



THE STELLAR GAZETTE

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Christmas Wishes

AMY STROMBERG - HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

Season's greetings to you and your family! However you choose to celebrate this festive season, I hope that it is the best one yet. I wish you peace, happiness, and success in the year to come!

Giving Trees

ONCE AGAIN THIS HOLIDAY SEASON, WE ARE HAVING TWO GIVING TREES:

THE FIRST TREE IS FOR STAFF WHO WOULD LIKE TO ANONYMOUSLY PURCHASE A GIFT FOR A CLIENT; YOU CAN SELECT AN ORNAMENT WITH THE INDIVIDUAL'S NAME FROM THE TREE AND PURCHASE A \$10.00 GIFT. IN DOING SO, OUR INDIVIDUALS WILL HAVE SOMETHING A LITTLE EXTRA UNDER THE TREE THIS YEAR! PLEASE HAVE THE GIFT WRAPPED AND TURNED IN BY FRIDAY, DECEMBER 19TH.

THE SECOND TREE SUPPORTS SUPERNOVA'S RECREATIONAL ACTIVITIES FOR OUR INDIVIDUALS; YOU CAN PURCHASE AND WRITE YOUR NAME ON A STAR FOR \$1.00 AND IT WILL BE DISPLAYED ON THE TREE! EACH \$1.00 WILL BE INVESTED INTO THE INDIVIDUAL'S ACTIVITY AND RECREATIONAL FUND; PLEASE SEE **MICHELE GRANDE**, OR **BRITTNI HODINKO** TO PURCHASE A STAR! THE TREES ARE LOCATED AT OUR SUPERNOVA OFFICE ON THE SECOND FLOOR.





CHRISTMAS

Float Decorating

DECEMBER
9 FROM 10A-2P

Supernova is walking in this year's Christmas Parade! Join us on December 9th to decorate our float and enjoy creamy delicious hot chocolate!



FEATURING HOT COCOA AND COFFEE
FROM EARLY BIRD COFFEE TRUCK

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Happy Anniversary to our Supernova Employees!

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SHINE BRIGHT WITH US!

CHERISSA ANDERSON

NOV. 1ST, 2019

MALAYA THOMAS

NOV. 7TH, 2024

CHAVOY LOFTERS

NOV. 13TH, 2023

STEVE OAKLEY

NOV. 19TH, 2024

BRENDA JOHNSON

NOV. 30TH, 2022



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Growth and Opportunity

CHAD TAYLOR - PROGRAM COORDINATOR

One of our newest employment sites, and possibly one of our biggest sites to date, North Strabane Township has been a fantastic opportunity for our individuals and employment specialists to go out into their communities and make a difference in creating a great working relationship with the township and it's growth. Currently, our individuals go out weekly to do detailed janitorial work throughout six of the township offices. They go out to the brand new public safety building on Route 19 that opened just earlier this year. They also clean both the public works and park offices located in 84, along with the new Township building located right outside N. Strabane Park.

Lastly, two fire stations (located in 84, and the other on Johnson Rd near Hollywood Casino). This opportunity for our individuals to be around first responders that they see in their communities are one of the many reasons that when this opportunity came, we said yes immediately. There will also be more opportunities in the spring and summer, once the weather breaks, for our individuals to go out and try out other jobs, and to gather more skills to be able to get out and be a part of this wonderful community.



Supernova Christmas Memories

Our amazing Program Managers were asked to share their favorite Supernova Christmas memories; here is what they had to say:

Meranda Patterson-Lycett – Making the Gingerbread houses at last year's Christmas party.

Kaela Coffield – Last year's Office/Manager party; I won the Amazon gift card for "Ugliest Christmas Sweater/Outfit!"

Shannon Miller – My favorite Christmas memory would be when Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus came into the room and saw the pure joy on the individuals faces. Also, reading the Christmas lists/ letters for Santa from my individuals.

Cherissa Anderson – My favorite Christmas memory...it's so hard to choose just one at Supernova! I've loved seeing the girls wake up looking for their elves, enjoyed playing in the snow or getting our jolly on at multiple Christmas dances we attended. The tree we put up with everyone's name to give the staff an opportunity to get them a present if they choose; Every ornament was chosen! The picture Roxanne made for me that she wrapped herself, or the gingerbread house competition we had! Honestly every year is a blessing to be surrounded by what I consider family.

