

REACH, Inc. Monthly Newsletter December 2023

From the Desk of Dan:

Our warmest greetings to you and yours for a safe and merry holiday season!

This month at REACH is all about togetherness! On December 13, our entire staff, the REACH Board of Directors, the individuals we support and their families & friends gathered for our annual Holiday Party at the Juneau Yacht Club. It was truly wonderful to gather as a group, see old friends, make new friends and wish each other happy holidays. Being able to connect in-person is a gift, especially after not being able to due to the pandemic. I am grateful for each and every person who attended and for the chance to build community between the individuals we support and the REACH team. We are looking forward to what the New Year will bring as we continue serving the amazing individuals who choose REACH as their service provider. Our best wishes to you and your family for a safe and healthy New Year!



Sincerely,

Dan Elstad
Executive Director

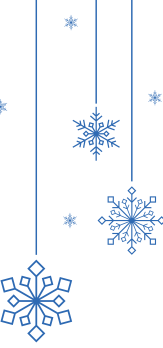
Fred Meyer Community Rewards:

Did you know your everyday purchases from Fred Meyer can help us? We're part of the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. Link your Shopper's Card with our organization, #GY388, and a percentage of your spending will go toward our organization. For more information on how to set up your account visit fredmeyer.com/i/community/community-rewards.



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Employee Anniversaries:

We're so 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 December:

Alexis Griffin - 1 year
Carlota Genil - 1 year
Enisela Uasike - 1 year
Ethan Derenoff - 1 year
Toni Brice - 1 year
Joe Deluna - 2 years
Michael Haase - 3 years
Diana Austin - 3 years

Tara Bostrack - 6 years
Cassandra Hollingsworth - 8 years
Barbara Lager - 9 years
April Hotchkiss - 9 years
Jeff Lane - 13 years
Gertrudes Capada - 14 years
Gary Baker - 30 years

Happy Anniversary

Staff Updates:

We have one new face to the REACH administration team and a few changes happening at our Group Homes.

Please help us welcome Kylee Fairbanks to the administration team! Kylee joins us as our new Human Resource Generalist. Kylee worked at REACH in the past as a DSP and comes to us with several years' experience in payroll and human resources. Kylee is local to Juneau and just moved back from Coeur D'Alene, Idaho.

Cassandra Bulard will be transitioning from the Glacier Woods group home over to the Mark Alan group home as the Group Home Manager. She brings many years of experience from Glacier Woods over to the individuals and staff at Mark Alan. Congratulations Cassandra!

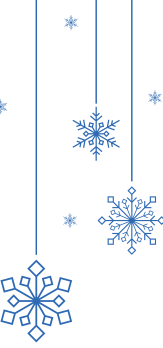
We're excited to announce that Toni Brice will be the new Group Home Manager for Glacier Woods! Toni has been a CNA/DSP at Glacier Woods for a little over one year and will continue to provide quality service to the residents and staff at Glacier Woods. Congratulations Toni!

Kylee Fairbanks



Toni Brice





Peer Power Alaska:

Peer Power of Alaska, a statewide non-profit organization led by Alaskans with disabilities hired its first Executive Director Ric Nelson and Garrett Dominick as the Marketing and Outreach Manager in July of 2023. Since July, they have completed several objectives for the organization including:

- Hosting the Anchorage Disability Pride celebration in July.
- Strategic planning in late September - the Board of Directors decided on four main goals:
 - 1) Coordinate an annual Summit that fuels the statewide Shared Vision Revolution
 - 2) Develop and implement peer-led advocacy training for youth
 - 3) Increase the number of people who know about Peer Power statewide
 - 4) Ensure people with I/DD are actively engaged in legislative advocacy and policy discussions
- Setting up the 2024 Key Campaign Legislative Zoom visits for February.
- Planning for the 7th Annual Peer Power Summit to be held in Anchorage April 26-28. More information will be coming soon.



They are always looking for people to become members of Peer Power's great community. If you are interested in learning more, please visit www.peerpower907.com or contact Ric Nelson at ric@peerpower907.com.

Holiday Party Pictures:

