



The CWTC Insider

A Message From Patti

Dear friends,

As the dreary days of winter hopefully come to an end soon, we have a few things to look forward to in March. First, March is recognized as Developmental Disabilities Awareness month. What does that mean? Simply put, it is an opportunity for us to help educate others that individuals with disabilities are a vital part of their community. They go to work, earn a wage, go out with friends, enjoy hobbies and live a fulfilling life. Please help us pass the word to your neighbors, friends, family members, and co-workers, and help us promote respect for all those who face challenges. Thank you to all our employers that have hired our consumers and for making them a part of your family. Thank you to Caterpillar and Rome Industries for providing work for our consumers at our main facility and providing them with a sense of independence.



Other things to look forward to this month would be our annual Inspiring Abilities Consumer Art Show that will be held on March 16th. This event showcases the artistic talents of our consumers and gives you the opportunity to purchase some beautiful, expressive art pieces. Another fun event in March is our Bowlathon. This is an event where you can come on Saturday March 24th and bowl with our consumers – be warned – they will probably beat you!! One more opportunity for us to brag about our consumers is our Adams Outdoor advertising billboard campaign. Starting at the end of February or beginning of March you will be seeing billboards promoting our amazing consumers and their achievements throughout our central Illinois community.

As you can see, March is all about the individuals we serve and truthfully that's why we are here. We are ever grateful that our consumers are a part of our life on a daily basis.

All my best,

Patti Gratton



Erica has worked at the workshop for 27 years in janitorial, starting in-house and then graduating to working outside contracts. Erica enjoys cooking, spaghetti & chicken being her favorites. At times she will treat coworkers on the job to a spaghetti-chicken combo lunch. She also enjoys eating out which she does a lot working in downtown Peoria. Erica also loves to shop, being a bit of a clothes hound, and also loves to fix up her apartment.



Inspiring Abilities Consumer Art Show

CWTC is proud to present its annual "Inspiring Abilities Consumer Art Show," Friday, March 16th from 6:00 to 8:00PM. This year's event moves to the Holiday Inn at Grand Prairie. The evening will showcase the many talents of our CWTC consumers through their paintings and pottery. Pieces will be on display and for sale during our silent auction with proceeds benefiting the artist and the art program. Admission is just \$25 in advance (March 12th); \$30 at the door and includes hors d'oeuvres, cash bar, and live music. See pictures from last year's show [HERE!](#) Purchase tickets [HERE!](#)

Sponsorships and donations provide much-needed funding to CWTC's events and offer wonderful branding opportunities for your business or organization. To donate or become a sponsor, contact Rick Stephenson here or at 309-686-3300.

Let's Roll at the CWTC Bowl-A-Thon!

The CWTC Bowl-A-Thon will be held Saturday Morning, March 24th at the Landmark Recreation Center starting at 9AM. Individuals and teams interested in participating in the Bowl-A-Thon should download and complete the [registration form](#). Entry deadline is March 19th!



wish list

We appreciate everyone who has taken the time to check out our "Wish List" every month. If you haven't seen our Wish List yet, please take a moment and [check it out today!](#) If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Every little bit helps!

Looking for Great people, Huge Hearts!

CWTC is seeking employees that are looking for a rewarding job. Available positions are listed [HERE](#) and you can download an application [HERE!](#)



Mission Statement

Our Central Illinois organization provides programs and services to adults with disabilities; enriching their quality of life, promoting social change, and optimizing their potential for independence.

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