

ADSSW NEWSLETTER | 4TH QUARTER | 2025



# WELCOME!

As the leaves begin to turn and the air becomes crisp, we're excited to welcome you to the fall edition of the Adult Day Services of Southeast Wisconsin newsletter!

Fall is a season of reflection, change, and new beginnings—and that spirit is alive and well across all of our ADSSW centers. While we say goodbye to summer sun and outdoor fun, we now embrace cozy routines, fresh initiatives, and the continued momentum from a season full of growth.

We've seen so many exciting things happening lately—participants giving back through volunteer service, perfect attendance milestones being met, and an ever-growing number of community partners joining us to enhance our programming. A special shout-out goes to our Riverview Advisory Board, whose collaboration and feedback are helping us shape the future of services in meaningful ways.

This edition includes highlights from all of these efforts, plus a few fun surprises we think you'll enjoy. We're especially proud of the connections being built between staff, participants, and our wider community—and we're grateful for the support of families, guardians, caregivers, and partners who make it all possible.

And for those who enjoy a little challenge... don't miss the puzzles and brain teasers waiting at the end of this issue. Just a little something to keep your mind sharp as the days get cooler!

Wishing you a season full of warmth, gratitude, and continued connection.

Aaron TeschDirector of Operations

## **Upcoming Events**

- October 15th: Parent Advisory Board Meeting 2:00 Riverview
- October 31st: Halloween Dance and Haunted House at 6:00 - 8:00 at Wisconsin Center
- November 5th: Annual Art Show 10:30-11:30 at Grant Center
- November 13th: Karaoke and Ice Cream Social 6:00 - 8:00 at Curtis Center
- December 19th: Annual Winter Jam 10:30-11:30 at Grant Center



# **Community Connection**

## <u>Wisconsin and Curtis Center Participant Volunteers Honored for Service</u>

Volunteering gives participants the opportunity to experience the spirit of service. As a result, a participant's compassion, generosity, and commitment shine, making the world around them a little brighter.

We are proud of all of ADSSW participant volunteers, but today we would like to pay special recognition to all participant volunteers at our Wisconsin and Curtis Centers, who received a special award for their service to **Street Angels MKE as Volunteers of the Month for August!** 

ADSSW is grateful for every participant who remind us every day that serving others not only strengthens our community but also enriches our own lives. Their example is an inspiration to us all.

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Join the Spirit of Service! Want to make a difference too?

Street Angels MKE is always looking for volunteers and support.

Scan the QR code or visit streetangelsmke.org to learn how you can get involved.











# **Bringing Strong Community Partnerships to ADSSW**

We'd now like to take a moment to celebrate strong community partnerships by highlighting a few individuals that shared their skills, talents and knowledge at our centers. Together, community partnerships strengthen our mission of promoting healthy lives, independence, connection, and personal growth for all participants. We would like to thank all of our community partners, and the list is long, below are a couple of highlights from the recent past.

- **Greenfield Library Storytellers** Christine, Alex, and Mark have brought books to life with storytelling that sparks imagination, conversation and creativity.
- **Dr. Justin Kuehl from Milwaukee County** shared valuable tools and insights on wellness, opening the door to important discussions about mental health.

### How about you? What are your interests or talents?

Whether it's mentoring, advocacy, speaking, or community support, your involvement will have a meaningful impact. If you would like to share with our programs, please contact us at:





262-349-4946 or email: info@adultdaysewi.com

# Ongoing Excitement

**Riverview** is looking forward to the change of the seasons and starting fall activities. We are excited to be outside for the last few warm days this year. We are going to spend some of the nice days at Awe's Apple Orchard picking apples and Cozy Nook Farm looking at animals. On cooler days we are staying indoors doing crafts, learning to sew and of course cooking. Riverview is also thrilled to start planning and decorating for our annual Halloween party.



