

REGIONS

Corporate: Maquoketa, Iowa

Region 1: Boone, Buena Vista, Dalls, Green, Guthrie, Pocahontas, and Story Counties

Region 2: Adams, Dallas, Madison, Taylor, and Union Counties

Region 3: Clayton and Delaware Counties

Region 4: Clinton, Dubuque, Jackson, Mahaska, Tama, and Warren Counties

Region 5: Clinton, Jackson and Scott Counties

Region 6: Des Moines, Henry, Jefferson, Lee, Louisa, and Washington Counties

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A LETTER FROM CHERYL PLANK:

Region 6

As most are aware, in November 2023, Hope Haven merged with Imagine the Possibilities. As we continue our transition, you will notice changes in our newsletter. The newsletter will no longer consist of only stories in the Hope Haven region, as we continue to integrate our organizations and share what is happening across our agency throughout the state of Iowa.



You will also notice that although we are keeping the Hope Haven a Division of Imagine the Possibilities name for region 6, our newsletter will change to be Imagine the Possibilities to encompass ALL of us.

As you read all the articles and see the pictures in this newsletter, you will see there are a lot of positive things happening across the state of Iowa at Imagine the Possibilities. It is with pride and satisfaction to see all that our staff do every day to **empower people to reach individual achievement across the spectrum of life.**

We cannot experience this success without our staff, leadership, and community members. Thank you for your continued support and belief in the work we do.

We know we are Better Together.

Peace,

Cheryl Plank
Chief Strategic Advancement Officer
(Formerly CEO of Hope Haven.)

WEAR RED DAY AWARENESS IN FEBRUARY

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Take a look at all of our great team members sporting their red to raise awareness for heart health!

IACP HILL DAY 2024

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It's true - community is the solution! Did you know that people were never meant to do life alone? In fact, everything works so much more effectively when people work together well and are on a mission together. IACP's Hill Day for 2024 was a complete success AND the perfect example of that. Some of our team from Oskaloosa, Indianola, and Corporate joined several others at the Iowa Capitol in Des Moines, Iowa, to advocate for disability services in Iowa. The individuals we brought with us had an incredible time! And, we even made the Collins Capitol Connection newsletter!



FUN AT THE NATIONAL COUNCIL FOR MENTAL WELLBEING CONFERENCE

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Tiffany Marlette, Chief Operating Officer, and Michelle Phillis, Chief Quality Officer, pictured at the National Council for Mental Wellbeing conference. The National Council for Mental Wellbeing is a membership organization that drives policy and social change on behalf of more than 3,400 mental health and substance use treatment organizations and the more than 10 million children, adults and families they serve. They advocate for policies to ensure equitable access to high-quality services and build the capacity of mental health and substance use treatment organizations. And promote greater understanding of mental wellbeing as a core component of comprehensive health and health care.

2024 IACP CONFERENCE FUN

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So much fun was had by all at the IACP Conference this year! Not only were there great learning opportunities, but people were able to network, relax, and have fun!

A VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION

Region 1



Some of our individuals in Boone celebrated Valentine's Day and practiced the skill of giving a compliment through a "Like & Admire" activity. The participants will be using some of the content they received for creating their Person-Centered Description they plan to develop over the next year!

LOCAL BREAKFAST

Region 1



A local church reached out and invited us to breakfast! Our folks and some staff attended and had a great time and enjoyed a yummy breakfast.

SPECIAL OLYMPICS 3RD PLACE WINNER

Region 2



Cassie Munson proudly shared her 3rd place medal she received at Special Olympics for basketball! Congratulations, Cassie!



HAPPILY EVER AFTER

Region 1

Amanda Kopaska got married on 4-26-24! Amanda and (now) husband, Jim, met many years ago through Supported Employment services and have continued a wonderful relationship since that time. They had a beautiful wedding with their family and friends. We are so happy for them both and their new journey together as husband and wife. Congratulations, Mr. & Mrs. Paprocki!

GOLD STAR MUSEUM TOUR

Region 2



The Winterset Day Habilitation group visited the Gold Star Museum on Camp Dodge Military Base in Johnston, Iowa. The group learned about the history of the military in Iowa and were able to explore many military vehicles, learning about some of the technology used.

BELLEVUE CAR SHOW

Region 2



Some of our own in Bedford attended the Bellevue Car Show March 9th! Everyone had a great time!

VOLUNTEERISM IN GUTTENBERG

Region 3



Some of our Guttenberg friends were able to Volunteer at our local Flower/Bait shop. They enjoyed rearranging flowers and trees!

SHAMROCK SHINDIG - IN THE NEWS

Region 3



Jesse was featured on the cover of the Camp Courageous Newsletter for the Shamrock Shindig Dance!

ABLE TREK TOUR IN BRANSON

Region 3



Brett attended an Able Trek Tour trip to Branson, Missouri. Brett enjoyed his trip, especially the impersonation shows!

CONGRATULATIONS, LISA GRIFFIN

Region 4

Lisa Griffin celebrated her 40th work anniversary with Imagine! Friends, family, peers, staff, and Executive Team members all attended the event and had so many nice memories with Lisa to share. Here is what Carolyn Schaefer, Director of Services, had to say: "Throughout their 40 years, this person has been open to trying out different opportunities to continue the dream of working. This person is the go-to when it comes to 'helping out' with any task. Whether it be cleaning out the fridge, taking the trash out, setting up or tearing down work areas, and most recently stocking the pop machine, this person never refused. Another job was offered in 2019 (at the one and only - Nissen and Caven). Lisa, on behalf of everyone here at Imagine, we would like to offer a huge thank you and present you with this plaque for your hard work and dedication for your service the last 40 years."



