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MARC MATTERS

JUNE
2019

What a Night!

MARC Recognition Banquet

April 25, 2019 | Alliant Energy Center



Honoring Tanya Neumann with the first Jamie Gulseth Memorial Award

Jamie Gulseth came to MARC in 1998 as a job coach. She worked at MARC RES, for 20 years, moving up in the organization to her final position as the Program Director before her passing in May 2018.

In 2019 the family of Jamie Gulseth established the Jamie Gulseth Memorial Award. The award will be given every other year to recognize a distinguished MARC employee and to honor Jamie Gulseth for her dedicated service to individuals with intellectual disabilities, especially in the area of community integration, inclusion, and developing meaningful community relationships.

Tanya Neumann was honored with the first Jamie Gulseth Memorial Award. Tanya works hard developing employment opportunities that will allow individuals to be successful and fulfilled. Tanya believes in quality community services, inclusion and choice for everyone. She also has been determined to bring the benefits of animals to MARC. Tanya has developed the "Pet Companion" program across MARC so that everyone can experience the love and healing benefits of animals. Tanya works hard to create a loving, caring environment at MARC that values each individual, accepting others as they are, and seeing how she can help to make a difference in their lives.



MICHELE RAMSDEN

Franklin French Award

Michele Ramsden has been an integral part of the MARC West team for 7 years. The entire time Michele has shown her compassion, dedication, and unending support for individuals with disabilities and co-workers. Michele supports individuals as they work in the Pre-Vocational area, helping them develop their employment skills. Michele often goes above and beyond her job duties by finding ways to enhance lives and employment experiences for individuals. She works closely with community partners to find work for individuals, sets up activities and outings, and even converted an old television into a beautiful fish tank for everyone to enjoy. Michele creates a positive and fun environment in the production area.

Michele also leads fundraising efforts for fellow co-workers: West employee birthday recognition, gift collections for co-workers who are leaving, and for employees who have fallen on hard times. Michele has clearly found her calling as a compassionate member of our community. Michele is an adept leader, a compassionate instructor, and a dedicated member of the MARC West team. Everyone at MARC West is better because Michelle is part of the MARC family.



KAREN HANSEN

Vivian T. Pope Memorial Award

Karen Hansen has been a valuable part of our MARC community for the last 6 years. Karen started her career as an instructor in the RAC, providing valuable care to clients in day services. For the last few years, Karen has served as Executive Administrative Assistant at our Corporate office. She not only provides support to staff, she also fields calls and provides support to all six MARC programs. Karen is the first person you will see upon entering MARC's corporate office and no matter how busy she is, she stops everything to offer a greeting and a smile.

Karen is a tremendous asset to MARC. She works very hard to do her best, yet, she will always find time to help anyone in need. Karen is what keeps the entire office running smoothly. She has developed wonderful relationships with staff and individuals with disabilities, and you can see this in action daily by the number of individuals who come up asking for hugs or sharing some new life news. This side of Karen carries over to her personal life where she helps care for her sister and parents, volunteers at a food pantry, and has helped organize special outings for individuals on weekends and evenings. Karen is resourceful, dedicated, and dependable and reflects MARC's mission of enhancing our consumers' lives on a daily basis.



Staff Recognition

FIVE YEARS

Courtney Stam RES
 Christy Anderson RES
 Dean Erdmann Mt. Horeb
 Jenna Mckee East
 Margarita Barajas East

TEN YEARS

Carol Glass Stoughton
 Kari Peterson West

FIFTEEN YEARS

Cathy Loerke RES
 Heidi Krieger RES
 Jean Ayivi Messan West
 Ying Zhang RAC

TWENTY YEARS

Laura Johnson Stoughton
 Scott Thompson RES

THIRTY YEARS

Karen Gussert RES
 Sandy Braund Stoughton

THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Alan Baal West



Thank you Sandy and Karen for your **30 Years of Exceptional Service!**

Employer Appreciation Awards



Miller & Sons

Fitness Plus–Sandy Litang East
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 UW Hospital Reprocessing–Michelle Daveler Project Search
 Tanya’s Big House–Sara Farren RES
 Walgreens Distribution Ctr–Greg Ludeman RES
 Willy Street Co-op–Bill Pohlman RES
 Ace Sauk Prairie Sauk
 Gianna Catanzaro Stoughton
 Widget Source–Todd Toussaint West