## RIVERVIEW ROCKS!



Curtis Center is gearing up for fall. We plan on attending community experiences to the pumpkin farm, zoo, bowling, and Country Springs pool. We look forward to continuing to volunteer with Milwaukee Street Angels, Lucky Mutts Dog Rescue, and Feeding America. We will also host 2 occupational therapy students from Bryant & Stratton College who will do their fall placement at our center. In November Curtis Center will host a karaoke night and ice cream social (more details to come).

**Grant Center** has an exciting season ahead! In October we look forward to our annual halloween party and costume contest. November brings one of our favorite traditions; our Thanksgiving luncheon complete with a delicious turkey dinner for all to enjoy. As the year winds down we'll celebrate the holidays in December with a festive party and close out the year together with a sparkling juice toast.



GROOVIN' AT GRANT!



Wisconsin Center will host it's annual dance and haunted house for our participants and guests On October 31st, It will be held alongside a dance that will take place from 6:00 PM to 8:00 PM. On September 30th, we will also be holding our quarterly award ceremony in order to acknowledge the excellent contributions and accomplishments made by participants. We are proud to give our time to Feeding America and Street Angels of Milwaukee, and we are also actively involved in neighborhood cleanup initiatives in order to strengthen and assist our community, in addition to the events listed above.

WISCONSIN CENTER STRONG!

# Service Notes

## **Newly Created Advisory Board**

We're excited to share that our Advisory Board Service Improvement Initiative is underway! The pilot initiative started small at our Riverview program earlier this year. The board consists of parents, family, guardians and all other stakeholders that have an interest in connecting and providing a voice to positively improve services at ADSSW. The plan is to expand this opportunity to all of our centers, bringing fresh ideas, feedback, and stronger connections between participants, families, and programs.

ADSSW sees this initiative serving an important role to improving service agency wide, by offering guidance and advice from parents, family members, and caregivers. Their perspectives help us improve our services and ensure that every program continues to reflect the needs and hopes of those we serve. Stay tuned as this initiative expands across all ADSSW centers—we're excited about the positive changes ahead!

If you are interested in joining a future meeting, please reach out to: info@adultdaysewi.com or by phone: 262-349-4946.



# Seasonal Announcements

## <u>Time to Bundle Up - We're Still Heading Out!</u>

Even as the weather turns chilly our adventures don't stop! We will continue enjoying great community experiences throughout the fall and winter. Please dress for the season:

- Warm Coats
- · Hats, Scarves and Gloves
- · Boots/Safe Footwear for snowy days
- · Layers for extra comfort

Don't miss out on the fun! Staying cozy and prepared means you can enjoy your favorite experiences on the calendar.

# <u>Important Emergency Closure Information:</u>

## **How We'll Communicate Emergency Closures:**

- · Posted on our Facebook page (Adult Day Services of Southeast Wisconsin)
- · Announced on WMTJ Channel 4 News and CBS Channel 58 News
- · Direct contact from your program location

If you are unsure about your emergency contacts or if they need to be updated, please reach out to your respective center at the contacts listed below.

Thank you for working with us to keep everyone safe and informed





Tommy M. - 10/2 Mary P. - 10/2 Eli J. - 10/3

Joey H. - 10/4

Kaula - 10/6

Ruben - 10/8

Steven - 10/9 Cathy C. - 10/10

Tori M. - 10/11 (staff)

Dylan - 10/15

Eugene V. - 10/19

Shakurah - 10/22

Randy J. - 10/23

Xzavier B. - 10/25

David - 10/26

Santy P. - 10/26

Bo M. - 10/28

Lane R. - 10/29

Michael B. - 10/29

Michelle - 10/30

Matthew H - 10/30

Kindra F. - 10/31 (staff)

### **NOVEMBER**

Frank - 11/3 Missy P. - 11/4

Derek W. - 11/14

Walter N. - 11/14

Danny - 11/15

Mike F. - 11/19

Emir - 11/20

Roger K. - 11/20

Bruce Y. - 11/21

Chris S. - 11/21

Elise - 11/22

Keisha - 11/22 (staff)

