

THE INSIDE STORY

Volume 1/Issue 2

February 2023



From the Director's Desk:

TASC is looking forward to many new adventures in 2023. Beginning this month, Day Hab steps into the world of Night Hab. Night Habilitation simply explained, is ensuring our clients have every opportunity possible to take advantage of activities on weekend and evenings. Amy and her staff are busy compiling a list of fun, educational events to attend. The plan is to start with at least one evening outing each week, and another planned for one week-end each month. There are so many places to visit in our area, it is easy to imagine this becoming a very popular option for all of our clients. We realize some trips will be limited to the number of individuals we can take, so we will use a rotation schedule to allow everyone to participate. Family members who wish to provide transportation for their loved ones will be welcomed to do so. Let us know if you have ideas or suggestions for upcoming events. Cheri

Executive Committee:

Hope everyone had a great start to the new year. We only had one day in January in which we were closed due to the weather, so we are looking forward to nicer weather. If you would like to stop in for a visit sometime, feel free to give me a call. Have a great day. -Lisa

Happy February from the Vocational Department. The doldrums of winter have set in. We continue to attend our monthly jobsites, working around this crazy weather. Sarah is working with 2 high school individuals that are exploring work opportunities in the community. This keeps us very busy. -Kris

Part of my job requires me to constantly be in touch with various agencies to ensure TASC is current and timely following new regulations and guidelines set forward by the State of Iowa. The most recent are the changes we follow to document how we assist the individuals we serve. The emphasis is no longer on the paper, but on those we serve! This will free up staff's time to plan more activities and do larger group outings, away from the Waukon area. Please reach out if you have suggestions, comments, or concerns about programming needs. -Corrina Nelson

The Support Services rooms are filled with fun decorations that are made by the individuals in the rooms. You will find the rooms decorated each month with the arts and crafts activities that are made during art sessions. The Support Services 2 room started doing monthly door decorating in the room for a new adventure. Some of the other activities that occurred during the month include, Thank You letters to the Waukon Police Department and the Allamakee Sheriff's department for Law Appreciation Day. Martin Luther King Jr. day was celebrated by making "I have a Dream" clouds along with making "Your Differences make you Amazing" board. The Support Services 2 room volunteered to make the meal of the month which was the Mashed potato bar and everyone had a great time helping make the meal. -Sheila

From the SCL Hourly Dept: We kicked off the new year with setting 2023 resolutions; some of these included drinking more water, losing weight, and being kind. In January, some activities included decorating mugs and having a hot chocolate bar, breakfast at Jet's Cafe, and activities and lunch at King Pin Entertainment in Decorah. Upcoming activities in February include National Read Aloud Day, making Valentine's Day Cards, and cookies. If you have questions or suggestions, please reach out to me. -Becky

Day Hab is about to get busy preparing for Valentine's Day! We love any reason for a party, and this should be a good one. Valentine's Day falls on a Tuesday this year and we are planning a special meal (chili and grilled cheese) and a dance! We also welcome anyone to bring in Valentine's for a card exchange and we can help with labeling them correctly. We are also excited to announce that we will be starting a new program, NIGHT HAB! We will be starting this program slowly with a couple of activities in February. Night Hab will consist of afternoon/evening activities and weekend activities. We look forward to taking part in community activities and special events that we are not able to do during our scheduled 8:30am-2:00pm time slot. Everyone is welcome to participate in Night Hab activities but there will be limited space. We will draw names and choose according to who has had previous opportunities as we go. Keep an eye on the calendar as this is where you will find information needed to sign up for these activities. -Amy

Our residential homes are looking forward to the new year and warmer temperatures. We are very excited for Night Hab to begin as this will provide us with more opportunities to get our individuals out in the community. If you see any activities that would be of interest to us, please let us know. We are always on the lookout for any options in the community that our individuals would like to be a part of or might enjoy. If you or anyone you know, would like to earn some extra income, providing daily living skills with a lot of fun, please send them our way and we will talk with them. Kari & Kayla

Greetings. It's hard to believe that it's already February. As you'll see in other parts of this newsletter, exciting changes are on the way!! Night Hab is beginning and this will be such a great opportunity for everyone to partake in. It's so unbelievable to think that someone can get paid for doing things like going to a dinner theatre, etc. With this in mind, we are actively looking for additional people to join our team. This would be a great opportunity for someone who wants to supplement their current income or earn a little extra spending money. If you or someone you know might find this to be the perfect opportunity give me a call and we can chat. -Kristie

Thank you for reading our informational newsletter. If you would like to contact any one of these individuals, their emails are on our website. Please continue to check out our Facebook page to see more of our events. Catch you next month.



Inspired by the values of compassion, dignity and respect...we build brighter futures.