

MARC MATTERS

JUNE
2023

POWERING POTENTIAL
CHANGING LIVES **MARC**

MARC RECOGNITION BANQUET

APRIL 20, 2023 | ALLIANT ENERGY CENTER



Employer Appreciation Awards

MARC Mt. Horeb: *Becky Rose & Cindy McKee – Festival Foods
Lindsey & Dan Yoder – Sign Art*

MARC Stoughton: *Jeanne & Uriah Carpenter – Firefly Coffeehouse*

EMPLOYER APPRECIATION AWARD: SIGN ART

There are times when jobs will work out, and there are times when they don't, and every once in a blue moon you get a perfect match between an employer and an employee. That's what happened between Sign Art and Jacob. Jacob's fun and whacky personality fits perfectly at Sign Art. They are lots of fun and a little bit whacky themselves, so it is amazing to see how seamlessly Jacob fits into the Sign Art family. Jacob loves his job, his friends, and co-workers. They are always laughing and having a blast, but what stands out the most is that they are all real! They truly care for Jacob,

and include him in all of their work events. He rode on their float in the



parade, was a judge in their chili cook off, and was treated to a Badger basketball game for his birth-

day! Sign Art goes out of their way to make Jacob an important part of their family and crew. It's awesome because it's so natural. Jacob would like to add, "Make signs not war."

Jacob's Speech: Hello, my name is Jacob Ott and I love working at Sign Art. I really enjoy all of my co-workers. I empty the trash, scan all old work orders and keep the place clean. Thank you Dan and Lindsey for being great people to work for and I hope I can keep working for you for a long, long time.

EMPLOYER APPRECIATION AWARD: FIREFLY COFFEEHOUSE

Ben Morey has been cheerfully working at Firefly Coffeehouse, otherwise known as "Oregon's Livingroom," since 2018. This is a relationship that is so valuable that Jeanne and Uriah Carpenter, owners and operators were recognized at the 2023 MARC Annual Awards Banquet.

Ben works 4 days a week clearing and wiping tabletops and chairs, sweeping and vacuuming floors, washing windows, and removing trash and recycling materials. Ben really likes the support he receives from MARC Stoughton job coaches when he needs it.

The Firefly is a place where Ben contributes through

his outstanding work, and as he meets and greets friends and neighbors, at a place where "everyone knows his name."



Ben was very eager to return to work amid the pandemic's interruption when the strength of Firefly's commitment to the community and its employees was especially shown. A positive reopening has led to the business having even greater success, and Ben has been an important part of

that achievement. Jeanne and Uriah truly appreciate Ben's good work, pleasant attitude, positive work ethic, and rely on his dependability. And Ben loves to be around all the great people who make his life better and fuller!

Volunteer & Community Appreciation Awards

MARC West: *Judy Cimino – Transit Solutions*

MARC South: *10-Pin Bowling Alley*

MARC Corporate: *Malina Piontek*

MARC Stoughton: *Bonnie Knapton – Bingo with Bonnie*

MARC East: *Janie Remus – Volunteer*

MARC VOLUNTEER AWARD: MALINA PIONTEK



Malina Piontek is a wonderful individual who has been making a difference at MARC for many years. She started off doing pro bono legal work with union negotiations at MARC. She then added all other MARC legal services at a very reduced rate, which has been a blessing to MARC in many ways. She's easy to work with and she cares so much about the individuals we support.

The last 2 years she has expanded her generosity to the individuals we support at MARC. She has organized Christmas gifts for 3 MARC programs in our MARC

South building. She has reached out to her friends and colleagues and has been able to provide beautiful, individualized gifts for 48 people this past year alone! There has even been extra money donated, allowing a large group of individuals to enjoy a day at the movies together.

The work that Malina has done has made a difference to so many individuals, ensuring that their Christmas is bright and beautiful and that they feel loved and remembered during a time of year when so many individuals can feel alone. Thank you so much Malina for your generosity and kindness.

MARC Awards

2023 MARC NOMINEES

MARC WEST: *David Michael
Sophia Lassey*

MARC RES: *Kristen Loudon*

MARC Mt. Horeb: *Lisa Karcz*



FRANKLIN FRENCH AWARD: KRISTEN LOUDON

Kristen has been an amazing addition to the MARC family for nearly 15 years! Her entire tenure at MARC has shown just how committed Kristen is to not only the people we serve, but also her MARC co-workers. Kristen is the leader of the crew working at Walgreen's Distribution Center, and she has also focused the rest of her time making sure individuals are receiving great day services at MARC and in the community when they aren't working. In May 2022, Kristen was promoted and took over responsibility for RES Micro-Enterprises, supporting individuals who own their own businesses. She has done a phenomenal job at supporting Mr. Treats

vending business, Mrs. Bow Wowz dog treats, and Sassy D's homemade jewelry.

Several years ago, Kristen created the Staff Emergency fund to assist employees who may have fallen on hard times. She does several fundraisers each year to keep it well funded. During the beginning of the pandemic, she coordinated the creation of a food pantry located at Post Road to help those dealing with high grocery bills or food shortages. Kristen is such an amazing person and an adept leader full of compassion. She can bring a smile to anyone she comes in contact with, and she helps exemplify MARC's mission each and every day.