MAQUOKETA CHAMBER GALA IN JANUARY

Region 4



On January 20th, some of our team attended the Maquoketa Chamber Gala. **Three Imagine employees were recognized for their community accomplishments.**

Megan Simmons was passed down the **Chamber Gavel** and is now the **2024-2025 Maquoketa Chamber President**. This is her fourth year of being on the Chamber Board.

Robin Nims was awarded the **Above and Beyond award**. This award is given to an individual associated with a Chamber member who has given their time and energy to assist the Chamber in making are community a better place to live, work and play.



Carolyn Schaefer received a certificate of completion for **Leadership Maquoketa**. The five-month program curriculum offers a view of Maquoketa from different vantage points, heightens participant awareness of current community conditions and issues, enhances individual and group leadership skills, helps participants see themselves as partners for change, and provides them with tools focused on developing themselves.

A NEW WAY TO STAY FIT IN REGION 4

Region 4

The Andrew Jackson location recently opened a new fitness center! The idea behind the center is to allow individuals to increase their physical health. We hope that their mental health will also improve by having the opportunity to exercise more. It is believed that engaging in physical activity causes the release of serotonin and dopamine, both of which can elevate mood. There were several involved with the project - all who did a wonderful job! Thank you to everyone who helped!



VERMEER PROM

Region 4

Some of our folks from Oskaloosa pose for a picture before going to prom, which was sponsored by Vermeer Corporation in Pella.

A DAY IN THE PARK

Region 5



These gentlemen had a great time enjoying a beautiful spring day in the park!

IT'S MOVING DAY

Region 5



Jennifer, Destiny, Kendra, and Angel are excited to move to their new house in DeWitt!

HOLIDAY DOOR DECORATING CONTEST

Region 5

Region 5 participated in Holiday Door Decorating contest! The winner was the Grinch door and office, 2nd place was awarded to the Merry Christmas with Joy sign door, and 3rd place was given to the Snowmen door. What a fun time this team had bringing the holiday spirit to Region 5!



HAROLD VISITED LONDON

Region 6

Harold took a week long vacation to London, England with the Camp Courageous travel program. Pictured is Harold standing in front of the Albert Memorial in Kensington Gardens. Also, while in London he was able to visit St. Paul's Cathedral, Westminster Abbey, Big Ben the Tower of London along with many other iconic sites.



GENEROUS DONATION FROM THE HURLIMAN'S

Region 6



Hope Haven, a division of Imagine the Possibilities recently purchased a community-based home. The house is a home for four individuals with disabilities. The Hurliman Home was made possible through a generous donation from Dean and Karen Hurliman. In addition, grants were secured to complete the residence. Hope Haven, a division of Imagine the Possibilities, is extremely grateful for this level of support to improve the lives of individuals who live there.

Dean and Karen said "we are forever grateful for the loving care given to our son, John, by the staff at Hope Haven. His caregivers are genuinely concerned for his welfare. Their dedication has given John a happy, loving environment for many years. We trust this will continue in the years ahead." In appreciation, the Hurliman's have recently given over one hundred thousand dollars to Hope Haven.

In honor of Hurliman's generosity, the house will be named Hurliman Home.

HAPPY RETIREMENT, JOAN

Region 6



Joan’s journey of empowering persons with disabilities is not just a testament to her professional career but also a profound narrative of human compassion and resilience. Joan made a difference in the lives of her clients and approached her work with an unparalleled level of empathy, recognizing the unique challenges faced by individuals with disabilities. Throughout her 34 years served she was more than just a caregiver, she became a friend, a mentor, and a source of unwavering support for countless individuals and the families. Congratulations, Joan, on your retirement!

HOPEFULLY YOURS THRIFT STORE

Region 6



Hopefully Yours Thrift Store, owned by Hope Haven, a division of Imagine the Possibilities, has been honored as the 2024 Small Business of the Year! They’ve been pivotal in providing employment opportunities to individuals with disabilities.

With every item donated by local residents—from clothing to electronics—each purchase supports a meaningful mission and builds community pride.

At the heart of Hopefully Yours are the incredible individuals with disabilities who run all aspects of the store, supported by a dedicated team of staff, volunteers, and donors.

Expanding their impact, they’ve launched Imagine Pet Products, a new initiative teaching sewing and production skills.

Through partnerships with local shelters and organizations, Hopefully Yours extends its community commitment far beyond the storefront.

THE ADP ENJOYED THE SOLAR ECLIPSE

Region 6

Our ADP and Flexible Services program had some fun in the sun during the Solar Eclipse!



The following individuals, organizations, and businesses have donated cash or the use of their facilities from February 10, 2024 through June 5, 2024. We thank all for their generosity. We sincerely hope that we have not inadvertently left anyone off the list. Please contact us if your name or organization has not been recognized.

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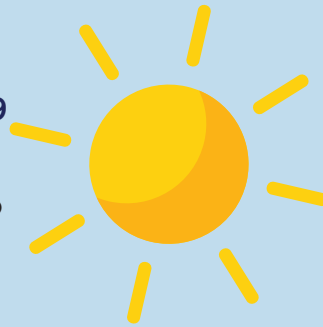
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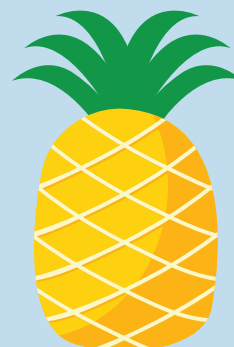
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