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A Message from Patti

Dear friends of CWTC,

We often look at January 1st as a new start – it **is** the beginning of a new year! I like to look at the first day of Spring as a new start! We have survived the doldrums of winter and being cooped up inside. Spring is an opportunity to start fresh. If you did not do so well on your new year's resolutions, maybe now is the time to kick it into gear. It is much easier to focus on the positive when it is a little warmer outside, we have a little bit more daylight, we can hear the birds singing and we can see just a peek of buds getting ready to bloom.



Over the past few weeks, people have been focusing on where we were a year ago at the start of the pandemic. It has been an incredibly difficult year for so many and we are not out of the woods yet. As we reflect, we can also use this as an opportunity to move forward. What can we do to make life better for ourselves and others? Treat others with dignity and respect. Support our community. Embrace diversity. Encourage and mentor. Look at challenges as opportunities to grow.

Happy Spring - the opportunity for renewal, growth and new beginnings!

All my best,

Patti

Consumer Spotlight



Randi is in the Consumer Spotlight as it returns this month! She has been with CWTC since 1997 and is happy to be working again, packaging parts for the Caterpillar contract. She also worked for Bergner's through our Community Employment program until they closed the doors a few years ago. Randi lives on her own at a CWTC apartment. She **LOVES** to sing, especially Christian and country music. She also loves to read and watch TV, especially Full House. Throw in a little spaghetti and she is in heaven.

Introducing... "**Community Connectors!**"

CWTC has launched **Community Connectors**, a unique program allowing Central Illinois leaders and businesses the opportunity to give back in a meaningful and purposeful way! **Community Connectors** will be offering enrichment activities or interaction with/for a chosen residence every month. They can range from helping to celebrate a holiday, to providing Comfort Packs that include things like fuzzy socks, slippers, blankets, etc. The possibilities are endless! CWTC will even help customize ideas if needed.

This is your chance to make a difference and leave a lasting impact in the lives of some remarkable people in our community.

If you are interested or have questions about partnering with CWTC as a **Community Connector**, please contact Carla Jockisch at 309.686.3300 or email at cjockisch@cwtc.org.



Jobs are Available!



If you, or someone you know, is looking for work and wants a job that makes an impact every day, we have it! In fact, it just may turn into a career! Check out what opportunities are

waiting for you **at cwtc.org** You can apply directly online or **download an application**.

Community Employment!

Many of CWTC's success stories begins in our Community Employment Program.

Twenty-five individuals have been placed in the past six months. Prospective employees learn how to apply for a job, how to dress and learn the interview process.



For more information about CWTC's placement program, call Jerreia James at 309-686-3300.

Save the Date!

Pathway Awards Dinner

September 14, 2021
(Tentative)

Embassy Suites Hotel

Vaccinated!



Staff and consumers have been getting vaccinated and they are SO ready! They're all excited about the prospect of getting "back to normal." Many consumers are back to

day programs under CDC guidelines and enjoying the camaraderie and friendships they have been missing.



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