks from HCS, and has had a connection with Hodan since 2006. Cummins currently provides numerous daily in-house work opportunities, provides volunteers for service projects, and is a strong partner for Hodan's community employment program.

On a daily basis Hodan Community Services client employees stay busy with work related to Cummins. Hodan builds many of the corrugate (cardboard) packaging materials used in the Mineral Point and Janesville plants. Hodan works as a vendor for Shorr Packaging, who is contracted to provide the packaging materials to Cummins. Hodan also does work directly for Cummins. Client employees can often be found running torque guns sub assembling sensors for the Mineral Point plant, clamping hoses onto sensors, and labeling boxes used for shipping. Hodan client employees feel a great deal of pride working to meet the needs of a great company such as Cummins.

Cummins has also worked with Hodan and its community employment program. The best example of this is a former client employee, Chad Colson. Chad started at Hodan Community Services as a client employee in 2002. In 2013, while working with the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, Chad was hired as a Cummins employee. Chad runs a metal press, works on the line, and does a variety of other jobs whenever asked. Chad loves his job at Cummins and states, "It is very exciting to work at Cummins, and I enjoy going to work each day."

Cummins also supports Hodan beyond the work they provide. On numerous occasions Cummins has put together teams of volunteers from their plant to come and do service projects at Hodan. These

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projects have included painting the inside of the center, cleaning/organizing our large storage shed, and providing support on the work floor. Cummins also assists with their expertise with such things as forklift repair, and assistance with servicing equipment.

Hodan Community Services is extremely lucky to work with such a supportive business as Cummins. From the work provided, to the volunteers who show up on a yearly basis, the relationship between Cummins and Hodan Community Services is truly a great one. ●

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## Community Employment Partners

### THANKS TO:

- A & W in Dodgeville
- A & W in Platteville
- Alliant Energy in Mineral Point
- Bargain Nooks
- Barn Scrapers in Mineral Point
- Cenex in Darlington
- Citgo in Montfort
- Cobb Library
- Cobb Methodist Church
- Country Kitchen in Platteville
- Culvers in Cross Plains
- Culvers in Dodgeville
- Culvers in Platteville
- Cummins Emissions Solutions in Mineral Point
- Dodgeville Library
- Grey Dog Deli in Mineral Point
- Hartzell's IGA in Warren, IL
- Hope Lutheran Church in Mineral Point
- House on the Rock Inn in Spring Green
- Kwik Trip in Cuba City
- Kwik Trip in Dodgeville
- Kwik Trip in Mineral Point
- Kwik Trip in Platteville
- Lafayette County Health Department
- Midway Bar and Grill in Mineral Point
- Midway Lanes in Mineral Point/Dodgeville
- Millennium Cinema in Platteville
- Piggly Wiggly in Darlington
- Piggly Wiggly in Dodgeville
- Piggly Wiggly in Platteville
- Pit Stop in Mineral Point
- Platteville School District
- Point Foods in Mineral Point
- Popolo's in Mineral Point
- Premier Cooperative in Mineral Point
- RBS Activewear in Argyle
- Saether's Funeral Home in Blanchardville
- Sielaff in Mineral Point
- SK Plastic in Darlington
- Tony's Tap in Mineral Point
- Traveler's Inn in Mineral Point
- Upland Hills Hospital in Dodgeville
- UW-Platteville
- Walker House in Mineral Point
- Walmart in Dodgeville
- Walmart in Platteville

# OVER \$20,000 RAISED AT INAUGURAL GOLF OUTING



The Inaugural Alex and Kelsi Erickson Golf Outing for Hodan Community Services turned into a truly memorable “**inclusive event**” on Saturday, May 19. 144 golfers (including honorary hosts/sponsors, Alex and Kelsi, as well as two HCS client-employee golfers) teed off at the Dodge Point Country Club near Mineral Point beginning at 10:30 a.m. and concluding rounds at about 4:30 p.m. At three different holes, client-employees

greeted, thanked, and cheered for each golfer who was participating in this charity event.

In the evening, following a great Happy Hour, a delicious steak and chicken dinner was served to over 250 attendees, including 17 HCS client-employees (and their families) who enthusiastically participated in the night’s activities. Golfing awards were presented, including to the winning golfing foursome: John Shaffer, Wade Harker, John Crook, and Jay Olson. Many door prizes donated by local businesses were awarded. A 50/50 raffle drawing was held as well as a silent auction of 26 donated items, including autographed sports memorabilia. The evening concluded with a live auction of an Alex Erickson framed jersey. All told, this Inaugural event’s activities **raised over \$20,000 for Hodan Community Services!** So many people commented on how special this day and evening were... especially the inclusiveness of the adults with disabilities and their families. Most people in attendance were already marking their calendars for **next year’s Second Annual Event on Saturday, May 18, 2019.** ●