Volunteer & Community Appreciation Awards

Archie Vorwold MARC Corp.
 Artisa Johnson RAC
 Amy Ochola South
 Steve Knuteson Admin
 Kari Hofer West
 Rebecca Wheelock West
 Dimiter Stasov & Julie Lucht West
 (Cherish Independence)



Presenting Gianna an Award

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MARC 2019 Annual Golf Classic

June 25, 2019
 The Meadows of Sixmile Creek
 Waunakee, WI

Shotgun Start
 Tee Time: 11:00 AM

Hole in One Events

- Hole #9 — **\$5,000** Cash
- Hole #4 — **\$1,000** Gas Card
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- Hole #14 — Set of Callaway Irons

MARC-STOUGHTON EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT



Laura Johnson

Laura Johnson, Stoughton Assistant Program Director has worked at MARC Inc for almost 20 Years (6/21/19). Laura first learned about work opportunities at MARC from Vicki Showers, MARC-East, as she cut her hair. Laura describes MARC with these three words: caring, compassion and fair. The thing about MARC that Laura values the most is that MARC concentrates on benefiting the individuals we serve and also shows that same commitment to its employees. Laura shared that she has gained diverse people

skills while working with both individuals with intellectual disabilities and her co-workers over the years. She attributes her increase in flexibility and learning how to accommodate others to the variety of similarities and differences in each person she has the pleasure to work with.

Laura is the mother of three grown children with two dear grandchildren. Since she lives in the country, she enjoys every chance to work and play outdoors with kids, flowers, chickens, ducks and dogs.

Introducing Isaac from MARC-East

MARC East began supporting Isaac in June of 2013 after he graduated from Sun Prairie High School.

When Isaac entered the MARC East program, he was already employed in the community. Sun Prairie High School secured employment for Isaac delivering newspapers for the Sun Prairie Hometown News. Isaac delivered papers every Tuesday morning with a support staff member. Additionally, Isaac was employed by Fitness Plus in Marshall one morning a week cleaning exercise equipment.

Until Isaac was able to secure more community employment to fill up his days, MARC East staff assisted Isaac in doing work on his family's farm, the JenEhr Farm. A MARC staff member would support, guide, and direct Isaac at the farm with picking up branches, collecting and removing brush, cutting



Isaac in Action!

down trees, filling up potholes in the driveway, and cleaning out company vehicles.

Eventually, Isaac began receiving support from Pathways and secured employment to fill his mornings, with the exception of Tuesdays. As of today, Isaac has several jobs. Pathways support Isaac at the State Historical Society and at the Historical Muse-

um. At these job sites, Isaac is busy cleaning. MARC East supports Isaac at the Good Shepherd Episcopal Church and the Speckled Hen. Isaac cleans at the church and does a variety of tasks at Speckled Hen ranging from cutting down trees, picking up branches, feeding chickens, putting together flower beds, raking and much more!

Isaac enjoys spending his free time going to libraries, bowling, movies, dining out and playing card games and vacationing with his family. Isaac is very fond of anything relating to Scooby-Doo and superheroes as well.

Isaac continues to reside at home with his parents and can be found on a Saturday at the Madison Farmers' Market selling foods from his family's farm, JenEhr farm. Stop in and say "Hi!" to Isaac and his family when you visit the Farmers' Market on the Capitol Square.



Keep shining your beautiful light, Shamairra!

RAC EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHT

SHAMAIRRA BELCHER

An example of excellent service!

Shamairra joined the RAC team as a Specialist in the fall of 2018. Shamairra is a great support not only for the individuals on her case load, but for all the individuals who attend the RAC program. Her positive energy benefits everyone. She works hard to learn each individual's specific needs and promotes a high standard of care. Shamairra has been a wonderful addition to our team. We are thankful to have you with us, Shamairra!

MARISSA KALAN

From MARC-West

Please meet Ms. Marissa Kalan! Marissa has been supported by MARC West for 5 years. She is a hard charging worker, and is always on the look out for ways to help. Marissa says that she "has fun at MARC", and that "my favorite staff is Agnes. I really appreciate what she does."

Marissa is supported at two job sites, Klima and Mother Nature's Diapers. Marissa is responsible for shredding, custodial work, and folding cloth diapers at these sites. She also is a rock star at MARC West, where she works on multiple jobs.

Marissa is also an excellent teammate to other individuals she works alongside. Recently, Marissa noticed a health issue with a co-worker and immediately reported it. "I felt bad for him, and noticed he was in pain," said Marissa. We thank Marissa for her observant nature and commitment to her fellow co-workers. Here's to Marissa! MARC West is better for having Marissa a part of our team.



Here's to Marissa!



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