



Elevated Supports **Summer/Fall** **Newsletter**

Summer/Fall 2026

Welcome to the Summer/Fall 2026 issue of the Elevated Supports newsletter—a celebration of community, connection, staff, employment milestones, and the people who make our work meaningful.

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Summer Highlights

Participants had a great time this summer doing lots of fun activities!

Just some of the fun things we did:

- Colorado Springs camping trip, July 13th–17th
- Boulder County Fair
- Visiting Water World



Upcoming Fun & Community Events

As in years past, Elevated Supports has some *FABULOUS* activities planned!! These are just a few of the offerings. Don't miss the boat (or the racecar)! Ask your DSP for details.

Upcoming events

- October 23rd: Talladega NASCAR Trip

September 25th, 2026: Sturgis Rally @ 637 Terry St., 11–2pm

- **October 15th: Anderson Farms, 4pm**
- **November 18th: Thanksgiving Dinner** @ The Moose Lodge, 4–7pm

Dec 22nd: Holiday Dinner @ Moose Lodge, 4–7pm

- **Feb 2027: 17 Night Cruise to Hawaii**

Care Coordinator of the Quarter

Every quarter, leadership chooses one special person to be 'Care Coordinator of the Quarter.' This person demonstrates our values.

This quarter, we are happy to present AJ Bernhagen as the honoree.

AJ brings heart, humor, and plenty of personality to everything he does. Whether his participants to thrive in their creativity by building confidence and skills, creating meaningful connections, and making every outing feel like an adventure - especially when bowling is involved! Whether he is delivering a perfectly timed movie quote, showing off an impression, cheering on a strike, or sharing tips for getting "swole," AJ knows how to make people feel included, supported, and motivated. His wit keeps everyone laughing, while his dedication helps the people he supports grow, connect, and live life to the fullest.

His ability to connect extends just as strongly to his team. AJ is a master at bonding with his coworkers over shared meal ideas, whether they are passing around handfuls of popcorn or he is stealthily hunting down the best discounted salad at the grocery.

This community wherever he goes. For always showing up with compassion, creativity, and enough energy for both the bowling alley and the gym, we proudly recognize AJ as our Care Coordinator of the Quarter! In the words of a true movie hero: "May the gains be with you!"



New Staff Spotlight



Bre Farrar, Job Coach

Hello, my name is Bre! I'm one of Elevated Supports' newest team members. I started working at Elevated Communities Cat Cafe in December, and it was my first job in almost 10 years! Since I started working there as a Job Coach, I've been privileged to learn so much about what I'm able to contribute to people in our community. I spend my time outside of work with my partner Nick, my two cats Eevee and Morris, and my dog Bella. I pretty much always have an iced coffee and a book in my hand. I look forward to getting to know everyone and becoming more involved with the community!

New Staff Spotlight



Jenna Torrez, DSP

For the past 15 years, I've had the privilege of working in direct care with adults with intellectual and developmental disabilities. This work has always been incredibly meaningful to me because it allows me to make a positive difference in people's lives while building genuine relationships.

I'm excited to be part of Elevated Supports because their person-centered, compassionate approach truly reflects the values that are most important to me.

Their positive company culture makes it a place where both the people we support and the staff can thrive, and I'm grateful to be part of such a dedicated team.

New Staff Spotlight



Clayton Bradish-Moody, DSP

Hi, my name is Clayton, I've been in the field for about 7 years now and it is something that has brought me so much joy. Working with such wonderful humans has taught me so much about myself and who I can become. I have a lot of passion and strive to do all I can to advocate for those we serve. Outside of work you'll most likely find me at Red Rocks at an EDM show or a rave. Staying active is also a big part of my life whether it's hiking or dancing. I love dancing - I honestly could (and have) danced the night away. Definitely have two green thumbs, my house is a lil mini forest. This next chapter is sure to be an exciting one and I can't wait for this journey to begin.

Celebrating 10 Years

We had an AMAZING time celebrating Elevated Supports' Ten Year Anniversary! Food, fun, powerful speeches, and time to visit with friends new and old. Thank you Elevated Supports for 10 great years! We wish you many more!





Supported Employment Highlights

Congratulations to our wonderful Supported Employment participants celebrating work anniversaries! We're proud of your accomplishments and grateful for all you do. Keep shining!

April

- Dave C. - 27 years at Target
- Jessica P. - 1 year at EC's Gently Used Clothing Boutique
- James P. - 3 years at King Soopers
- Kailey H. - 1 year at Best Day Ever
- Ted J. - 3 years at Lowe's
- Woody M. - 5 years at Moose Lodge

May

- Lindsay Z. - 2 years at Cold Stone Creamery
- Tina R. - 4 years at ARC

August

- Neil O. - 5 years at Walmart

September

- Jonna C. - 5 years at St. Vrain Valley School District
- Jarrett M. - 3 years at Evolve

New Employment Celebrations

So many amazing participants have secured meaningful employment through our Supported Employment Program this season. Help us say, "CONGRATULATIONS!"



CHRIS

Shoutout to Chris, who recently joined Anderson Farms for pumpkin season and is hard at work helping our new community partner, CAMDAZCO Farms, get their farm looking its best



BOBBY

We're proud to celebrate Bobby for volunteering his time and talents to support digital media and photography at this year's Boulder County Fair!

Workiversaries

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July

- Erika D- 9 years
- Keith P.- 6 years

September

- Sydney B- 4 years
- Ayden G- 2 year
- Ian W- 1 year

August

- Harmon M- 7 years
- Maria P- 7 years
- Lorra B- 6 years
- Abigail W- 1 year
- Sarah K- 1 year
- Clayton- 3 months



Questions? Ask Us!

If you have questions or concerns regarding events, supports, benefits counseling, or other general questions, please reach out to your team!

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