



What's Happening at Strive July 2019



Message from the President/CEO

Submitted by: Grant Jackson

This agency is **CHOCK FULL** of **amazing people** doing **amazing**

things, on the daily. I had a **wonderful example** brought to my **attention** recently that I wanted to **share** with you all. This one is about **Mr. Doug Sorter** going **above and beyond** to lend a hand. When Doug isn't out in the **community working with community partners and creating new and lasting relationships** that help bring in **funding** for our **amazing programs**, here is an **example** of him **rolling up his sleeves** to **help** out a **fellow coworker** and a **family** that we support.....

- Mary Francks (Frankie) - DSP
- Jenna Grako – DSP
- Trice Leuluai – DSP
- Kenneth Lunsford – DSP
- Ashley Moriarty – DSP
- Amanda Manuel – DSP Respite
- Cheyenne Moore – CM Monitor
- Destany Salazar – DSP
- Rianna Zanoni – VOC DSP

"I'm always **inspired** when I see our **team members** go **above and beyond** for our **individuals** and **families**. **Most recently, Doug Sorter personally took it upon himself to deliver a very large sensory swing/chair to a family**. The **single mom** has a very high needs child in our services and the swing was **recommended by a therapist to help prevent and deescalate behaviors**. Doug, **with dolly in hand, loaded the two large boxes in his car and drove them over to her home**. The **surprise on the mom's face** that a **VP of STRiVE** was **delivering her chair** just proves how **invested we all are** in ensuring the **best possible quality of life** for the **individuals we serve**."

No act of kindness, big or small goes unnoticed. Thanks Doug!

I know that there are **DOZENS of stories** like this that **happen every day** here in our agency. Be sure to **give** your fellow **coworkers** a **shout out** in our **Recognition Mission** boxes. Not only will they **receive** the **recognition** they very much **deserve**, but they will also **have a chance to win a prize!**

I love hearing these **stories of kindness**. **TELL ME MORE!!!**

Stay Cool Out There,

Grant

Departmental Updates:

Public Relations & Development...

Submitted By: Doug Sorter

Interviews:

- We've had several **interviews** on **5 or more radio stations** through MBC Grand Radio. They have become a **wonderful partner** in our **efforts to promote STRiVE**. The **KREX TV** station is another **partner** I can **count on** to **help** with **any story** or **event** we have. We were able to get **in front** of the **camera** about **5 times** and the **website** carries



several more **interviews**.

STRiVing for Success:

We have **reinstated** the STRiVing for Success **luncheons** and they are **well attended**. This is a very **successful way** to **educate** the Grand Valley **Community** about what **we do** and what we need. If you're **interested** in **attending** or have **someone** you **think** would be **interested** please let me know.

Grants:

- We **received** a **\$48,000, \$7,500, \$12,600** and **\$3,000** dollar **grant** from **4** different **funders** recently. We have **written 3 more** and are **waiting to hear back**.
- Amber Hodges, who I was working with decided to **branch out** and is **no longer helping**. I did however find a wonderful **new person** to take her place, **Cindy Willms**. I



am **looking forward** to **her effort**.

Foundation Board:

We will have our **next meeting** Wednesday, **July 17th** at 8:00am. We have several **number** of **changes** and **additions**. I see nothing but **success in his future** with the STRIVE Foundation Board.

Events:

Our **first concert** of the year was **June 21st Doubious Bothers**. They are a **terrific band** and put on a **great concert**. Unfortunately, due to the **inclement weather** there was **not a large turnout** maybe 10 people and myself. Our **next concert** is **"The Boys of Summer" July 26th 7:00pm**. **These are some talented folks who love what they do!** If you can find the **time** you should definitely **see them**.



Accounting...

Submitted by: Chris Bergquist

- Preparing **year end** schedules for the **upcoming** financial **audit**
- Scheduled **Work comp audit** and **completed** work **papers**.

Human Resources...

Submitted by: Adele Avolio

- **Recognition Mission** is off to a **good start**. A few **boxes** are **filling up** but I **found some empty**. **EVERY DAY PEOPLE DO GREAT THINGS. LET'S CATCH THEM!**
- **National Bowling Day and Pirate Day on August 12th** is our next **dress up day**. **Bowlers** and **non-bowlers** are encouraged to **wear a bowling shirt**, or if you prefer you can **dress up** like a **pirate**. **You could take it one step further and combine the two!**



Vocational...

Submitted by : Kelly Lupo

Wellness and Active Wellness

- **Individuals** and **staff** have started **making salads** for individuals to **enjoy** out of the **508 Fruitvale courtyard garden**.
- We are also **welcoming Kat Goodwin** our team 😊

Uniquely Yours

- Uniquely Yours just **completed inventory** and **installment** of a **new POS system**.
- The **window** was changed to a **summer scene** and it has received a **lot of compliments**.
- **New products** are arriving and **new displays** are being arranged.



Come in and check out the changes! Remember that Strive/MDS employees receive a 20% discount!

Host Homes & Family Care Givers...