Tina - 11/23 (staff)

Brian L. - 11/25

Amy K. - 11/27

Jeff K. 11/27 (staff)

Patrick R. - 11/27

JD A. - 11/30

### **DECEMBER**

Scott H. - 12/1 (staff)

Kevin F. - 12/2

Johnny W. - 12/2 Martell P - 12/2

Ken - 12/4

Danielle M. - 12/7

Lizabeth K. - 12/7

Katie B. - 12/8

Zacharu G. - 12/8

Shaq G. - 12/8

Brian - 12/12

William G. - 12/15 Brandon F. - 12/16

Chad B. - 12/18

Ann K. - 12/25

Logan C. 12/25

Nancie W. - 12/26

Kevin F. - 12/27

Heather S. 12/29 Chris J. - 12/30

# Celebration Station



Riverview recognizes Mary Jo. She always wears a bright smile and has near perfect attendance. She enjoys outings, volunteering and a variety of activities, She continues to make those around her smile and loves to dance!

# **Attendance Award Recipients**



Khalil is one of our Volunteering Superheroes here at Wisconsin Center! He consistently volunteers several times per month. He also has a strong willingness to help his peers within the program and enjoys playing basketball and video games.

## **Grant Center** Mary D Hannah F

Linda F

Liz K Roger K

Marie P

Missy P Mary P

Carolyn W

### Wisconsin Center

Tuler E. Shaq G.

Matt H.

Joey H.

Montrell J. Dion L.

JT M. Martell P.

Lane R. Thomas W.

### **Curtis Center**

Brandon E. Chris J.

> Dulan K. Alan K.

Во М. Kenny W.

Adam W.

Mira J. Bobby H.

William G.

Samantha T.

Amy R

## **Riverview Center**

Tracy B. Alexandria

Giovanni G

Avery M

Susan L

Sonja P Brian R

Mary Jo S

Matthew





**Curtis Center spotlight shines** on Brandon E. Always polite and respectful, he is admired by his peers here and coworkers at Festival Foods. He favors games, garden club and volunteer experiences. We are proud to have Brandon as part of our ADSSW family



Grant salutes the sparkle of Mary P. She is kind and compassionate; a gentle spirit. Did you know she is a fashion icon!? Helpful to others in the group, she is a great friend to her peers. Thank you Mary, for making Grant a place where everyone feels welcome!

These and many other outstanding individuals have shown unwavering commitment, day in and day out. Their consistent presence reflects not only dedication, but a deep respect for their community, peers, and shared goals. Whether rain, shine, or Monday morning fog, they showed up and that reliability deserves recognition!

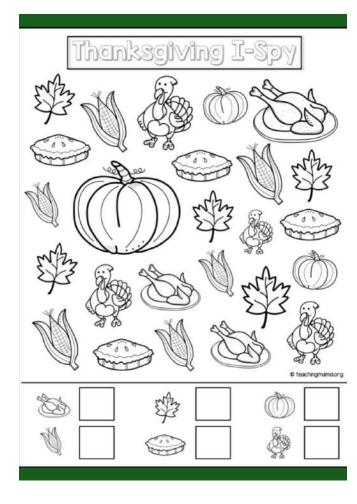
# The Puzzle Place



# How many can you find?

Put the number in the box next to the picture.

Good luck!





- 1. I'm grumpy and green and stole Christmas one night. But then my heart grew, and I set it all right. Who am I?
- 2. Which one of Santa's reindeer can you see from outer space?
- 3. I am a ball that does not bounce. What am I?
- 4. What kind of bug hates Christmas?
- 5. You can catch me easily, especially during the holidays, but you can never throw me. What am I?
- 6. What do elves learn in school?

1. The Grinch. 2. Comet 3. A snowball. 4. A humbug 5. A cold. 6. Th elf-abet!