



Newsletter

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Helping those with barriers to employment
and community inclusion since 1948.



Panda Express Virtual Fundraiser TODAY!

- **How to participate** -> Apply code **922197** in the Fundraiser Code box during online checkout at www.pandaexpress.com or via App. **Online orders only.**
- All funds raised will help AccessAbility pay for transportation and participation in community inclusion events and classroom activities such as animal, art, and music therapy.

Message from the CEO



2024 has gotten off to a great start, and we have much to celebrate. We have added new certification offerings to our Project Connect Program, and we have accomplished a more robust schedule of Evening Stars and recreational activities for Day Services.

Our gift manufacturing business is seeing increased opportunities, which provides more work for our persons served. We would love your help to find more work for our Day Employment programs. We are capable of a variety

of assembly jobs, large and small—from first aid kits to MRI tables. We also do kitting, packaging & labeling, and electronic recycling. If you have any needs and want to learn more, you can contact Amy at achristopherson@accessability.org.

As always, thank you for your support.

Michael J. Krebsbach
CEO, President



Mike's Retirement Party

- Date: Thursday, June 6
- Location: 360 Hoover Street NE
- More Information Coming Soon!

Did You Know?

AccessAbility Provides Kitting, Collating & Sorting Services

In addition to printing and assembly services, AccessAbility offers kitting, collating and sorting services. We can collate papers into folders, collate fliers into bags, and more.

When you choose AccessAbility for your business, you do more than benefit your business; you also positively impact your community. Not only will you lower production costs and scale your workforce to the needs of your business, you will also empower people with barriers to employment by providing them with meaningful work they can take pride in.



For More Information: Call 612-331-5958

Person Served Spotlight: Mablene

Mablene first joined AccessAbility in 2019. After the Covid-19 pandemic, she has since returned to AccessAbility. It has been great having her back! She shows up with a smile every day and is a hard worker, ready to try any job sent her way.



In her free time, Mayblene enjoys doing puzzles, going on walks, playing games, talking on the phone, and most importantly spending time with her family. When asked her favorite part of her job, she replied “[t]hat’s a hard one...I like it all. I love my jobs that I do here. It keeps me going...”

[Mayblene, February 2024.]

“Mablene will always stand up for what is right and do what she can to protect those around her. She has a true heart of gold!”

-Gwen, Case Manager at AccessAbility, Inc.

Evening Stars Valentine’s Dinner

Our Annual Evening Stars Valentine’s Dinner was filled with good food and good conversation. The Evening Stars Program is meant to not only include everyone with AccessAbility, but also to be an inclusive program that is open to the community. With around 75 attendees, we are proud to say that our Evening Stars mission of inclusivity is achieved. Thank you to everyone who came to our dinner, especially our volunteers who help make our Evening Stars events possible!



Classroom Activity: Painting

Persons served got the opportunity to take a painting class. AccessAbility offers a variety of enriching art classes for Persons Served. They got the chance to have fun, chat and paint the American flag. AccessAbility's day programs are designed to enhance participants' skills and abilities through classes and recreational/leisure activities.



Upcoming Evening Stars Events

Interested in Coming? -> Contact Katie: kchambers@accessability.org



Plant Night

- Date: May 16, 6pm
- Location: ACE Room



Paint Night

- Date: June 20, 6pm
- Location: ACE Room

February Employee of the Month: Caitlin Baker

Congratulations to Caitlin Baker for being nominated for Employee of the Month! Caitlin has been with AccessAbility since 2015. Caitlin is a great advocate for persons served and is always willing to step in and lend a helping hand, no matter what it is. Outside of work, Caitlin enjoys spending time with her husband, nieces, and cats. Caitlin, an avid hiker, has been to the majority of State Parks in Minnesota. This summer she is planning a trip to get to more Minnesota State Parks. We all wish Caitlin a good farewell as she is leaving AccessAbility later this month. Reflecting on being with AccessAbility, Caitlin says some of her favorite memories while being here are being a part of the Evening Stars Events, the Annual 5K Run, Walk, N' Roll, and the creativity and teamwork here.



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