

#### ELEVATED WINTER-SPRING 2025

## **NEWSLETTER**

#### Save the Dates

#### **Agency Events...**

- St. Patrick's Day Party:
   Celebrate St. Patty's Day!
   At the Moose Lodge in
   Longmont from 4 PM-7 PM.
- Tax Clinics will be held on Fri., Feb. 18th & Tues., Feb. 21, more info on page 2
- Free CPR classes, more info on page 2

#### Staff Events...

Leadership Team will be in San Diego for the ANCOR conference from April 5-10.

#### **Elevated Communities...**

 Fun Elevated Communities events are in the planning stages- stay tuned for updates!

#### Staff Highlights

#### **Employee of the Quarter...**

Our **employee of the quarter** for Winter/Spring 2025 is...

JHORDAN RENNER! ♥♥ 🔭

#### New Staff...

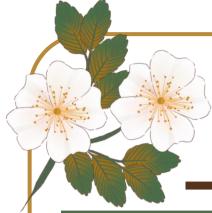
- Kathy Swanlund, DSP
- Missy Vigil, DSP
- Clifford Young, Elevated Communities Store Associate
- **Melanie Lopez**, Program Coordinator
- Leslie Ogeda, Residential Coordigator

#### **Updates...**

- Elevated Communities' Cat
   Cafe opening soon- more
   info on page 3
- Donation opportunities for Elevated Communities available through King Soopers, info on page 6







### EVENT INFO

- <u>CPR Classes:</u> Karuna Care Services is planning to offer free CPR classes to individuals receiving services. More information is TBD, but please reach out to Jhordan at <a href="mailto:jhordan@elevatedsupports.com">jhordan@elevatedsupports.com</a>, or 303-709-7391 if you are interested in participating!
- St. Patrick's Day Party: Put on your favorite festive green outfit and join us to celebrate St. Patty's Day at the Moose Lodge. We will have food, fun, and traditional bagpipe music! Event will be held from 4 PM-7 PM. No need to sign up, just show up! For more information, please reach out to Jhordan at jhordan@elevatedsupports.com, or 303-709-7391.
- <u>Tax Clinics</u>: Elevated Supports will hold two tax clinics for individuals receiving services. They will be held at the Elevated Supports office at 637 Terry St. from 9 AM-4 PM on Tuesday, February 18th and Friday, February 21st. If you'd like to sign up or get more information, please sign up at the office or reach out to your support person!
- <u>Elevated Communities:</u> Elevated Communities is currently planning more fun community events. More details TBA, stay tuned to our Facebook page for info and updates!







### UPDATES

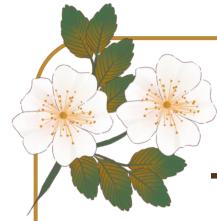


# Cat Café Coming Soon!

The Elevated Communities family is welcoming a new addition: a Cat Café! Come join us for kitty cuddles, a cup of coffee, or a chat with a friend. Our café will be located at 1240 Ken Pratt Blvd., Unit 2B in Longmont. Check our website, elevatedcommunitiescatcafe.org, or our Facebook page (Elevated Communities Cat Cafe) for more information on our grand opening!







### UPDATES

### Donation Opportunity

You can now donate a portion of your King Soopers or City Market purchase to Elevated Communities! To sign up, simply complete the following steps:

- Log into (or create) your online account at kingsoopers.com or citymarket.com.
- Once logged in, choose "My Account" under your name in the top right corner.
- Scroll to the bottom of the page and choose "Community Rewards."
- Here, you can search for Elevated
   Communities by name or using the code
   AE879, and then click "Enroll."
- Once you're done, be sure to enter your loyalty card info when you shop to link your donation!

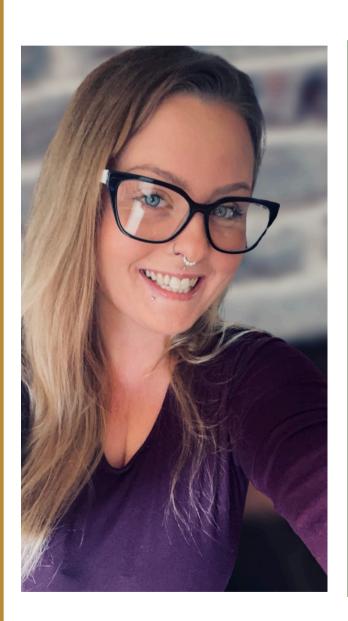




### EMPLOYEE

#### WINTER-SPRING 2025

### OF THE QUARTER

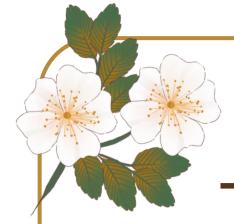


#### **JHORDAN RENNER**

Jhordan Renner was chosen as Elevated Supports' Employee of the Quarter for Winter/Spring 2025! Jhordan has been with Flevated since December 2022 and is our Supported **Community Connections** Program Coordinator. Jhordan has put her heart into her position since day one. She goes above and beyond to bring excitement and engagement to the SCC program. It would not be the same without her and we are so grateful for her work at Elevated Supports. Congratulations, Jhordan!







