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Employment Services Expand



The Employment Services department at OU has experienced an expansion during the past year. There are more persons served receiving job training services than ever. The Employment Services department continues to provide contract

services to local businesses such as two medical facilities. OU persons served pick up soiled laundry, wash, fold, and deliver the clean laundry. Additional piece rate jobs include shredding paper for OU as well as the LeMars Veterinary Clinic. The Employment Services department has

seen a large growth in janitorial services provided to local businesses. If you have production, assembly, manufacturing, or janitorial work and are interested in helping provide meaningful employment to persons with disabilities please contact Jason Brockhouse at 712-277-8295.



OU's 18th Annual Golf Outing a Continued Success



Opportunities Unlimited held its 18th Annual Golf Tournament "Fore the Children" on Friday, July 17 and it was a HOT but fun filled day for all the sponsors, golfers and volunteers alike!

The annual event is OU's biggest fundraiser of the year and is supported by a wide variety of businesses and individuals throughout the Siouxland region.

The event is manned by more than 50 OU employee volunteers! Each year the day begins with registration and a sit down lunch in the Sioux City Country Club Ballroom.

The teams begin tee off at 12:30 p.m. for 18 holes of golf in best ball format.

The golfers are greeted at each hole by OU employees with snacks or drinks at each hole. There are various contests and prizes throughout the course including; longest putt, longest drive and hole-in-one prizes that include a new car or a pair of airline tickets.

The evening concludes with a sit down dinner, presentation video about OU, door prize drawing and awards presentations.

If you are interested in a sponsorship next year you can contact Jeremy Pigg at jpigg@opportunitiesunlimited.com or by calling 712-277-8295.



Summer is in Full Swing for HCBS



The Home and Community Based Services at OU provides services to individuals with special needs. Our largest population of services is provided to children and adolescents within our community.

With Summer in full swing, the HCBS department is getting our persons served out and about in the community to enjoy the beautiful weather. At OU we offer services to help develop life skills, along with giving the caregiver a much needed break. Fun activities include: visiting local museums and swimming pools, enjoying several community festivals like county fairs and Artsplash, participating in Siouxland's summer outdoor movie program, and taking in Sioux City Explorers baseball games. In the past, all of our services were offered at our OU community center. Changes to the state and federal regulations require a number of these services to be provided in the person's served preferred community location and in their home.

We look forward to working individually with persons served on their personal goals, having a lot of fun, and developing friendships along the way. At OU we pride ourselves on tailoring each service to meet the unique needs and goals of each person. We serve and are always excited to add more people to our OU family. If there are individuals that want to impact lives in a positive way and work with fantastic people!



OU Community Center Available for Rent

The Opportunities Unlimited Community Center is available for hosting birthday or anniversary celebrations and other events. Our gym and our exercise facilities for rent or a monthly fee.

Our facilities are immaculately maintained and can be accessed year round. If you'd like more information about utilizing the OU facilities call or visit:

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Notice to OU Supporters

At OU, we are always looking for opportunities to enhance our services for persons served. As part of that effort we look for ways to be efficient in order to maximize our dollars to directly benefit those whom we serve. If you would prefer to receive an e-mail notification

in the future of this quarterly publication, please contact us at: development@opportunitiesunlimited.com and we will adjust the way in which you receive our information.

Thank you,
The OU Team

OU Launches Summer Partnership with Sioux City Police and Dairy Queen

It started on Facebook with a simple message from Sioux City Mayor-Pro Tem, Rhonda Capron to Marketing Director Jeremy Pigg that read, "Hey Jeremy – we should replicate this in Sioux City" with a link to an article.

The article was about a town in New Jersey that found a unique way to reward children for being safe and wearing bike helmets.

Each year OU in partnership with Scheels All Sports and the Siouxland Cyclists provide a curriculum to second grade

teachers throughout Siouxland to teach the kids about bike helmet safety. Following those lessons; executives from OU present helmets to many of the children. The program is called "Gotta Brain, Getta Helmet". Thus far in 2015 OU has provided 410 helmets to area kids!

Three weeks after receiving the message OU partnered with the Sioux City Police Department and Dairy Queen. When an officer sees a kid wearing a helmet they can "pull them over" and issue them a "ticket" for a free ice cream at area Dairy Queens as a reward for being safe.

"We view this as a win, win, win, win," said Jeremy Pigg. "It's a way for the police to have an early and positive interaction with kids, it's a win for OU in



preventing brain injury, it's a win for Dairy Queen for being a good corporate citizen and it's a win for the kids."

The program has been in effect since early July but OU CEO, Jennifer McCabe, and Mayor Pro-Tem Rhonda Capron, made a formal announcement about the program in front the large gathering of Ragbrai riders on Saturday, July 18.



OU Welcomes Ashley Rich

There is a new face in the OU Nursing Department. Ashley Rich, has been a fabulous addition to the OU Nursing Department. She began her career at OU as an LPN working weekends while still attending WITCC Nursing School. Now a full time employee, Ashley is working the 8am to 8pm shift. She is a hands on nurse who adapts well to the needs of the Nursing Department. She has taken the time to get to know our persons served, their needs and individual wants.

She is always willing to step in to help with any project or work extra shifts if asked. Just recently, Ashley had identified a need for Vocational work for our person served and has been a critical contact person for a new contract for our Vocational Department. We are excited to announce that she passed her RN boards this month and is now a Registered Nurse. The OU Nursing Department is pleased and proud to have her on our team.

