



**CWTC**

Where people with disabilities  
live, work and grow.

# CWTC Insider

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## A Message From Patti

Dear friends,

As the fiscal year is drawing to a close, CWTC is maintaining quality programs and services to our individuals with disabilities. We have endured cuts from most of our funding sources, our contract work has fluctuated, and our donations/fundraising have maintained. Our cost of doing business increases, and we are limited in opportunities for increasing our income. CWTC continues to operate as efficiently as possible while still offering quality services, but when it comes to the "extra" things, there is very little left over for that.



Our staff have not received cost of living increases in 4 years, we have not filled some open positions and have combined some job duties of current staff, our parking lot needs to be resurfaced, our building is in need of many updates or infrastructure improvements, an awning that protects the consumer entrance needs to be replaced, our vehicles are aging, etc. The administrative and management staffs do a great job overseeing expenses, cutting cost and pinching pennies. As we work on the 2017 fiscal year budget, we are faced with many uncertainties. We will continue to put the people we serve first and offer them quality services. Just know that your continued support of CWTC is greatly appreciated. If you become aware of opportunities that may assist us in meeting some of our other needs please do not hesitate to contact us.

Thanks for all you do!

Regards,

**Patti Gratton**  
Executive Director

## Consumer Spotlight



Jennifer came to work at CWTC eleven years ago. In 2009, she was assigned to the janitorial team at the Federal Court House in Peoria, where she still works today. Jennifer lives at the Rochelle CLF and is happy, independent and successful. Jennifer has many interests including cooking. She is a member of the CWTC Saturday morning bowling league and enjoys using her iPad. She is in the Inspiring Art Abilities program and her art has been displayed in

several places in the community, including the Inspiring Art Abilities Art Show. Jennifer is expanding her creative talents learning ceramics this summer.

## Employment!

If you're looking for a job that not only pays but is rewarding, consider working at CWTC. Jobs available are listed [HERE](#) and you can download an application [HERE!](#)

## Shopping Online?

Look at this!!

**Shop at AmazonSmile**  
and Amazon will make a donation to:  
**Community Workshop & Training Center, Inc.**  
[Get started](#)  


## Wish List

Thank you to those of you who check our "Wish List" every month. If you haven't seen our [Wish List](#) yet, please take a moment to today!

## CWTC Inspires With Clay!

The Inspiring Art Abilities program has expanded this year, working with a new medium, thanks to Jacob Grant, owner of the Wheel Art Pottery Studio. CWTC consumers got their first lessons with clay and pottery, producing beautiful pieces and lots of smiles. Wheel Art is a pottery studio and school offering classes to



beginning and intermediate adults and children, workshops for all ages, birthday parties, children's summer camp and memberships for experienced potters. They are located in Peoria's Warehouse District at 1101 SW Washington St. See more pictures [HERE!](#)

## CWTC Gardens Deliver on Fridays!

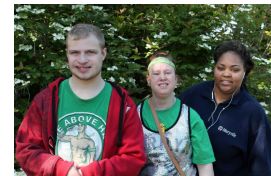


The gitm Foundation Mobile Food Van will be in the CWTC parking lot starting Friday morning, May 27th and then every Friday morning 8 to 9 AM. A selection of seasonal produce will be available for purchase from the CWTC gardens and gitm. You can read more about the CWTC

Garden program [HERE!](#)

## Get Involved with CWTC!

There are a wide variety of ways you can get involved with CWTC. Our events are such a success because the entire Central Illinois community gets involved, whether it's becoming an event sponsor, providing products or services, donating silent auction items or volunteering their time. It is important that every dollar earned by an event goes directly into the programs and services for the individuals we serve. This is accomplished by securing donations from the amazing businesses, community organizers and individuals that understand the importance of our mission. Read more [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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