

## Blossom Hill August Staff Newsletter



### Message from Leadership

Dear staff –

In case you missed it, please remember that you are consistently adhering to our COVID-19 policies and procedures. Due to the Delta variant and recent surge in COVID cases, these policies are still in place to help keep you and the individuals safe!

Again, we truly appreciate all that you do to keep our individuals safe! Thank you!

-Lisa & Lynne

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



### Blossom Hill News

- [Blossom Hill Artwork on View at Community West Foundation](#)



### Employee Spotlight

#### Wanda Rosa Ruiz, DSP, Center Ridge House



*From supervisor Sarah Gorman:*

Wanda has been at Blossom Hill for almost 6 years. She is a hard worker and extremely dependable. She is consistent in her work and she is someone we can always count on when we are short staffed. You can tell by the way she works that she really cares about the individuals – she's quick to give the individuals a hug or smile and engage with them. She also loves to cook and sometimes surprises her coworkers with a special home cooked meal, which is greatly appreciated on busy days!



### Meet a Manager: Brian Myers, Operations Manager



**Get to know Brian Myers, Operations Manager! You can reach him at [BrianM@Blossom-Hill.org](mailto:BrianM@Blossom-Hill.org).**

**Tell us about your career path. How did you find Blossom Hill?** I was in the restaurant industry as a bar manager and a dental repair technician while attending school. I was a tool and die sales representative when offered a position to help oversee maintaining a large nursing home. I found Blossom Hill in a part time job ad. After speaking with them and touring the facilities I was offered and accepted a full time position. I have been happy in making a difference since joining Blossom Hill's team.

**What's something most people don't know about you?** I love to travel and have been to 19 states and 3 different countries.

**What's your favorite kind of ice cream?** It's been Lake Erie Salt Mine ice cream for a few years now. Try it!

**What's your favorite sports team?** I'm a big Ohio State Buckeye fan. O-H!

**What would you do on a random day off?** I'd probably take the boat to the lake for a day of fishing.

**What's the farthest place you've ever travelled?** It would have to be Denali National Park Alaska or London England.



### August Staff Anniversaries

Beatrice Glinska 27  
Cassandra Whitman 2  
Dana Cipra 2  
Louis Yahraus 5  
Mahmoud Assad 2  
Ron DeVerse 10  
Steven Ryan 21

**That's 69 years of combined service!**



### Upcoming September Birthdays

Frank Lucas III  
John Darovich  
Kayla Millsaps  
Lou Ann Smith  
Louis Yahraus



## Welcome New Staff!



Kaylia Luster  
DSP, Center Ridge House

Iyaisha Grantham  
DSP, Center Ridge House

Raquel Blue  
DSP, Parma House



## Misc. Dogs of Blossom Hill Opportunities for SFA Certification

We celebrated our dogs for International Dog Day on August 26! Check out the short video below:

<https://youtu.be/C7wKfHpi-MY>



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.**

