



BRIDGEWAY WEEKLY MONITOR

News Briefs from Human Resources

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Pictured from left: Rhonda Nelson, Ruth Dennis, & Sandy Wood.

110% AWARD

Ruth Dennis, Nurse was awarded the Bridgeway 110% Award on Tuesday, December 22nd. Ruth was nominated for her Outstanding Commitment of Consumer Service and Dedication to the Nursing Team at Bridgeway. Ruth is a real team player and always on top of what needs to be done. She is willing to help out wherever needed. Her upbeat mood, friendliness and always ready to get things completed makes her a pleasure to work with. Ruth was willing to assist with nursing coverage in Iowa and Macomb to ensure consumer needs were met and services were accessible. Ruth consistently maintains a “customer friendly” approach with consumers, co-workers and community stakeholders. Ruth truly assures that Bridgeway lives its mission of “Creating Solutions for Everyone.” Ruth was honored with the Bridgeway 110% Award which includes a certificate of recognition, a 110% pin, and a \$25 Gift Check. Congratulations!



MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM THE MOLINE OFFICE

The Moline Office Staff were able to purchase gifts for 47 families with the money from the Christmas Auction. We bought 115 gifts for the children in our area.

The staff had a Christmas Luncheon last Friday, Dec. 18th where we all wrapped presents and ate lots of finger foods. The girls were real troopers when it came to doing all that wrapping. The presents were delivered to the families to go under their Christmas Trees. Linda Rangle worked hard and was able to get

homes for two of her families for the Christmas Holiday. One of these families had lived in a shelter for over 12 months. When this child was asked what he wanted for Christmas he stated a home for our family. Thanks to Linda’s hard work he moved into his home this past weekend. I am really proud of the entire Moline Staff for the hard work they have done to help their consumers have a Merry Christmas.

Thanks Girls.

Cathy Connell, Area Coordinator

EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENT

Tammy Froelich, Director of Creative Childhood Center has a new grandson! Tammy's son Cory and his wife Breiah are the proud parents of Connor Scott Froelich. He was born Sunday, Dec. 20th at 5:20 p.m. Connor weighed 8 lbs. 2 ½ oz. and was 21 inches long.

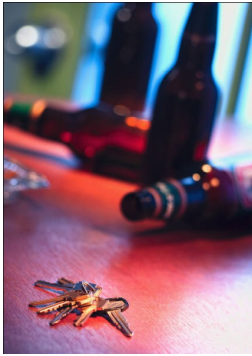
SUPPORT TICKET LINK

Due to the Bridgeway website being down the web link to access the Support Ticket System is as follows:

<http://support.bway.org>

JOB OPENINGS

Administrative Coordinator Iowa - Keokuk
Manager Bridgeway Janitorial Services - Galesburg
Therapist – Kewanee
Female Janitorial Associate - Bloomington
Day Program Assistant Trainer - Pekin
HCBS Team Leader - Burlington
Job Coach – Galesburg
Day Program Assistant Trainer – Macomb
Driver - Macomb
HCBS Outreach Worker-Keokuk/Burlington
Residential Assistants/MI – Kewanee & Galesburg (Pooled Position)
Residential Assistant/DD – Macomb & Pekin (Pooled Position)



Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention

December is National Drunk and Drugged Driving Prevention Month

Though thousands of people die or are injured in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes each year in the United States, effective measures to prevent these deaths and injuries do exist.

Quick Facts About Drunk and Drugged Driving

- In 2005, 16,885 people died in alcohol-related motor vehicle crashes, accounting for 39% of all traffic-related deaths in the United States (NHTSA 2006)
- An alcohol-related motor vehicle crash kills someone every 31 minutes and nonfatally injures someone every two minutes (NHTSA 2006).
- Drugs other than alcohol (e.g., marijuana and cocaine) are involved in about 18% of motor vehicle driver deaths. These other drugs are generally used in combination with alcohol (Jones et al. 2003).
- Each year, alcohol-related crashes in the United States cost about \$51 billion (Blincoe et al. 2002).
- Most drinking and driving episodes go undetected. In 2005 nearly 1.4 million drivers were arrested for driving under the influence of alcohol or narcotics (Department of Justice 2005). That's less than one percent of the 159 million self-reported episodes of alcohol-impaired driving among U.S. adults each year (Quinlan et al. 2005)

There are actions that work to prevent injuries due to impaired driving. To further decrease alcohol-related fatal crashes, communities need to implement and enforce strategies that are known to be effective, such as:

- **Sobriety checkpoints.** Fatal crashes thought to involve alcohol dropped a median of 22% (with random breath testing) and 23% (with selective breath testing) following implementation of sobriety checkpoints.
- **0.08% BAC laws.** Fatal alcohol-related crashes showed a median decrease of 7% following the implementation of 0.08% BAC laws in 16 states.
- **Minimum legal drinking age (MLDA) laws.** Raising the MLDA, such as from 18 to 21, decreases crash-related outcomes a median of 16% for the targeted age groups.
- **“Zero tolerance” laws for young drivers.** One study found that fatal crash outcomes decreased 24% after implementation of “zero tolerance” laws (Elder et al. 2002, Howat et al. 2004, Shults et al. 2001, Shults et al.)

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