



## The CWTC Insider

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### A Message From Patti

Dear friends of CWTC,

October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month. This is an important acknowledgement, celebrating the opportunities for adults with disabilities.

Employment of people with disabilities can take many forms – it can be a job at a national corporation like Hy-Vee, it could be a job at another non-profit like AMT, it could be locally owned business like Alwan's Meats, or it could take on the form of working in a sheltered employment program at CWTC and helping to package Caterpillar parts.



There are two things that I feel are important in celebrating this month – The first is educating the community about the benefits of hiring people with disabilities. We know that when an employer hires a person with a disability, they are going to get a great worker. Not only are they going to get that great employee, they are also getting a team from CWTC that will help to support the employer and employee and make it a positive, successful experience for everyone. Hiring people with disabilities may just improve the culture of your business and build an environment that embraces diversity. I also know that employment opportunities should be a choice for individuals with disabilities. So, whether that entails working part-time or full-time, in the community or in a sheltered work environment, or whether it is a big corporation or a small local business, the individual should be able to choose their employment opportunities.

We are very grateful to the central Illinois community for embracing our individuals and look forward to many more years of partnering with businesses to support the employment opportunities of adults with disabilities!

Thank you to our community!

My best,

Patti Gratton

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### CWTC Receives 60th Anniversary Proclamations

CWTC was honored by the Peoria County Board and the City of Peoria with proclamations spotlighting our 60th Anniversary of serving adults with disabilities. Both boards cited our programs and services, along with CWTC's commitment to our consumers and community as reasons to celebrate this milestone. The Peoria County Proclamation was signed by Andrew Rand, Peoria County Board Chairman, while Mayor Jim Ardis signed the city's Proclamation. Both were presented



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You can stay in touch with CWTC every day on social media platforms like Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, You Tube and LinkedIn. Just click on the icons below and be sure to "Like" or "Follow Us" to stay in touch with everything we're doing here and in the community. Of course, our website continues to be a source for information on programs and services for our consumers, as well as opportunities for you to get involved. We appreciate YOUR support of adults with disabilities!



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# Helping to Build a Diverse Workforce!



Call CWTC's Community Employment Services at 309-686-3300

### 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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