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Tom Schraeder Celebrating 44 Years of Service



It is the mission of Hodan Community Services, Inc. to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals.

Upcoming Events

Thanksgiving Potluck Luncheon,
Volunteer Recognition and
Client-Employee Awards
Wednesday, November 23

Thanksgiving Holiday
(HCS Closed)
Thursday and Friday
November 24 and 25

Christmas Holidays
(HCS Closed)
Monday, December 26, 2016
through Sunday, January 1, 2017

Hodan Community Services
Programs Resume on:
Monday, January 2, 2017

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Greetings From the New Executive Director

Tom Schmit



On September 30th we celebrated Tom Schraeder's 44 years of commitment, leadership and service to Hodan Community Services. I am very excited that Tom will remain part-time as our Development Director. Tom's experience and knowledge is invaluable to the organization.

As we move forward, we will continue to face both opportunities and challenges. Some of the challenges involve how youth will transition from school to the workforce, increased community services both in our day services and prevocational programs, migrating away from subminimum wage and cultural changes that those we serve will experience. I believe challenges which result in change can be a catalyst for bright new opportunities to do what we do today, even better.

Six years ago Hodan Community Services re-launched its Community Employment program and, in partnership with the Wisconsin Division of Vocational Rehabilitation, will result in helping over 50 individuals reach their employment goals in 2016. Our prevocational programs and day services programs have also began expanding more into the community. Two years ago our board voted to change the name from Hodan Center to Hodan Community Services. This change positions us for the future and the way we will provide services.

It is important that our Bargain Nooks, Wisconsin Innovation Kitchen and Production department help fill the financial gap that government funding doesn't cover.

I believe the success of Hodan Community Services over the past 44 years and the future is our staff. The staff's dedication to serving, accepting and dealing with change/challenges amazes me every day.

As we move forward, I believe our mission statement is as relevant today as it was when it was originally written "to provide and promote opportunities for work and personal development so that persons with disabilities can achieve individual life goals." ●

HUMANITARIAN OF THE YEAR:

Carol Fisher



Carol Fisher was honored as our Humanitarian of the Year for 2016. Carol lives in Avoca, and has been working at Hodan Community Services since 2014. She has easily made friends and willingly helps others when needed. She helps with wheelchairs on the bus and engages with her co-workers in both a friendly and competitive way. She works on our work floor and in our Hodan Kitchen. She also participates in the Enrichment Activities and Adult Basic Education programs. She enjoys her varied schedule and is always willing to change if she is needed to help get a work deadline met. Congratulations to Carol for being the Humanitarian of the Year. ●

Staff Changes

A special thanks to Lynne Johnson for her 36 years and Kathy Kelly for her 20 years of service.

Welcome to the following new staff members who have recently joined Hodan Community Services:

- Karen Wells** - Retail Sales Director
- Laurie Balliette** - Clerk, Bargain Nook Mount Horeb
- Laura Bartell** - Clerk, Bargain Nook Mount Horeb
- Lori Putz-Olson** - Clerk Bargain Nook Mount Horeb
- Summer Rathell** - Clerk Bargain Nook Platteville
- Jean Richardson** - Clerk Bargain Nook Spring Green

Congratulations to the following staff members on their recent job promotions:

- Jenny Huffman** was promoted to Director of Rehabilitation from Assist. Director of Employment Services.
- Chris Mitchell** was promoted to Deputy Director from Director of Vocational Services.
- Michael Fink** and **Bill Pilling** were promoted to full time Bus Drivers.
- Jerry Dolphin** was promoted to regular part time Bus Driver. ●

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Community Employment Partners

THANKS TO:

- A & W in Platteville
- Alliant Energy in Mineral Point
- Bargain Nooks
- Barn Scrapers in Mineral Point
- BEC Controls in Mineral Point
- Benvenuto's in Platteville
- Cobb Methodist Church
- Country Kitchen in Platteville
- Culvers in Cross Plains
- Culvers in Dodgeville
- Cummins Emissions Solutions in Mineral Point
- Deer Valley Lodge in Barneveld
- Dodgeville Library
- Hartzell's IGA in Warren, IL
- Hope Lutheran Church in Mineral Point
- KleenMark in Dodgeville
- Kwik Trip in Dodgeville
- Kwik Trip in Mineral Point
- Kwik Trip in Platteville
- Lafayette County Health Department
- Millennium Cinema in Platteville
- Napa Auto Parts in Dodgeville
- Piggly Wiggly in Darlington
- Piggly Wiggly in Dodgeville
- Piggly Wiggly in Platteville
- Platteville School District
- Pointer Café in Mineral Point
- Popolo's Pizza in Mineral Point
- Premier Cooperative in Mineral Point
- RBS Activewear in Argyle
- Saether's Funeral Home in Blanchardville
- The Old Feed Mill in Mazomanie
- Tony's Tap in Mineral Point
- Walker House in Mineral Point
- Walmart in Dodgeville
- Walmart in Platteville
- Walnut Hollow in Dodgeville

Please patronize these businesses and thank them for their partnership.

