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INSIDE:
**A Look at the
Supportive
Home Care
Program**

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 Events

Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon,
Volunteer Recognition and
Client-Employee Awards
Wednesday, November 22

Thanksgiving Holiday
(HCS Closed)
Thursday and Friday
November 23 and 24

Christmas Holidays
(HCS Closed)
Monday, December 25, 2017
through Monday, January 1, 2018

Hodan Community Services
Programs Resume on:
Tuesday, January 2, 2018

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Dear Friends,



So far 2017 has been a good year. On August 20th we celebrated 45 years of Hodan Community Services. It was great day with lots of visitors and a wonderful program which highlighted the 45 years. Speakers included a family member, client-employees, board members, Mineral Point Mayor Gregg Bennett, and Senator Howard Marklein. The event truly represented the support Hodan CS receives from the communities and the families we serve. As we planned for the event it was fun looking at pictures from over the years and reminiscing about client-employees, staff, board members and volunteers that played such significant roles in the 45 years of Hodan Community Services.

Other highlights in 2017 was the launching our Supportive Home Care Program which supports our mission of assisting individuals reach their life goals. Supportive Home Care allows individuals to live independently with minimal supports such as grocery shopping, assisting in meal preparation, and light housekeeping. This new service also allows individuals who have always lived independently continue to do so.

During 2017 we have served roughly 170 clients per month through our various programs including Enrichment Activities, Shades of Silver, Prevocational, Community Employment and Supportive Home Care. It is the dedicated staff that makes this all happen every day.

I invite anyone who is interested to come for a tour and learn more about the services we provide. Please feel free to contact me anytime for a tour.

Tom Schmit

Executive Director ●



Staff Changes

Welcome to the following new staff members who have recently joined Hodan Community Services:

Hertha Gerard – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Mt. Horeb

Victoria Newton – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Spring Green

Cyrene Brosoto – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Spring Green

Amanda Martens – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Platteville

Sylvia Peckham – Part-time Clerk, Bargain Nook Platteville

Congratulations to the following staff member on her recent job promotion:

Michelle White transferred from a part-time clerk position at the Platteville Bargain Nook to a full-time position in Enrichment Activities. ●

STAFF MEMBER PROFILE:

Chris Mitchell



Chris Mitchell has been at Hodan Community Services since September 2009 when he started as an LTE on the work floor. He began as an Employment Specialist position in January 2010, and became the Assistant Director of Community Employment in 2012. In 2015 Chris moved into the position of Director of Vocational Services and in 2016 he was promoted again to the position of Deputy Executive Director.

Within his role as Deputy Executive Director Chris manages Community Employment, Supportive Home Care, and Work Services.

Chris was born, raised, and continues to live in Mineral Point. He attended the University of Wisconsin-Platteville and graduated with a major in psychology and a minor in business. While working at Hodan Community services Chris graduated from UW-Stout with a Master's degree in Vocational Rehabilitation Counseling.

Chris has been married to Quinn (Coogan) Mitchell for five years. Quinn is a Certified Public Accountant at Johnson and Block in Mineral Point. Quinn and Chris have three children. Their oldest daughter Kinsley is 4 years old and their twins Casen and Kennedy were born in July of this year. Beyond his time as a husband and father Chris coaches Mineral Point Varsity Football and is an active member of the Mineral Point Lion's Club. ●



CLIENT-EMPLOYEE PROFILE:

Joel Flesch

Joel Flesch has been working with Hodan Community Services since July 2014. Hodan and Joel were first connected through the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation (DVR) with the intent to help Joel find employment in the community. Joel participated in varying working experiences through DVR before being hired on as a Library Assistant for the Platteville School District. Joel works five mornings a week between the three Platteville Schools.

Joel's job duties include assisting with checking out books, stamping books, shelving books, and a variety of other tasks. It's not surprising Joel found employment with a school district. His father Dan recently retired from the Platteville School District where he was an elementary teacher for many years. His mother, Beth, is a Special Education teacher at Iowa-Grant High School. Joel receives wrap-around services at Hodan Community Services when not working at one of the schools.

Karen Utley, who is an Elementary Library Media Specialist, when asked about Joel's contribution to the Platteville School District said, "Joel's presence in our schools is like a dose of sunshine. His hard work and positive attitude are incredible." ●

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A Look at the Supportive Home Care Program

In December of 2016 Hodan Community Services started its Supportive Home Care (SHC) program. Our Supportive Home Care program is completely community based, and is intended to help individuals with disabilities live independently in the community. The goal of Supportive Home Care aligns with Hodan Community Services' mission: "to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals." When asked about how SHC services helped with his life goals Larry Noble stated, "I really like the workers who work with me. They have helped me stay in my apartment. They've taught me how to eat healthier and I've lost 15 pounds since starting with my worker."

The main tasks involved in Supportive Home Care are geared towards housekeeping, meal preparation, and personal hygiene. While our Supportive Home Care workers will assist by directly providing services, our main goal is to coach individuals to become more independent. When asked about her SHC services one consumer said, "Hodan is fabulous, without you I couldn't stay in my apartment." When the program began, our SHC workers were trained job coaches. We took our skills in helping individuals learn community jobs, and applied them to learning to be more independent in the community. We strive to lower the amount of assistance each person needs, and to help them be as independent as possible.

We initially started with two consumers we were already serving in other capacities, and since that time the program has grown. As of October of this year, Hodan is serving 13 consumers, and providing nearly 300 hours of support on a monthly basis. We provide Supportive Home Care in Iowa, Lafayette, and Grant counties.

