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A Message from Patti

Dear friends of CWTC,

Every month has a cause or event that is celebrated. The month of October is Disability Employment Awareness month. It is our responsibility to help educate the community on the value of employing people with disabilities. In the business community these days we hear a lot about DEI (diversity, equity and inclusion). This also pertains to people with disabilities. When asked why to employ people with disabilities, perhaps the better question is why not?



Many businesses are having difficulties hiring employees that are going to show up for work and stay on the job. CWTC's employment program can tout many positives for employing our individuals: our individuals have an 85% retention rate (after one year on the job – 85% are still employed). If needed, we provide job coaches to work alongside our individuals to help them learn the job (less investment by the employers in training). It will improve morale (your other employees see that you value diversity). And the best reason is, people with disabilities are just like you and me – they just want to be productive and be valued.

I would like to thank our community partners that have hired our individuals and challenge other employers to open their doors to the opportunity of improving your work force by hiring individuals with disabilities. You can make a difference in someone's life, but most important they can make a difference in your life.

All my best and happy Fall to everyone!!

Patti

October Is Disability Employment Awareness Month

CWTC is proud to be partnering with many community employers. It is through opportunities like these, we're spreading the important message that a strong workforce is one inclusive of the skills and talents of all individuals, including individuals with disabilities.



Ted
Advanced Medical Transport



Rose
i3 Broadband



Sarah
Cyd's in the Park

For more information about community employment opportunities,
call Jerreia James at 309-686-3300, ext. 264

The CWTC  Inspiring Abilities
Art Show

Thursday, November 3, 2022
Betty Jayne Brimmer Center
5:30 - 8:00PM

CLICK HERE FOR DETAILS and TICKETS!

Stay Up-to-Date!

We've got so much going on at CWTC including tours



with special guests, volunteering, and outings! We share lots of information, photos and events on our social media sites including Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, You Tube and LinkedIn. Don't miss out! Click on the icons below and "Like" or "Follow Us" to stay in touch with everything we're doing. We appreciate YOUR support of CWTC and adults with disabilities!



Get it on your calendar!



CWTC Super Trivia Challenge
January 20, 2023
Par-A-Dice Hotel & Casino
East Peoria

Check out more Trivia Challenge pictures [HERE!!](#)



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