Tom Schraeder

Celebrating 44 Years of Service

The following was presented by Judy Fillback at a celebration in honor of Tom Schraeder on September 30:

It is truly an honor to say a few words about our Tom Schraeder as he and I go way back... way back to Hodan Center at St. Mary's Catholic School here in Mineral Point nearly 45 years ago. Thanks to Ruth Mitchell and Bob Regan who secured the facility for us. That's the time when Tom was assistant director and only three people were on paid staff—Dennis Ramberg as director and Linda Lindholm as secretary. Shortly after that Tom was promoted to executive director. We served 15 clients, the only one that is still part of Hodan, Norma Goodenough, who is here today. When we started it was a dream and vision of Tom Hodan who was on staff for the Iowa County Mental Health Association. There were countless volunteers who served those special people. I think how touched those 15... were of you Tom. Don't you remember Harvey Arthur and how you helped him with his blue bird house... his dream was to be a Forest Ranger at Governor Dodge? Who could forget how you helped Dennis Berg portray Elvis Presley, and Lillian Paulson 80+ and how you made it possible each day for her to have her cigarette? Then there was precious little Janet Reed and how you helped transform her into a social butterfly.

Back in 1980, Tom wrote a grant which was approved to build our new building, he called it "new beginnings"—here a client baked his first cake, one learned to bowl and one fellow grew squash from seed, sold it, and cashed his first check with pride... all because Tom saw their potential. Back then community skills became the main course of our program. One successful outcome of this is Jodie Kosharek, who after being trained will celebrate 25 years next years as an employee of the hospital in Dodgeville. It was then you saw the wonderful cooking skills in Dennis and Norma. How excited they were when they cut the ribbon at our new Dairy Queen!!! Our Wisconsin Governor was even there to celebrate. When I was asked to say a few words I thought where I would ever begin, there would be so much to say about Tom. I could go on and on and on! Then I remember one of my favorite songs, "He Touched Me." As these many years have gone by I keep asking myself, how many lives were touched by Tom Schraeder?

Several of those people have since passed away, and every year at our Memorial Service we honor over 178 by placing their names on signs that begin at the top of the hill on both sides of the walkway all the way down to the nature center. Those names include clients, staff, board members and



Top: Tom shown with the tree that was presented in his honor. Middle: DeAnna Halverson presenting Tom with a quilt made from all of the "Fun Day" t-shirts.

Below: Celebration speakers – Judy Fillback, Joy Gieseke, Todd Novak, Lincoln Burr, Margaret Galle, Norma Goodenough and Tom Schmidt.



special friends. Many of you don't know that Tom reminisces about each one of these special folks as he alone takes all the signs down. Yes, each one of them has been truly touched by Tom.

Today, because of Tom's leadership, we serve 158 client/employees and hire a huge staff. Tom, you have been much more than a boss, you have had an "open door" policy all those years. You have a gift in listening to all and being a loyal friend to countless numbers. Everyone loves your enthusiasm for the Brewers, the Packers and the Badgers. I think of Mary Ellen Reichling and when asked why she loved Hodan, she always spoke so highly of you as her best friend. So, we honor you today, not so much what you said, not so much what you did, but who you have been to everyone here.

I am speaking on behalf of all the past and present board members who because of you trusted your ideas, policies and suggestions. We knew without a doubt that you thought everything over carefully and prayed about all the decisions you had to make. You truly were our leader and we had all the faith in the world in you. Tom, you also gave many, many hours of love and devotion to the ARC, service groups, church groups and community and state projects. And then you found precious moments to be with your wife, Trici; your children Juliet and Jeremy and those dear grandchildren, and your whole extended family. Now in closing I want each of you to think about Tom Schraeder. Raise your hand if Tom Schraeder has touched your life. I wonder if we each signed our name on a piece of paper because you touched us individually, the number would be stifling, that list would reach from here all the way across the state and no doubt as far away as East Troy where you grew up.

I've got my sign ready because Tom Schraeder you will never know how much you have touched my life!!! I have been truly been blessed to have your presence in my life. ●



Best Wishes to Two Special Friends

This summer, two long time staff members of Hodan Community Services (HCS) moved on to pursue other life goals. Lynne Johnson, our Director of Retail Sales, had her last day at HCS on July 15. Lynne supervised/coordinated our Bargain Nook stores for the past 24 years. Prior to that, Lynne worked in our Business Office for 12 years. A total of over 36 years of dedicated service! Lynne was a truly kind leader who always put our client-employees first and treated them with both respect and love. Lynne's creativity was always on display in whatever task was at hand. She was very good at thinking "outside the box". Last but not least, Lynne's sense of humor was a blessing for all of us as she could find fun in almost any situation and brightened all of our days. Now that Lynne has moved out of state to follow her heart's pursuit, she will surely bring joy to a whole new group of friends. We miss Lynne but wish her only the best!