The addition of Supportive Home Care is another example in Hodan Community Services efforts to become more community based. In recent years other community based services have been expanded, including Community Employment and increases in outings for our day services programming. While the Supported Home Care program is new, it is just another example of Hodan Community Services working to provide the most integrated services for our consumers. We strive to provide a needed service and do so with the enthusiasm and caring for which Hodan Community Services is known. One of the individuals served likes to tell our workers, "I look forward to your visit all week." ●



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Community Employment Partners

THANKS TO:

A & W in Platteville
 Alliant Energy in Mineral Point
 Bargain Nooks
 Barn Scrapers in Mineral Point
 Benvenuto's in Platteville
 Cobb Methodist Church
 Country Kitchen in Platteville
 Citgo in Montfort
 Culvers in Cross Plains
 Culvers in Dodgeville
 Culvers in Platteville
 Cummins Emissions Solutions
 in Mineral Point
 Dodgeville Library
 Gina's Restaurant in Platteville
 Grey Dog Deli in Mineral Point
 Duluth Trading Company in Belleville
 Hair and Nail in Darlington
 Hartzell's IGA in Warren, IL
 Hope Lutheran Church in Mineral Point
 Kwik Trip in Dodgeville
 Kwik Trip in Mineral Point
 Kwik Trip in Platteville
 Lafayette County Health Department
 Menards in Platteville
 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
 Pointer Café in Mineral Point
 Popolo's Pizza in Mineral Point
 Premier Cooperative in Mineral Point
 RBS Activewear in Argyle
 Ritchie Implement in Barneveld
 Saether's Funeral Home in
 Blanchardville
 Sielaff Corporation in Mineral Point
 Southwest Health Center Platteville
 Tony's Tap in Mineral Point
 Traveler's Inn in Mineral Point
 Upland Hills Hospital in Dodgeville
 Walker House in Mineral Point
 Walmart in Dodgeville
 Walmart in Platteville

Hodan Community Services Open House



The idea of Hodan Community Services began—like many things—based on need. In the early 1970s there were centers like Hodan serving other parts of the state, but southwest Wisconsin lacked a place where people with disabilities could go and socialize with others, learn new skills, participate in activities, and be surrounded by people who were dedicated to their growth and realization of personal goals. What started as an idea came to fruition, fostered by the dedication of those determined to meet the needs of people with disabilities. When the Hodan Center opened its doors in 1972, 15 adults were served by three paid staff and some volunteers and operated on a budget of \$25,000. Clients were initially served in the old St. Mary's school building.

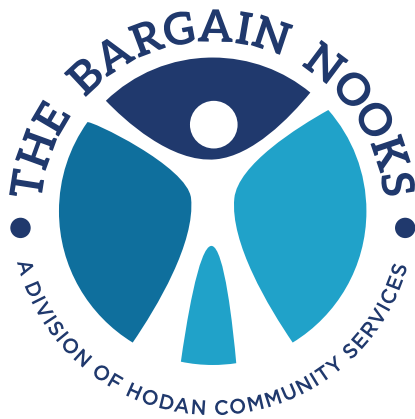
Fast forward 45 years and you will find a success story not only in Hodan Community Services, but in the many individuals served. When Hodan first began, the initial goals were to support individuals to increase their independent living skills, socialization skills, and promoting a healthy self-concept. As clients gained new skills and independence, their goals about what they wanted to achieve grew, and Hodan grew right along beside them. Hodan Community Services now serves over 180 individuals and operates on an annual budget of over \$3,000,000.

On August 20th we celebrated 45 years of success and growth. Those attending the open house were able to tour our facility and learn about our Production floor, Enrichment Activities, Adult Basic Education, Shades of Silver, Community Employment, Supported Home Care, our Bargain Nook stores, and the Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen. Client employees proudly toured the Hodan building with friends and family. Master of Ceremonies Kent McConnell, whose daughter Jenni is a client-employee, welcomed guest speakers Margaret Galle, Hodan Community Services Board chair; Judy Fillback, Board member; Tom Schraeder, Director of Development; Mineral Point Mayor Gregg Bennett; and State Senator Howard Marklein. Jeff Mester spoke about what Hodan Community Services has meant to his brother Eric who has been a client-employee for 10 years. Adam Straka, another client-employee, shared his experiences working at Hodan and his recent community job placement. The family of Tom Hodan was also present to share in our celebration. Hodan Community Services is named in honor of Tom, who was instrumental in the initial planning of the opening of Hodan. He passed away just a few months prior to the opening of the center.

In reflecting back over the last 45 years, it's difficult not to look ahead to the future as well. Hodan Community Services will continue to respond and adapt as needs change, and it's exciting to think about what the future holds. One thing is certain—Hodan Community Services will have many more celebrations in its future. ●



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Thank You and Best Wishes Fay

Fay Cozine retired as Asst Manager from BN3 Spring Green the end of August after 5 years... you will be missed!



Congratulations to...

Michelle White who will return to our Platteville BN4 as Store Manager beginning November 1st.

STORE HOURS:
Monday - Friday: 10 to 5:30
Saturday: 10 to 5
Sunday: Noon to 4

Special Holiday Hours
Closed Thanksgiving Day 11/23
Close at 1 pm Christmas Eve 12/24
Closed Christmas Day 12/25
Close at 1 pm New Year's Eve 12/31
Closed New Year's Day 1/1
Closed for Inventory 1/2



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.

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.