## FUNDRAISING CHALLENGE GOAL MET

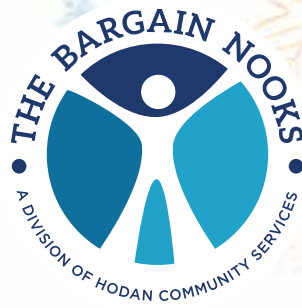


Last April the Dodgeville Middle School Student Leadership decided to do a coin challenge for 5 days (only coins could be brought in) to raise money for Hodan Community Services. After the first day only \$90.00 had been raised, so school secretary Katie Ihm, whose son Ted utilizes various Hodan services, decided to challenge the students and staff to raise \$500.00. If they met the goal Katie would have her head shaved in front of the student body. The students and faculty not only met the challenge but exceeded the goal as they raised \$757.35 in coins. The Student Leadership students then decided to donate another \$42.65 to make a **total donation of \$800.00.** Alex Erickson was in attendance the day it was announced the challenge had been met, and he shared what Hodan Community Services has meant to him and



*Katie before and after.*

his family. Sue Howell of the Bear N Bee Salon donated her styling services. Hodan Community Services would like to thank the students, faculty, and Katie Ihm for their generous donation. ●



# EXPERIENCE A WIN—FALL of SAVINGS

When you shop with us at  
**BARGAIN NOOK**

We offer continuous assortments of Women's, Men's, and Kid's apparel,  
including Coats! Domestic too! Stock up NOW and purchase  
Bargain Nook Gift Cards for your family & friends!

**Weekly 20% Savings on Selected Color Tag Items**

**Birthday Discount 10% off entire purchase**

**Customer Bonus Cards**

## STORE HOURS:

**Monday - Friday: 10 to 5:30**

**Saturday: 10 to 5**

**Sunday: Noon to 4**

Open 7 days a week at  
the following locations:

Mineral Point  
Darlington  
Spring Green

Platteville  
Mount Horeb

## GIVING BACK:

Revenues generated by the  
Bargain Nook stores directly  
support programs for people  
with disabilities in southwest  
Wisconsin.



## 2018 HOLIDAY HOURS:

**Closed Thanksgiving Day 11/22 (Thu.)**

**Close at 1 p.m. Christmas Eve 12/24 (Mon.)**

**Closed Christmas Day 12/25 (Tue.)**

**Close at 1 p.m. New Year's Eve 12/31 (Mon.)**

**Closed New Year's Day 1/1 (Tue.)**

**Closed for Inventory 1/2/19 (Wed.)**

# The Hodan Legacy

HODAN COMMUNITY SERVICES, INC.  
PLANNED GIVING



Named in honor of Tom Hodan, *The Hodan Legacy* is a group of devoted friends of Hodan Community Services, Inc. Everyone is welcome to join *The Hodan Legacy*. With planned gifts, those who value our mission can contribute to establishing a strong future-sighted direction for our services.

*The Hodan Legacy* recognizes friends of Hodan Community Services who have established a life income gift, charitable remainder trust, have included us in their wills, or have named Hodan Community Services in any other type of estate plan, such as a gift of life insurance or real estate. Planned gifts and bequests to Hodan Community Services may provide significant benefits not only to us, but to you and your family as well.

## List of Hodan Legacy Members:

Joan Greenwood\*  
Herb and Irene Harris\*  
Becky Heck  
Jeff and Theresa Helm  
Florence Herman\*

Mary and Ted Hodan  
Harry and Patricia Ivey\*  
Dorothy Meisenheimer  
Bob and Marianne Monson  
Paul Radtke\*

Lyle Rees\*  
Al\* and Chris Revenig  
Grace\* and Bob Schmid  
Tom and Trici Schraeder

Carolyn and Stephen  
Van De Wiel  
Jim and Kandy Wallace

\*deceased

If you have already included Hodan Community Services in your estate plans, if you would like to become a member of *The Hodan Legacy*, or have questions about planned giving, please contact Tom Schraeder, Development Director at 608.987.3336 or e-mail: [tschraeder@hodancs.org](mailto:tschraeder@hodancs.org).

## Ten tips to leaving a legacy

1. Prepare a will.
2. Consider your loved ones first, and then reflect on those not-for-profit organizations that have had a significant impact on your life, such as Hodan Community Services.
3. Specify a dollar amount or percentage of assets in your will to Hodan Community Services, and other not-for-profit organizations dear to you.
4. Consider bequeathing appreciated stocks or other assets for your charitable gift.
5. Name Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
6. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary.
7. Name Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
8. Create a trust, with the guidance of your financial planner, that serves both your estate and Hodan Community Services.
9. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.
10. Know that every legacy gift to Hodan Community Services, Inc., large and small, is acknowledged and appreciated.