

THE INSIDE STORY

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HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

From the Director's Desk:

I am excited about this newest opportunity that provides you first-hand information from and about the various components that make up TASC. In addition to the usual activity calendar, we will use this to keep you updated on changes to programs, any policy changes that could impact you or your loved one, as well as events we are considering. TASC has always been committed to Customer Service, and Asking the Opinions of those we serve. This ensures that the hours spent with us are meaningful and useful. Please let us know how we are doing - what you would do differently, or perhaps discontinue. We may come from different backgrounds; however, we have one common goal - to make a difference in the lives of those entrusted to our care. **Cheri Leachman**

"Do one thing every day that scares you." Eleanor Roosevelt

Executive Committee Tidbits:

Hello, my name is **Lisa Christianson** and I am the Administrative Assistant. I have been with TASC for 28 years and I am the first one you will usually see when you come to the center. I will greet you with a smile and welcome you to TASC. I truly enjoy the joys and dreams that we are able to create and fulfill for everyone that we serve.

My name is **Corrina Nelson** and I am the Program Coordinator. I collaborate with our individuals to learn what services they would like to receive from TASC. What goals would they like to strive for? What skills are they interested in learning? What would they like to get from their experience with us? I coordinate the individual's wants and needs with their team and ensure all the needed paperwork is in place. I ensure our clients are getting the most of the services we provide, and most importantly, the services they want. My favorite thing about my job is working with a variety of unique individuals who all share a common goal: to enjoy life to the fullest, making memories and friendships along the way. If you have any suggestions or questions, please call me!

Hello from the Vocational Department, my name is **Kris Cote**. I have been with the vocational department for 16 years. Currently we have 6 jobsites in the community and serve 5 individuals that are competitively employed. We employ 2 full-time job coaches/employment specialists. Our days are filled with cleaning, recycling and stocking shelves in the community. I also oversee the maintenance department which employs 3 part-time individuals. Last but not least I also run the safety program agency wide. The days are busy, but also very rewarding. Happy New Years to all.

My name is **Kayla Klingeman**. I am one of the Residential Coordinators. I have been employed with TASC since 2014 and a Site Manager for the last 4 years. Not only do I have a love for my job, I also enjoy kayaking and pizza at Luna Valley Farm. This coming year I'm looking forward to seeing two of my five children graduate, 1 from MFL Mar Mac and 1 from Waukon. Although I do not live in Waukon currently, I am originally from here and live outside of Monona now.

My name is **Kari Roney**: I am the other Residential Coordinator. I have been with TASC for 12 years, 11 years as a Site Manager. I grew up and still live in Waukon. I like to spend a lot of my free time with my family and friends, usually not venturing too far away. I have 2 young nephews that I enjoy spending time with and 3 dogs that keep me busy.

Hello, from the TASC SCL Hourly Department. My name is **Becky Schott** and I am the Hourly SCL Coordinator. In the hourly department, we provide support services to 25 individuals. We provide services in Waukon, Lansing, and Ossian. Supports provided can be anywhere from 10 minutes to 3 hours, one on one with a variety of services such as medication management, money management, grocery shopping, meal planning and menus, cleaning, transportation, appointments, laundry, exercising, cooking, social activities, community events, hygiene/grooming tasks, and mental health/coping skill review. Recent activities include; monthly potlucks, pen pal activity, Secret Santa gift exchange, and out to eat at local restaurants.

My name is **Sheila Snitker**, I wear several titles that include the Support Service Coordinator, Support Services Program Coordinator and Transitional Coordinator. I have been employed with TASC for 27 years and have been associated with the Support Services department throughout this time. I oversee the Dayhab program which is divided into 2 areas that include regular Dayhab and Support Services. The 2 programs emphasis the same activities with added supports and staffing for the Support Services individuals. I also work with students to help promote a smooth Transition to adult programming. I find great joy in my job working at TASC and cherish all of friendships that I have developed.

Hello. My name is **Kristie Welch** and I am the Personnel Management Specialist (HR) for the agency. I've been with TASC for 10 years, but in this field for the last 28 years. It's so rewarding to see the changes that have evolved throughout the years and they truly seem to have flown by. While I typically do not interact on a 1:1 level with your loved ones, I absolutely love it when they stop by my office to say hello or when I'm just passing by them throughout the day. When I do have an opportunity to work with them in a direct care setting, it's a great break and it brings me back to where I started.

Hi! I'm **Amy McCormick**, the Options Supervisor for the Day Habilitation Program. I have been with TASC since 2006 and I truly love spending time doing activities and building skills with the people we serve! We are excited to implement some new activities and ideas in 2023 and we love getting ideas and feedback from family members, staff from other departments, and community members! So, if you have any thoughts on social activities, outings or anything else that we can do to have fun and promote building independence, send them my way!

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