

Blossom Hill September Staff Newsletter



Message from Leadership

Dear staff –

You should have received an emailed invitation to join our virtual all-staff town hall meeting next week. Please plan on attending ONE of the two meeting options. This is mandatory, so please confirm your attendance by accepting one of the meeting invitations:

Option #1: Wednesday, October 6 @ 2:00-2:30 p.m.

Option #2: Thursday, October 7 @ 6:00-6:30 a.m.

-Lisa & Lynne



Blossom Hill News

- [Celebrating Blossom Hill Direct Support Professionals During "DSP Week"](#)
- [Westlake, Parma, and North Royalton Recognize DSP Week](#)
- [Video: Thank you DSPs!](#)
- [Video: DSP Staff Spotlight](#)
- [Blossom Hill Teams Up with CWRU's IPE Program](#)



Employee Spotlight

Mindy Thomas, DSP, Blossom/Haven House



From supervisor Moody Assad:

“Mindy has worked here 11 years. For me, she is invaluable in that she does everything, not just the bare minimum. She always knows what to order and when to order supplies and really helps me out. She knows the individuals so well and they always come first for her. She is a model employee, reliable, and an incredibly hard worker.”



Meet a Manager: Lori Inks, Development Director



Get to know Lori Inks, Development Director! You can reach her at Loril@Blossom-Hill.org or 440-223-8082.

Tell us about your career path. How did you find Blossom Hill?

My career path to Blossom Hill started after my sister passed away in 2016 when Lynne Urbanski and others encourage the board to develop a marketing/development position. Before 2016 employment, I volunteered at Children Forever in the 1970's and became a guardian in the 2000's for my sister.

What's something most people don't know about you? I have traveled to 3 continents and driven to 49 states with my 5 children and husband. 50th state "Alaska" we "all" plan to drive to in the Summer 2022.

What's your favorite kind of ice cream? Honey Hut's Butter Pecan Drumstick

What's your favorite sports team? Several teams interest me to watch although golf is my favorite sport to watch.

What would you do on a random day off? Depending on how much time I have off visiting with my family, baking, golfing, and gardening.

What's the farthest place you've ever travelled? Somewhere on the Seine River. Prague, Czech Republic or Budapest, Hungary.



September Staff Anniversaries

Ashley Colon 1
Christopher Coulter 1
Christopher Goodman 1
Emily Dubyoski 1
Eva Swboni 9
Gloria Soto 1
Michelle Ansel 15
Nina Naylor 2
Samantha Formosa 1

That's 32 years of combined service!



Upcoming October Birthdays

We forgot to wish Giselle Fiske & Andrea Yeats a happy birthday in September! Happy birthday, Giselle and Andrea!

October Birthdays:

Catherine Ashby
Chera Sevens
Eva Swboni
Kristen Jackson
Melissa Crites
Samantha Rockwood



Welcome New Staff!



Abigail Loebich
DSP, Center Ridge House



Kierra Greene
DSP, Parma House

Tracy Godfrey
DSP, Parma House

Makala Moore
DSP, Parma House

Melina Jackson
DSP, Parma House



Misc. "Tabitha Day" & Training Opportunities

Center Ridge House staff celebrated "**Tabitha Day**" to pay tribute to Tabitha and all that she does for the individuals and staff. Thank you Tabitha!!



Get your **1 hour of training** in before the end of the year. Here are a few great opportunities:

1. Save the date! We will be hosting a virtual presentation on Wednesday, October 27 from 2-3 p.m. from the Cuyahoga County Board of DD:

Inclusion 101- Tips for interacting with and including people with developmental disabilities (Inclusion begins with you. Hear from Cuyahoga DD's Good Life Ambassadors, advocates with disabilities, who educate and inspire others on how best to interact with and be intentionally inclusive of people with disabilities. Strategies will be shared for inclusion in schools, in the competitive workforce and in the community.)

2. You can also get certified in Seizure First Aid (SFA) by completing this FREE online module (certification is good for 2 years): <https://www.epilepsy.com/living-epilepsy/seizure-first-aid-and-safety/first-aid-seizures-stay-safe-side>
3. Additional virtual trainings offered by the **Epilepsy Foundation** can be found here: <https://www.epilepsy.com/living-epilepsy/our-training-and-education>.

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

