

Blossom Hill July Staff Newsletter



Message from Leadership

Dear staff –

We hope you were able to enjoy the staff appreciation picnic. Thank you for the hard work you do each and every day. We truly have the best staff around. In case you missed it, here are the winners of our COVID-19 vaccine lottery:

Grand Prize Winner - \$1,000: **Dalenna Zingales**

Additional Winners – 8 Hours of PTO: **Chris Goodman, Eva Swboni, and Lori Inks**

Congratulations to all and thank you to everyone who got their COVID vaccine!

-Lisa & Lynne

P.S. You can still get your shot at any time. Check here for walk-ins or to schedule an appointment: <https://gettheshot.coronavirus.ohio.gov/>



Blossom Hill News

- [Blossom Hill Hosts Appreciation Picnic for Staff Members](#)
- [Our Story Matters: Daughter Thrives at Group Home Thanks to Mother's Vision](#)
- [What I love Being a Nurse at Center Ridge House](#)



Employee Spotlight

Laurie Peterson, DSP, Parma House



From supervisor Julie Darovich:

Laurie has a good relationship with the individuals. She picks up extra shifts and helps out at the other houses. She has a great smile and is a fun person to work with.



Meet a Manager: Lisa Kristosik, BSN, RN, MSN, CEO, Blossom Hill



Get to know **Lisa Kristosik, Chief Executive Officer!** You can reach her at LisaK@blossom-hill.org or 440-537-1785.

What made you pursue nonprofits?

I started out as a phlebotomist and loved the interaction with the patients - that lead me to enroll in nursing school. Leadership was a path I really enjoyed as it was based on learning on the job as well as in the classroom. My Masters Degree is in Nursing Informatics.

What's something most people don't know about you?

That I was an MVP basketball player back in grade school and high school.

Do you have any pets?

I have a mini schnauzer named Stella!! #cutestdogever

What's your favorite kind of ice cream?

Butter pecan

What's your favorite sports team?

Cleveland Browns of course!

What would you do on a random day off?

Go to a farmers' market and make a big meal for the family.

What's the farthest place you've ever travelled?

Jamaica - went there three times over the last 30 years. Food and beaches are awesome:-)



July Staff Anniversaries

- Brian Myers 5
- Christine Markulik 9
- Lynne Urbanski 16
- Magda Augustin 2
- Michelle Schneidly 3
- Summer Thomas 1
- Tabitha Wachenschwanz 2
- Diane Custar 17

That's 55 years of combined service!



Upcoming August Birthdays

Brian Chippy
Elisha Cole
Jamela Bridges
Julie Darovich
Minerva Perez-Vargas
Miro Ruzic
Patricia Campo
Ron DeVerse
Samantha Formosa
Scott Hlavaty



Welcome New Staff!



Maya Todd
DSP, Center Ridge House



Bunsier McCloud
DSP, Center Ridge House



Misc. Going Away Party for Eva & Opportunities for SFA Certification



Send off and going away party for Eva at Center Ridge House!
We will miss your face 😊

Deadline to submit is Monday, July 12. [Get more information here!](#)

Don't forget! We are participating in a pilot program where we receive reimbursement if all staff complete 1 additional hour of non-mandated training. Here are a few great opportunities:

- First Aid for Seizures - Stay, Safe, Side – This training actually certifies you for 2 years in Seizure First Aid (SFA) after completion of the pre-test, course and post-test. It is a virtual training:
<https://www.epilepsy.com/living-epilepsy/seizure-first-aid-and-safety/first-aid-seizures-stay-safe-side>
- Additional virtual trainings offered by the Epilepsy Foundation can be found here:
<https://www.epilepsy.com/living-epilepsy/our-training-and-education>.

We plan to offer additional training opportunities each quarter for you to complete your 1 hour training of choice!

Our Mission: To provide loving homes and personalized care to adults with developmental disabilities who are incapable of living unassisted.