VIVIAN T. POPE MEMORIAL AWARD: LISA KARCZ

Lisa started with MARC in August 2019 following her move back to Wisconsin after living in Alaska for 13 years. While in Alaska, Lisa worked in the office of her business while raising her youngest daughter, Greta. As her daughter grew older, she started to work with a residential facility for individuals with disabilities in Alaska. She has a passion to assist the population that we work with and has a very strong ability to work with individuals who have communication and behavioral challenges. Lisa is inherently calm with a relaxed approach that has worked well in a variety of situations. She is a natural leader at our Mt

Horeb program, clients and staff trust and rely on her.

Lisa loves to spend her free time outdoors hiking and taking daily walks with her dog, sewing, crocheting, baking, antiques and has recently found a new love for traveling the world. She has a love for animals too. Olive, her Bernese Mountain Dog, also enjoys the outdoors and is one of our Mt Horeb pet companions. When Lisa is not working, she enjoys spending time with her 4 daughters, 6 grandchildren, and making/selling items with her personal business Hazel & Olive Co.

Staff Recognition

A heartfelt thank you for your dedication and exceptional service

FIVE YEARS

LaWanda Allen – South
 Robyn Devries – West
 Melissa Loerke – Admin
 Cole Matteson – RES
 Antoina Minnis – South
 Houa Moua – RES
 Shirley Niedfeldt – Stoughton
 Karen Paynter – Mt Horeb
 Alonda Reyes Ponce – West
 Debra Schmid – RES
 Janet Segebarth – Stoughton
 Gerald Warren – RES
 Stanley Woznick III – East



TEN YEARS

Karen Hansen – Admin
 Courtney Johnson – Admin
 Susan Killgallon – RES
 Sophia Lassey – West
 Lynn Stegmann – South



FIFTEEN YEARS

Kristen Loudon
 Rosalind Roach



TWENTY YEARS

Kim Watrud



TWENTY-FIVE YEARS

Marsha Babler



THIRTY-FIVE YEARS

Traci Hughes

MARC Micro-Enterprise Services

Businesses owned and operated by individuals supported by MARC

Mt. Horeb
Kurt's Kluckin' Koop
Wanna Do Herbs

Contact Lisa
 608-437-5998

RES
Mr. Treats
Mrs. Bow Wowz
Sassy D's Jewelry

Contact Kristen
 608-223-9100 Ext.29



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for music at our event.

EMPLOYEE ANNIVERSARIES


| EMPLOYEE | PROGRAM | YEARS | EMPLOYEE | PROGRAM | YEARS |
|------------------|-----------|-------|---------------------|-----------|-------|
| Traci Hughes | East | 35 | Bobbi Cramer | East | 6 |
| Karen Gussert | RES | 34 | Michael Helstad | RES | 6 |
| Vicki Showers | East | 33 | Ayawa Kiniglo | West | 6 |
| Josefina Ramirez | East | 28 | Amy Hausen | Stoughton | 6 |
| Tanya Neumann | Mt Horeb | 28 | LaWanda Allen | South | 5 |
| Brian Cleven | East | 26 | Gerald Warren | RES | 5 |
| Suzanne Hanson | Admin | 26 | Karen Paynter | Mt Horeb | 5 |
| Scott Thompson | Mt Horeb | 24 | Stanley Woznick III | East | 5 |
| Laura Johnson | Stoughton | 24 | Robyn DeVries | West | 5 |
| Kim Watrud | Mt Horeb | 20 | Amanda Stricklin | East | 4 |
| Jeanayivi Messan | West | 19 | Christine Brown | Stoughton | 4 |
| Lynsey Sultze | East | 16 | Lisa Karcz | Mt Horeb | 4 |
| Chastity Young | RES | 16 | Penny Foster | Sauk | 3 |
| Carol Glass | Stoughton | 14 | James Cullen | West | 2 |
| Craig Cimino | West | 11 | Rose M Starr | Mt Horeb | 1 |
| Stephanie Gulvik | Admin | 11 | Jahmeka Furlow | RES | 1 |
| Karen Hansen | Admin | 10 | Toni Killerlain | Stoughton | 1 |
| Sophia Lassey | West | 10 | Lindsey Moe | Stoughton | 1 |
| Courtney Johnson | Admin | 10 | Jenna Mckee | East | 1 |
| Lynn Stegmann | South | 10 | Michelle Foutch | West | 1 |
| Joan Hopwood | East | 7 | Nicole Harper | Sauk | 1 |
| Mary Gunderson | Stoughton | 7 | Samantha Meier | West | 1 |
| Valerie Seefeldt | Stoughton | 7 | Abbigail Topper | Mt Horeb | 1 |
| Tracy Luchsinger | Sauk | 7 | Karen Cullen | West | 1 |

WELCOME NEW EMPLOYEES

| EMPLOYEE | PROGRAM | DATE |
|------------------|-----------|------------|
| Lauryn Rieder | Mt Horeb | 02/13/2023 |
| Tammy Bryan | East | 02/16/2023 |
| Melody Link | Sauk | 03/01/2023 |
| Melissah Foreman | Admin | 03/01/2023 |
| Brittany Tollin | Stoughton | 03/13/2023 |
| Tammy Gilson | Mt Horeb | 03/16/2023 |
| Tara Cork | RES | 03/21/2023 |
| Cynthia Ties | West | 04/17/2023 |
| Angela Kiesling | Stoughton | 05/01/2023 |
| Emily Straubhaar | Admin | 05/10/2023 |
| Emily Niesen | East | 05/16/2023 |
| Linda Smith | South | 05/16/2023 |





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