

THE SUCCESS STORY

MAY 2011



Howard Kossover



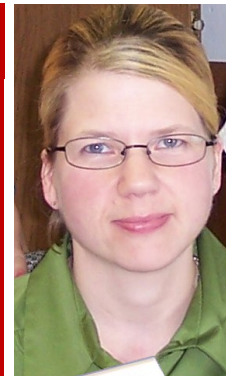
Howard Kossover from the Social Security Administration

explains how working might also stressed the affect recipients of Social Security benefits to the April focus group. Howard also stressed the importance of looking at each individual's circumstance as Social Security decisions are very case specific. Howard cited the wealth of information that's available on Social Security's web site & encouraged everyone to utilize this resource whenever possible. Howard reviewed the formula for calculating SSI benefits when employed & explained that, even though benefits are reduced, it's usually to people's advantage to work.



From the Desk of Tanja Kapinos, CEO

The last 3 months have been busy, to say the least. Our 2nd consumer focus group of 2011 gave everyone a chance to ask questions and discuss specific Social Security issues. New staff training opportunities included a presentation by CVIC on how to better work with our consumers who might find themselves in an abusive situation, medication recertification with Amy Hestbeck & training on mood disorders with Dr. Hill at Northeast Human Service Center, with a session on psychotic disorders to follow this summer. We are beginning preparations for our 3rd visit with the Council on Quality & Leadership which will focus primarily on our Basic Assurances monitoring plan & how we have used what we have learned from this monitoring system to improve our organization and the quality of life of the people we support. As a member of the Optimist Club, supporting children in our area, we assembled Easter baskets to distribute to families in need and participated in the Child ID program in conjunction with the GF Police Department. A parting thought by David Frost: "Don't aim for success if you want it; just do what you love and believe in, and it will come naturally".



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Success Works 2011

5K RUN/WALK



**Join us in celebrating
Workforce Diversity
and
Workers with Disabilities**

2 grants have been awarded from the 2010 5K proceeds to provide assistive technology & to offset out of pocket costs for support services

Volunteers are needed to help with planning & organizing our 2011 event

**For more information on volunteering or sponsoring this event
call 701.775.3356
or email tanja@successunlimitedinc.org**

THE ROAD TO SELF SUFFICIENCY



Tina Monaghan

Tina Monaghan has been employed with MVW at the Grand Forks Air Force Base since 2007. She is part of the maintenance crew that is responsible for the base-wide custodial contract. Tina has recently added a second job & joined

the crew at Listen Day Services.

Tina has been supported by Success Unlimited for 14 years. Her past work experience includes Royal Fork, Fairfield Inn, McDonald's, Green Mill, Highlander and Easter Seals.

Tina takes pride in a job well done.

In her leisure time, Tina is involved with Special Olympics. She enjoys spending time at the Listen Drop In & is a member of the Rock 'n Rollers Club.





Welcome to the Work Force

Congrats
to



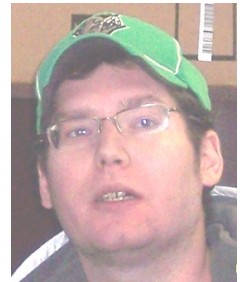
Margaret Rising
on her new janitorial
position at Listen
Day Services



Breanna Flanagin,
who was recently
hired by Qdoba's as
a line server



Joseph Stone,
hired by Qdoba's
as a dishwasher



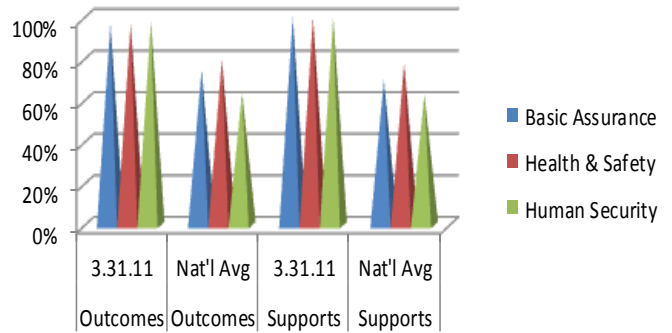
Jacob Pesek
employed as a
dishwasher at Altru
Health Systems



Success Unlimited 1st Quarter 2011 Data

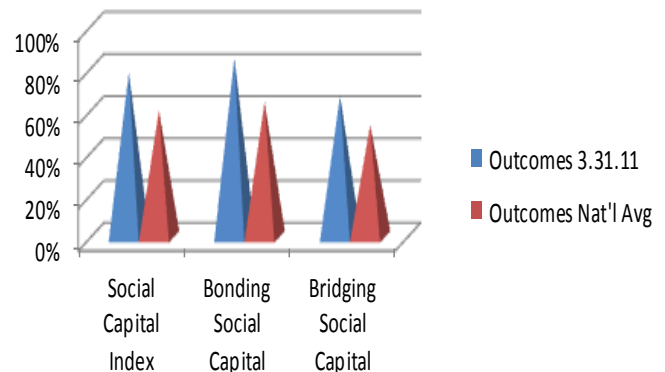
Basic Assurances

Assesses organizational accountability in the areas of health, safety, human security and legal rights.



Social Capital

Focuses attention on community factors such as education, transportation, employment, health care and housing that improve quality of life.



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Success In Action

Can You Help?

Drive to Benefit

Northlands Rescue Mission

We will be collecting items for the
Northlands Rescue Mission

If you (or your friends & neighbors) would like to contribute
to this project, please bring your items to:

Success Unlimited

3551 South 20th Street Suite B

Save
the
Date

20th Anniversary Week Celebration
July 18th — 22nd, 2011

Summer Focus Group
July 19th
CVIC Presentation



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**Employment
Support Services
for People
with Disabilities**



It's hard to climb
the ladder of success
with your hands in your pockets!