



Where People with Disabilities  
Live, Work and Grow

# *The Insider*

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## **A Message From Patti**

Dear friends of CWTC,

As we eagerly look forward to the arrival of fall with its pumpkin-spiced delights, pleasant days and cool nights, high school football, and all the wonderful things this season brings, we also come together to celebrate National Disability Employment Awareness during the month of October.



Here at CWTC, supporting adults with disabilities to achieve independence in their professional lives is not just our mission — it's our passion. We assist our consumers in their journey toward meaningful employment by providing dedicated guidance through the job application process, helping them secure opportunities, and offering personalized coaching to ensure their success as valued contributors to our community.

We are grateful to our many community partners who share our commitment to fostering an inclusive work culture and providing opportunities for the seamless integration of our population.

In these challenging times where finding enthusiastic and devoted staff can be a difficult task, considering employing adults with disabilities may be the answer for employers. To our current business partners, we're so thankful for your continued support. We also invite other organizations to explore the possibility of our consumers for your company — see the difference these remarkable people can make in the lives of your employees and your customers as well as your own life.

Let us celebrate the extraordinary accomplishments of people with disabilities as

truly exceptional and commendable members of the workforce!

All my best,

*Patti*

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### Celebrating Community Employers

Sarah has been employed with Advanced Medical Transport for 7 years. Her duties include washing the trucks, laundry, and day-to-day tasks.

Several co-workers have said her positive attitude adds so much to their workday!

It's businesses like AMT who make our community great! Thank you for all you do!

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November 9, 2023 | 5:30pm-7:30pm | St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Peoria



**CWTC**  
**Inspiring Abilities**  
**Art Show**

Where people with disabilities live, work, grow & *Create*

Please join us on **Thursday, November 9** for an evening featuring beautiful and original works of art by our very own CWTC consumers. Our art program gives our consumers the ability to express themselves through different mediums of art and gives them the opportunity to create artwork to display at several organizations and businesses throughout our community.

Admission is \$25 and includes the silent auction with light hors d'oeuvres and a hosted bar. A meet and greet with our artists, photo ops, and a collaborative art project will also be featured. Proceeds benefit the artist and the Inspiring Abilities art program. [Purchase tickets online](#) or at the door.

***SAVE THE DATE***

**January 19, 2024**

Join us for a night of fun and help create pathways for individuals and families around the Greater Peoria area at the CWTC Trivia Challenge at 6 p.m. at the Par-A-Dice Hotel in East Peoria.



2024 TRIVIA NIGHT

## We're Hiring

CWTC has several opportunities for employment in a variety of departments. Please contact Crystal Couch at [ccouch@cwtc.org](mailto:ccouch@cwtc.org) if you are interested in any of the following positions or you know someone who would like to support the well-being of adults with disabilities in our community.

Openings include:

- Direct Support Person, Chillicothe
- Direct Support Person, Pekin
- Direct Support Person, Peoria
- Employment Specialist
- Vocational Case Manager





- Job Coach
- CI Trainer

[View openings and apply here.](#)

## CWTC Consumers Volunteer at Central Illinois Riding Therapy



We recently visited Central Illinois Riding Therapy where we dedicated our time to cleaning the stables. CIRT holds a special spot in our hearts as volunteers. It not only offers activities that enhance physical and mental abilities but also fosters mobility, social interaction, communication, and independence while building self-confidence. If your organization would like to partner with CWTC to provide a community-based experience or program-based activity, please contact Amy Supranowski at [asuprunowski@cwtc.org](mailto:asuprunowski@cwtc.org).



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