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“HEAR” WHAT’S HAPPENING “HERE” AT TWIN RIVERS

October through December

FALL DAY CELEBRATION

On October 1, 2021, Twin Rivers consumers and staff celebrated Fall with a “Fall Day”. They were treated with a movie at Cowley Cinemas 8 (Adams Family 2) and then with food trucks that were organized and set up in our overhead drive. This event was sponsored in part by the Cowley County Community Developmental Disabilities Organization (CDDO) and Twin Rivers. Two food trucks were available for the consumers and staff. They enjoyed Indian Tacos, funnel cakes and lemonade. The food was great and as usual we all ate too much and wanted to nap the rest of the afternoon.

We enjoyed this day with our staff as we celebrated DSP week (direct support professionals). We are so appreciative of staff and all the work they do. We also appreciate those who have worked overtime in our residential program. These past few years have been a real challenge for our agency due to Covid and staff shortages and we appreciate all of the extra work you do to provide our consumers the services they need and deserve.

Your assistance is **MUCH APPRECIATED!!!**



More Fall Day photos on pages 5 & 6

Consumer Spot Light

Angela M. joined Twin Rivers day services March 23, 2021. She attends the program on Tuesday and Wednesday from 1:00 - 4:00. She is in the East Work area where she works on a shredding machine, which she loves.

Angie was so happy to go to Twin Rivers and says "now I get to see my friends". Angie feels there is always someone to help her if she is in a bind or doesn't understand something. Angie likes to talk and is very social, telling her mom it's time to see her friends. She adores her case manager Katrina, but thinks she works too hard! Twin Rivers has made Angie feel very welcome and says everyone is so kind to her.

Angie lives at home with her parents and always has, and hopefully always will. Her mom and dad are both retired and make sure she has everything she needs.



Angie likes to look nice and is lucky enough to have her hair and nails done once a month, which she always looks forward to. She is the baby of the family and has two older sisters that she adores, Sheri and Nicki.

She has a big heart and holds no judgments against anyone. Angie has wonderful manners, at least around her parents. Her mom brings Angie to work and picks her up and on the way home she fills her in on how many boxes of shredding she got done that day, then wants to know what's for dinner.

Angie's hobbies are watching WWX Raw and also likes watching the women wrestle. She wants to become a DIVA. She also loves watching Dancing with the Stars.

She loves music, she can listen to a song once, and know all the words and who sings it. Every band is her favorite band. She mostly loves Country and Western, but knows all the 50's, 60's and 70's songs. Angie has about 125 CDs that she listens to all the time. She also likes to color.

Holiday Closures

Arkalalah
October 29

Thanksgiving
November 25 & 26

Christmas
December 23 & 24

New Year's Holiday
December 31

Staff Spot Light

Amanda Evinger has only been an employee of Twin Rivers for a little over a month but has been part of the family for her entire life. Both of Amanda's parents have been employees of Twin Rivers. In fact, her very first home was Windsor. That was back when the staff were actual residents at the homes they worked. Her dad, John Stickel was very well known throughout Twin Rivers. Up until his passing in 2019 he worked as a CLAM. When Amanda was hired she worked in the East work area as a vocational trainer and is currently working in the print shop. She is willing to step in and help out wherever is needed.

Amanda loves to try to make all the consumers feel special and heard. She strives to have a real relationship with everyone because they all hold a part of her heart.

Amanda has known many of the consumers her entire life and has had so much fun learning more about them



and getting to spend more time with them while working and meeting new faces.

Amanda's husband Mike also works at Twin Rivers in the West work area. They have been married for 17 years. They have 3 children. Lily is 17, Landon is 15, and Karston is 7. She also has 4 cats Mitzi, Luna, Timmy, and Sammy.

Amanda likes to be involved in anything that has to do with her kids. She loves watching her kids play sports and do school and club activities. She also likes to do crafts when she has free time. Amanda is a fan of reality tv. A few of her favorite tv shows are Big Brother, Survivor, and The Challenge.

Amanda likes to go out to eat with her family. Her favorite foods are Mexican and Italian. Even though she likes to go out to eat she also enjoys cooking for her family as long as someone else does the dishes.

She likes going to bingo with her mom and it gives her another opportunity to hang out with some of the consumers outside of the shop.

Amanda enjoys spending as much time with her siblings as possible and having monthly get-togethers with her in-laws. They are all very close and have a wonderful time anytime they are together.

National Direct Support Professionals Week

National Direct Support Professionals (DSP) week was celebrated September 13th through September 19th.

We would like to say Thank You to all of our Direct Support Professionals for the caring support they provide each and every day to persons served. Below is a list of those staff members. If you see them please let them know how much they are appreciated.

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| Vicki Athearn | Sharon Banister | Lindsay Barger | Joni Barnes | Chelsea Brines |
| Lisa Brown | Kyle Conrad | Jed Delozier | Joe Delozier | Michelle Dolloff |
| Amanda Evinger | Mike Evinger | English Frazier | Sharon Hauber | Mark Hellier |
| Christina Houghton | Doug Johnson | Lorna Julien | Koby Lansford | Brittnie Luder |
| Cody Magner | Issac Martinez | Chris Matheney | Lisa Morgan | Nikki Roberts |
| Florence Robertson | Colleen Shelton | Nicole Smalley | Michelle Smith | Kaeleigh Stokes |
| Kevin Templin | Jamie Terwort | Karensa Thurber | Joe Tovar | Clifford Vaden |
| Crista VonNostrand | Amanda Westenfeld | Bob Whyde | Cynthia Williams | Sandy Williams |



Fall Fun



Twin Rivers Mission

To assist individuals with developmental disabilities to achieve their optimal development of skills and abilities.

For more information on our services, please contact us.



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