Kathy Kelly left Hodan Community Services on August 18 to begin a new career at the Middleton/Cross Plains school district this fall. Kathy has worked in many of our departments in her 20 years with us, most recently as our Director of Rehabilitation with many case management duties. Kathy was always a source of great joy for all of us as her Irish humor and goodwill brought us such happiness. She treated each person she met with genuine kindness and always encouraged and celebrated the gifts in everyone. Kathy is greatly missed, but we are so happy with the dreams she can now realize in this next chapter of her life.

In closing, we thank Lynne and Kathy for their decades of service for Hodan Community Services and the special people we are privileged to serve. They both will always be members of our extended "Hodan family" while remaining in our hearts forever. ●

Lynne



Kathy



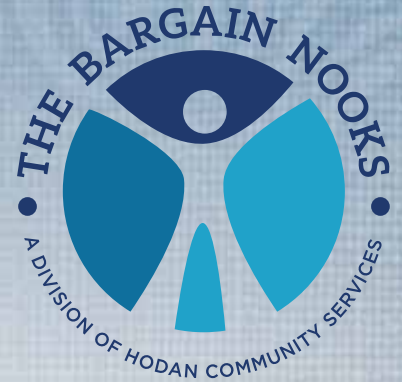
'Tis the season for excellent BARGAINS at Our Nooks!

Whether you are looking for costumes, holiday wear, or just dare to be different... our Bargain Nook stores are just the place to be (and be seen) this season!

Do you have donations?

We accept donations of gently used apparel for men, women, and kids, housewares and books (all in good condition and clean, please). We do not accept electronic items, baby equipment, toys, or stuffed animals.

Our selection of quality new and used apparel along with recycled treasures keep our customers coming back for more! Come join us and partake in bargain savings all throughout the year.



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anyone on your list!

(They are rechargeable, too!)

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Spring Green
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Quality New
and Used
Apparel
Recycled
Treasures



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STORE HOURS:

Monday - Friday: 10 to 5:30
Saturday: 10 to 5
Sunday: Noon to 4

Special Holiday Hours

Closed Thanksgiving Day 11/24
Close at 1 pm Christmas Eve 12/24
Closed Christmas Day 12/25
Close at 1 pm New Year's Eve 12/31
Closed New Year's Day 1/1

August 2016 We are pleased to welcome Karen Wells to our Bargain Nook stores as Retail Sales Director and thank Lynne Johnson for her past contributions.

Remember, your donations are tax deductible!

Hodan Community Services owns and operates the Bargain Nook Stores and is a 501(c)(3) corporation



The Hodan Legacy

**Hodan Community Services, Inc.
Planned Giving**



Named in honor of Tom Hodan, *The Hodan Legacy* is a group of devoted friends of Hodan Community Services, Inc. Everyone is welcome to join *The Hodan Legacy*. With planned gifts, those who value our mission can contribute to establishing a strong future-sighted direction for our services.

The Hodan Legacy recognizes friends of Hodan Community Services who have established a life income gift, charitable remainder trust, have included us in their wills, or have named Hodan Community Services in any other type of estate plan, such as a gift of life insurance or real estate. Planned gifts and bequests to Hodan Community Services may provide significant benefits not only to us, but to you and your family as well.

List of members:

*Joan Greenwood**
*Herb and Irene Harris**
*Florence Herman**

Mary and Ted Hodan
*Harry and Patricia Ivey**
Dorothy Meisenheimer

*Paul Radtke**
*Lyle Rees**
Grace and Bob Schmid*

Tom and Trici Schraeder
Carolyn and Stephen
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**deceased*

If you have already included Hodan Community Services in your estate plans, if you would like to become a member of *The Hodan Legacy*, or have questions about planned giving, please contact Tom Schraeder, Development Director at 608.987.3336 or e-mail: tschraeder@hodancs.org.

Ten tips to leaving a legacy

1. Prepare a will.
2. Consider your loved ones first, and then reflect on those not-for-profit organizations that have had a significant impact on your life, such as Hodan Community Services.
3. Specify a dollar amount or percentage of assets in your will to Hodan Community Services, and other not-for-profit organizations dear to you.
4. Consider bequeathing appreciated stocks or other assets for your charitable gift.
5. Name Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary of your IRA or pension plan.
6. Purchase a new life insurance policy naming Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary.
7. Name Hodan Community Services as the beneficiary of an existing life insurance policy.
8. Create a trust, with the guidance of your financial planner, that serves both your estate and Hodan Community Services.
9. Remember loved ones with memorial gifts.
10. Know that every legacy gift to Hodan Community Services, Inc., large and small, is acknowledged and appreciated.