Submitted by: Michelle Sharman

- We are excited to share that **3** people that were already in our **HH program** have chosen to **move to new HH's**.
 - One couple got **engaged** and chose to **move** into a **new HH together**.
 - Another **person** was finally **able** to **move in** with a **male HHP** to **hang out** and do **MAN stuff together!**
- We had one **Family Care Giver start** on July 1st and are **excited** to start this **new adventure** to **support their child and their family!**
- The HH/FCG program is currently **working** with **one woman** whom was accepted into the comp waiver on an **emergency basis** in June and she has **found** her **permanent HH** and is doing well!
- We are in the process of **meeting** with a **family** to **explore Family Care Giver supports** after their child received an emergency comprehensive waiver.
- We are also **starting** to **work** with a **young lady** whom just turned 18 and would like to **explore HH** and **vocational services** through Strive!
- We have **expanded** our **respite providers** for HHP and have had **another 4 people certified** to provide in home respite care **to help support our HHPs' and FCGs'.**
- We have **worked** with **HR** and **training** to **streamline** and firm up the **Independent Contractor training** and **certification**.
- We are starting to **reach out** to other **community providers** to receive additional **OT/PT services**.
- **We are now at 87 HH's!** And all 87 **contracts** were **signed** for the new **fiscal year** starting July 1.



MDS Resource Coordination...

Submitted by: Amanda Gregg

- In June there **were 7 SIS's** completed for the month. We **continue** to work on **getting more individuals enrolled** into services each month.
- **10 new enrollments** occurred in the **month of June** thanks to the continued **hard work of our intake team!**

NAME	WAIVER	NEW ENROLLMENT	TRANSFER	CHANGE IN SERVICE	SERVICES REQUESTED	PROVIDER SELECTED
Individual #1	State SLS	04JUN2019				Ariel
Individual #2	HCBS-DD	06JUN2019				Strive
Individual #3	HCBS-SLS	11JUN2019				Ariel; Strive
Individual #4	State SLS	13JUN2019				Ariel
Individual #5	HCBS-CES	14JUN2019				Strive
Individual #6	HCBS-DD	21JUN2019				Mosaic
Individual #7	HCBS-SLS	21JUN2019				Ariel
Individual #8	HCBS-SLS	26JUN2019				Strive
Individual #9	HCBS-DD	26JUN2019				Ariel; Strive
Individual #10	HCBS-SLS	28JUN2019				Ariel

- This month the Case Management Department wants **to recognize Debbie Santana**. Debbie is the **glue to our department** as she **keeps on top of PMIPs, getting SPs distributed, staffing notices, and so much more**. Her position **requires** so much **time management** and prompt organization. Debbie has been **with our department** for about **3 years** now and is **so valuable!**
Thank you Debbie for all you do for all of us!



- Our **PASA person of the month** was **nominated** by **Chelsea Dexter** (Case Manager):

"I don't get to **work** with **Khristina Kukus** as much as I used to, which makes me so sad, but I am **so thankful for her role as Strive's Residential Director**. **Khristina** is someone who is **personable, professional**, and has **immense integrity**. She has a **sassy side** to her and **tells it like it is**, but is one of the **most caring** and **sincere** people

especially **when it comes** to the **people who live in the group homes**. Khristina **works hard** to **meet the needs of the people** in the group homes, while also **supporting the many staff** who work in them. Khristina is one of the **best people I have been able to work with** over the last 3 years and **helped me** so much when I was **first learning my caseload** with the group homes. **Thank you Khristina for all your work, it does not go unnoticed!"**

- **People First** this month had their **Officers meeting** to **discuss the plan** for People First for the **next year**. People First is moving to a **new model**, of having **monthly Officer meetings** (elected representatives for People First of Mesa county) and **separate meetings for all learning activities** and **social events**. This way **events** can be **more productive** and **meaningful for all** who attend. We will have **no People First meeting in July** and will **resume in August**.



YEARS	STAFF
1	Elyse Bridgewater, Xylia Gordon, Monica Lozano, Bradford Nelson, Wendy Newsom, Ruby Parker
2-4	Gloria Clement, Marilee Cloyd, Maria Franco, Brenda Hahn, Barb Horawa, Heidi Miller, Estella Ruiz, Debbie Santana
5	Virginia Bonham, Grace Chapot, John Lubbert,
6-9	Jennifer Cutts, Thomas Love, Katherine Riddle
13	Les Jenkins, Darlene Kotris-Strauch
15	Matthew Wheeler
17	Tina Hurst
21	Kelly Lupo
33	Roy Romero
39	Jeanie Larsen

DAY	STAFF
1	Daisy Garcia, Beth Will
2	Tyler Castle, Mike Hayes
3	Jennifer Cutts, Walter Holak, Judi Jenkins
6	Mark Musich, Jay Veale, Ryan Waits
7	Billy Knight, Les Payne
8	Lindsey Kenworthy, Amanda Lowdermilk
9	Zach Gramza, Sarah Lubin
11	Cassandra Blair, Carmen Ruiz, Debbie Santana, Chris Woods
12	Michael Callahan, Destinee Jenkins, Lena Quair
13	George Romero
15	Luis Avendano, Lauren Heath
16	Carl Davis, Sean Washburn
17	Casey Gordon
18	Rachel Davis, Rachelle Miller
19	Monica Smith
20	Gaynell Rubalcaba
22	Monica Lozano, Amber Stuble, Caroline Wehrmann

23	Jeff Green
24	Sydney Staley
25	Cara Savage
26	Joy Schmitt
27	James Tevis
28	Pam Pishop
29	Justin Rancier, Venessia Roberts
30	Jason Boxwell
31	Crystal Childers.