

# **NEWSLETTER**

4th Quarter FY 2023 2024

## **DIRECTOR'S UPDATE**



The youth group Generation Arts of the PIX Theater are producing a documentary about the Lapeer State Home/Oakdale Regional Center. The group contacted Lapeer Team Work to schedule an interview with the Executive Director Ann Zettle. Barbara, who resided at Oakdale is in our job training program. The Lapeer State Home opened its doors in 1895 and was one of the largest facilities for mentally

impaired patients in the world. After almost 100 years in operation, the organization closed in 1991, and the development of Lapeer Team Work was founded to work toward community integration. Thank you to student interviewers: Haley Friend, Isaac Friend, Gavin Wandrie, Abigail DeVuyst, Izzy Blais, and Margo Ihrke. The documentary, which will be released at a later date, aims to share and preserve experiences of the Lapeer State Home.

## Growth in Lapeer Team Work

Employment Support Services (ESS) is expanding program to include employment services to a wider audience. Services will include but not limited to; resume development, interview preparation, and job readiness skills. We are currently bringing new team members on board and are looking forward to the growth of this department.

#### **Board of Directors**

Thank you to Bill Marquardt, Mike Burke, Christa Simmonds, and Scott Winther for your support in our agency during your terms.

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#### Lapeer Team Work Community Participation

Rotary of Lapeer Project Homeless connect Chamber of Commerce Transition Council Special Olympics Area 13 Lapeer and Genesee Counties Wednesday Afternoon Wonders **Bowling League** LCCF Women's Fund Lapeer Community Schools Donate With A Purpose Kiwanis Aktion Club Recipient Rights Advisory LCCMH Provider Meeting **GLTA** Coalition Holiday Depot







## **AGENCY HAPPENINGS**

- Warm welcome to our new Directors 2024 25: Malinda Allen, Tim Wilcox, David Campbell, and Bryan Barber
- Lapeer Team Work is offering private pay for Community Living and Respite Services.
- October is National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEWA)

## 2024 Survey Results

Survey results indicate an overall approval rate of

92%

95
INDIVIDUALS SERVED THROUGH OUR
PROGRAMS

## Services and Programs

Lapeer Team Work offers a range of programs

Janitorial Services: Provides community based commercial janitorial prevocational skill building services to trainees through contracts with local businesses.

Manufacturing Services: Community based manufacturing prevocational skill building services provided at local manufacturing partners' facilities.

Retail Training (RT): Affords trainees the opportunity to explore and gain employment skills related to retail environments through the agency owned, New To You Consignment.

Employment Support Services (ESS): Equips individuals served with the tools to achieve quality outcomes and independence in competitive community employment placements through supported employment services.

Community Living Services (CLS) & Respite: Community based support services provided to enhance individuals independent living skills and opportunities to engage in meaningful community activities.

If you are interested in retaining any of these services, call 810.664.2710



Community Living Services engaging with Sebastian



Robbie working on building fishing lures in Manufacturing



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#### 2022 2023 Fiscal Year New To You

- Consignment paid out \$64,480 to consignors for a 18.95% increase from previous Year.
- Participation of 8 events yearly in downtown Lapeer

## New to You Consignment

286 West Nepessing Street Lapeer, Michigan 48446 810.245.7272 Fax: 810.664.2122

Email: newtoyou@lapeerteamworkinc.org Follow us on Facebook! https://www.facebook.com/New-To-You-Consignment

#### Hours:

Monday-Friday 10:00 a.m. — 5:00 p.m. Saturday: 10:00 a.m. — 3:00 p.m. Closed Sunday

#### Donate With a Purpose

New To You will create a consignment account for your organization. The community can donate items to this account. Accumulated funds can stay on your account, or you can receive a check, or a gift certificate can be given to a person or family that your group wishes to support.

We have 114 organizations participating in Donate With A Purpose.

-Visit our website or stop by our store for the complete list.

-Contact New To You to see how we can partner with your organization!

# Skill Building Exploration Volunteer Opportunities/ Participation

Mondays: Eastern Michigan Food

Bank

Tuesdays: Seven Ponds Nature

Center

Wednesdays: Carriage Town

Bakery Thursday:

Friday: Lapeer pocket parks & flower beds

#### As available:

- Horses of Hope
- For Mar Nature Preserve & Arboretum

Skill Building staff has contributed 1128.5 hours to the community since mid-April





#### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 18: Trunk or Treat at Callis Lake October 22: Lapeer CMH Trunk or Treat

October 26: Downtown Lapeer Merchant Walk

Clients will be participating in events with staff assistance.

# **Employee Spotlight**



#### John

Are you interested in finding employment in the Community?

No, not really.

What do you enjoy doing on the weekends? *Playing bowling on my tablet.* 

What is a fun fact about you?

I like all the ladies.



## Austin

-Are you interested in finding employment in the Community?

Yes, I'd like to be a therapeutic instructor

- -What do you enjoy doing on the weekends? Horseback riding
- -What is a fun fact about you? *I love horses and animals.*



#### Pat

-Are you interested in finding employment in the Community?

Maybe, at some point.

- -What do you enjoy doing on the weekends? *I like to go for walks*
- -What is a fun fact about you?

I'm really good at dates, I have good memory, and I'm also really good at math.

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