

Sibley County DAC Newsletter

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Current Job Highlight: McLeod County Solid Waste Management

In early March, we began a partnership with McLeod County Solid Waste Management. This job is a great opportunity for our clients. The majority of our clients are able to complete a portion of this job independently, and even more with some assistance from staff. This job requires some disassembly of various plastic pieces, and then sorting the different types of plastic. The sorted plastic will end up at a different facility to be melted down and reused for other products. The large square footage of our building is definitely being put to good use, as this job takes up a lot of space! This job is definitely keeping both the staff and the clients busy, and everyone seems to love the change of pace.

Minnesota Families and Advocates Coalition (MNFAC 2016)

The Sibley County DAC is a current member of MOHR, which is a group of more than 110 Adult Day, Day Training and Habilitation, Extended Employment and Supported Employment Service providers, serving over 25,000 Minnesotans with disabilities. MOHR has recently assisted in the creation of the Minnesota Families and Advocate Coalition (MNFAC), because the field of Developmental Disability services is experiencing historic transition and change, which could affect how and which services are provided for people with disabilities.

The Goals of MNFAC are:

Advocacy: Organize to support individuals with disabilities and their rights by education and working with government officials.

Awareness: Promote the accomplishments and everyday obstacles overcome by persons with disabilities and their families.

Advisement: Provide both peer support and organizational feedback to meet the current and future needs for persons with disabilities; a grassroots effort to give a "voice to the voiceless."

If you are interested in MNFAC or helping create a local group, please contact Mark Pauly at markpauly@sibleycountydac.com or (507)964-5726

Upcoming Events:

Business Expo

We will have a booth at the Sibley County Business Expo at GFW High School in Winthrop on **April 23rd** between **10:00 am and 2pm**. We will have a table set up with information on the services we provide, along with our current products, which will be available for purchase or order. Stop in and say hi to Angela, and learn more about what the DAC has to offer!

Upcoming Events Cont'd:

Sibley County Seconds 20th Anniversary

Sibley County Seconds thrift store will be celebrating its 20th anniversary on May 20th. During the week of the anniversary, there will be various daily sales, drawings, and possibly other great savings opportunities. Keep your eye out in the Arlington Enterprise and The Shopper for details about the sales and promotions.

February Worker of the Month:

Kim has been working at the Sibley County DAC since January of 2006. Kim is very perseverant, and does not let her physical restrictions stop her. She will figure out a way to get things done, even though it isn't always easy. Kim loves folding garbage bags, counting twist ties to put in with the garbage bags, and also tearing the garbage bags off the large roll. Her favorite job is going around to the offices and gathering garbage with the big wheeled garbage barrel. Kim is very polite and friendly, with both her peers and her staff. She truly cares about those around her, and wants to please those that she cares about. Lately, Kim has been very compliant with staff requests, and has been even more friendly and interactive with her peers. Everyone is a friend to Kim, and she truly cares about their well-being. Her polite demeanor makes her a joy to be around, and she definitely has a few select friends that really enjoy her company; especially while playing Uno and Bingo.

March Worker of the Month:

Wayne has been working at the Sibley County DAC since April 2011. Wayne has very good attendance, is very reliable and consistent with his work. He cleans at St. John's Lutheran Church in Gaylord, cleans the Green Isle City Hall/Offices/Fire Hall, and also goes to Sibley Seconds on a regular basis. He also loves physical tasks around the building such as shoveling snow, taking out the garbage, and sweeping/mopping large areas. He really enjoys the new recycling job, and will sit and work whenever he gets the chance! Wayne is very motivated by his paycheck, and is always wanting more work and to make more money.

Wayne is very social, and wants to be right in the middle of the excitement. He enjoys most activities, especially if his friends are participating.

April Worker of the Month:

Nicole has been working at the Sibley County DAC since January of 2005. Nicole was nominated by staff and voted for by her peers as worker of the month. Nicole is very well liked and holds a soft spot in everyone's heart here at the DAC. Nicole faces many physical and intellectual challenges on a daily basis, but she is very persistent and willing to work with staff to complete her work tasks. She enjoys shredding papers and pulling garbage bags with the help of staff. Nicole's family is very involved in her life, and her birthday party thrown by her dad every year has become a highlight for everyone here at the DAC. Nicole gets along with everyone, and her peers are always looking out for her. She has a giggle that can stop anyone in their tracks!