#### **NEW STAFF: Kathy Swanlund, DSP**



I have come to Elevated Supports from the corporate world as an Administrative Manager. I had the joy of working with the young adult daughter of one of my friends, with an IDD diagnosis who came to work with me in my office as part of her vocational training, doing simple organizational tasks for about 3 years. Watching her growth and success gave me a heart for adults with disabilities. I have 5 grandbuds with varying degrees of disabilities and work every Sunday in the Champion's Club ministry at my church for families with children who have disabilities. I have a personal interest in learning all I can to benefit all those around me who may need the services Elevated Supports provides. Being an active grammy of 10 grandbuds is the absolute favorite part of my week! My husband, Terry, & I love to travel & golf when we can.

Thank you for welcoming me!









### NEW STAFF: Cliff Young, Store Associate

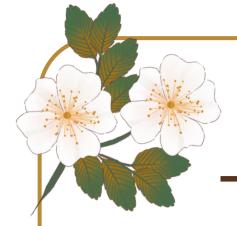
Hi, my name is Cliff Young! I am from the west coast; I was born in Washington state but grew up as a teenager in the Los Angelas area. I am the bio father to one teenage son, but I have several former Foster Kids still in my life after working in Group Home for over twelve years.

After high school I went into the Air Force, then after the military I worked in construction, and I was a truck driver for a while. I lived and worked in Yellowstone for four years, and I want to return to Yellowstone when I retire. In 2011 I started working as a House Parent working for Children's Homes / Group Homes and did that until 2023.

I enjoy the outdoors, hiking, camping, mountain biking, and all things Colorado!









#### NEW STAFF: Melanie Lopez, Program Coordinator

Melanie Lopez started at Elevated in September of 2024 and currently works as a Program Coordinator for our SLS Program. Here's a little bit about Melanie!

"My name is Mel. I grew up in
Littleton and received my
bachelor's degree in social work! I
have a background in ABA
therapy and Child Protective
Services in Denver. My hobbies
include going camping,
crocheting and working out."









#### **NEW STAFF: Missy Vigil, DSP**

My name is Melissa but I prefer to be called Missy. I've been in the field for 20 years and have worked with Supported Employment, Supported Community Connections, and Supported Living Services programs. I'm inspired to help the individuals we support with accessing the community, advocating for themselves, and achieving independence. I've lived in Longmont for 10 years but am a Colorado native. I have three kids that are grown.









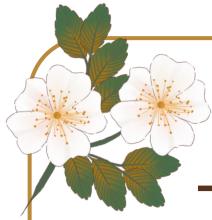
#### NEW STAFF: Leslie Ogeda, Residential Coordinator

My name is Leslie, and I was born and raised in Boulder.

Although I've moved to other places and traveled a lot, I always end up near home. I spent twenty-four years working for Boulder County and a few non-profit organizations; they fit my spirit of wanting to help make things better. I'm looking forward to learning from Elevated Supports Staff and using some of my experience to help others along the way!







B. K. PHOTOGRAPHY: Capturing the Essence of Nature
Bobby is a talented wildlife and landscape photographer.
Bobby's photography is currently on display at the Hive
Community Center in Parker, CO and will also be on display at
Landline Coffee and Donut in Longmont during March and
April. Pieces will be for sale.

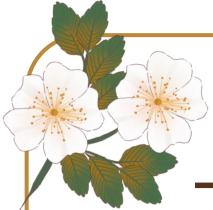
Bobby's info:

bkphotography1200@yahoo.com Instagram/bk\_photography1200 https://bkphotography1200.wixsite.com/mysite









#### **Supported Employment News**

There were lots of new jobs in October! Several people got jobs at the Winner's Circle:

Manny S.

Bobby K.

Zach R.

Casey T.

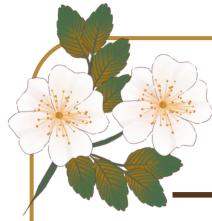
and...

#### **WORK ANNIVERSARIES**

Bradley S.- 2 years at Eco-Cycle in January
Cameron S.- 2 years at Prometric in February
Stacie M.- 3 years at The Moose Lodge in February
Dawn D.- 3 years at Safeway in March
Mark C.- 4 years at The Moose Lodge in March

☆ Congrats everyone!





# RESOURCES

Questions & Concerns: If you have questions regarding events, supports, or other general questions, please reach out to your team!

- Residential: Erika James,
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- SLS: Sam Smith,
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