Theresa Hickle - My favorite Christmas memory is my first year working at Supernova and watching how excited Jimmy was when he got his presents; He loves gifts!



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Shining a Light on D.H.

1.) What is the best Christmas gift you have ever received?

A pair of steel-toed cowboy boots!

2.) Which character from a holiday movie do you relate to most and why?

Ginger Billy – he is on YouTube and he looks like me; He does a lot of goofy stuff!

3.) What goal would you like to accomplish in the New Year?

To learn how to read

4.) What is your favorite video game?

Grand Theft Auto 5



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Residential Updates

BRITTNI HODINKO - DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

This month has been filled with celebration, accomplishment, and gratitude. We were excited to come together for M.W.'s birthday, enjoying delicious food and a truly yummy cake that brought plenty of smiles to the day. Moments like these remind us how special our community is.

We also want to give a big shout-out to R.S., who participated in a Special Olympics bowling event. Although she did not take home a win this time, she had an amazing experience, and we are all so proud of her courage, dedication, and positive spirit; Her participation is a wonderful reminder of the importance of showing up, trying our best, and celebrating every milestone.

As we head into the holiday season, we want to wish everyone a safe and happy Thanksgiving. This time of year always brings reflection, and we are truly thankful for all of our wonderful staff. Your hard work, compassion, and commitment make all the difference, and we appreciate everything you do.

Wishing you all warmth, rest, and joy this Thanksgiving!



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Holiday Cheer at Supernova!

HEATHER MILLER - DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

Santa's elves have arrived at Supernova, bringing festive joy and a touch of holiday magic! Their adorable smiling faces are sure to brighten the day and spread cheer throughout the office.

Stop by Heather's Workshop (Office) to pick up a special craft lovingly prepared by the elves!

Wishing everyone a merry and bright holiday season from all of us at Supernova!



CHRISTMAS

WORD SEARCH

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CANDY CANE
ELF
GIFT
HOLLY
SANTA
STAR
TREE



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Cooking Corner



MELISSA HITCHMAN - ASSISTANT RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR

MICHELE GRANDE - PROGRAM SPECIALIST/RECREATIONAL THERAPIST

Our Cooking Corner baked a creamy and cheesy Potato Leek Soup to warm us up for the holiday season! This class was led by Melissa Hitchman and Michele Grande who helped to create this savory soup, and now you can enjoy it too!

Ingredients/Seasonings:

6-8 gold potatoes

1 leek stalk

Bay leaves

Fresh thyme

Chicken broth - 2 boxes

Cheddar cheese

Heavy cream

Bacon

Instructions:

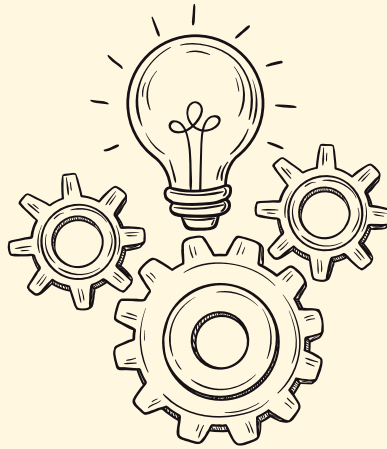
1. Peel, chop and place potatoes in large pot.
2. Chop and wash leeks, add to pot – add in 2 bay leaves and fresh thyme
3. Cover ingredients with chicken stock and bring to a boil.
4. Remove most of the potatoes, leaving some chunks and blend until smooth – remember to find and remove the bay leaves
5. Add desired amount of heavy cream and stir
6. Add cheddar cheese and mix until melted
7. Serve, top with bacon and enjoy!



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A reminder to all staff to please keep monitoring your Relias accounts for upcoming due dates to ensure that we are in compliance with the 6400 Regulations, for we must acquire 24 hours of training each year. Thank you all for being amazing as always!



Want your ideas featured in the Supernova Newsletter?

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