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## REACH, Inc. Monthly Newsletter May 2024

### Heads up!

REACH's Main Office and Shredding will be closed Monday, May 27 for Memorial Day

### From the Desk of Dan:

Greetings from REACH, Inc.:

I wanted to share with all of you that I am retiring and moving on from REACH. My last day at the agency will be Friday, May 24. I have called REACH home for 40 years, and I have had a great time. Working for a non-profit and the mission we are tasked with has been very self-rewarding. What I will miss most is the awesome team I have had the pleasure to work with, the excitement, the sense of family, and the individuals we serve.



Dan E. & Destany K., REACH Job Coach

My plans are to spend time with my eight grandchildren, fish, and relax.

Every day that I've come into the office, I've been greeted by the best and most hardworking staff. From our direct support professionals (DSPs) and job coaches who provide one-on-one support to the individuals at our agency, to our custodial and shredding staff, all the way to our team of accountants, HR professionals, and the rest of the administration staff, each person employed at REACH is critical to fulfilling our mission. The entire agency has my deepest thanks and gratitude for working tirelessly to create communities free of barriers for the individuals we serve.

Moving forward into the future, the leadership team is committed to enhancing the workplace culture for the DSPs, job coaches and custodians, and they will be working on new initiatives over the rest of this year to make REACH the employer of choice in the Intellectual and Developmental Disability sector. Sherri McDonald, REACH's Quality Assurance Director, will be the Interim Executive Director while the REACH Board of Directors conducts a search for a new Executive Director. If you have any questions about this transition, please do not hesitate to talk with your supervisor or the leadership team.

It's been an incredible honor to serve my community and the individuals we support.

Sincerely,

Dan Elstad

## **REACH's Annual Summer Picnic:**

Save the date! REACH's annual Summer Picnic will take place on Friday, July 26 from 12:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m. at Savikko Park Shelter #2 (Log Cabin) at Sandy Beach on Douglas Island.

## **REACH on the Radio:**

REACH employees are spreading awareness about the agency's services by appearing on KTOO's Juneau Afternoon. Read more about our two radio interviews on our website at [www.reachak.org/blog](http://www.reachak.org/blog)



## **Employee Spotlight:**

We're starting a new segment in our newsletter to shine a spotlight on our hardworking Direct Service Professionals (DSPs), Job Coaches, Custodians, and Shredding staff! Every month, we'll feature a different group of employees to highlight them and the impact of their important work at the agency. This month, we're highlighting the DSPs on Support Service Manager Timothy Wilson's team!

**"My Name is Timothy Wilson and I am a Service Manager here at REACH. I am going on my seventh year at REACH and I am proud to say that my staff team is filled with some of the most dedicated direct support staff I have ever met. I hold my team to a high but reasonable standard and they continuously meet and often exceed my expectations in almost every aspect of the work we do. If I were to use three words to describe my staff, they would be Dependable, Focused, and Dedicated. I don't know what I would do without them, and for that; I am extremely grateful."**

### **Direct Support Professionals on Timothy's Team:**

Maily M.	Ligia R.
Maria R.	Qin Z.
Alejandra R.C.	Nita B.
Felicitas R.C.	Josefina Q.
Sterling C.	Gloria M.
Diana A.	Alma M.

**We appreciate  
all that you do**

## Welcome to the Team:

Please help us extend a warm welcome to our new employees who recently joined the REACH team! We are excited to have you join our awesome organization and bring your skills to the people and businesses we serve.

Brandon A. - Custodian

Tim M. - Landscaper

Kristian U. - Temporary Receptionist

Alexandria G. - Direct Service Professional (DSP)



## Employee Anniversaries:

We're incredibly proud of the people who work at REACH, and their hard work does not go unnoticed! Please join us in celebrating the following employee anniversaries for the month of May:

Ulyx B. – 2 years

Derick N. – 3 years

Andrea S. – 3 years

Joanne S. – 3 years

Mitchell M. – 3 years

Joy D. – 5 years

Brandon R. – 7 years

Rachelle F. – 15 years

Paul D. – 17 years

Richie S. – 19 years



## Upcoming Events:

May 25 - Juneau Piano Series - Spring 2024 Concerts at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center

May 27 - Memorial Day (REACH's Main Office and REACH Shredding will be closed)

June 1-30: LGBTQIA2S+ Pride Month & Alzheimer's Awareness Month

June 1 & 2: Juneau Symphony Summer Pops Concert

June 7: First Friday Artwalk

June 14: Flag Day

June 16: Father's Day

June 19: Juneteenth

June 22: Fresh Air Market at the Juneau Arts & Culture Center