

# THE STELLAR GAZETTE

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## A Year in Review

BRITTNi HODiNKO - DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

As we reflect on this past year at Supernova Services, one word rises above all others: gratitude. Gratitude for our dedicated staff, our thriving individuals, our supportive families, and the community partnerships that continue to strengthen the work we do every day.

The year concluded with a season of joy and reflection. Our holiday celebrations—from the Giving Tree and purchased stars to “Santa’s Workshop” upstairs—were powerful reminders of the heart behind Supernova. Watching our team come together to create meaningful moments for the individuals we support was deeply moving and reaffirmed why this work matters so much. Our clients are thriving, and that success is a direct reflection of the compassion, commitment, and professionalism of our staff.

Throughout the year, our individuals continued to grow, achieve, and shine. We celebrated participation and success in Special Olympics, including bowling, cheer, and long-distance running competitions, with trips to York, Villanova, and beyond. We cheered on achievements both big and small—whether earning medals, making teams, or bravely stepping outside comfort zones. We were equally proud to celebrate community involvement, including volunteering with Meals on Wheels, fitness classes at local wellness centers, and new employment opportunities such as R.S.’s hiring at Shop ‘n Save.



# A Year in Review (contd.)

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Milestones were not limited to athletics and employment. Birthdays, social mixers, paint-and-sip celebrations, fashion shows, pool parties, and seasonal events created countless opportunities for connection, joy, and shared experiences. These moments—filled with laughter, creativity, and belonging—are the heartbeat of Supernova.

This year also marked important growth and progress within our organization. We celebrated leadership development and internal promotions, including the promotion of Meranda Lycett and Kaela Coffield to Program Manager. We were proud to welcome new team members and support future leaders through our Manager in Training Program. These changes reflect our commitment to investing in our staff and building strong, sustainable leadership from within.

Supernova also expanded and strengthened the services we provide. The Leadership Team successfully completed the Performance-Based Contracting submission, allowing us to closely examine our programs and reaffirm our commitment to high-quality, person-centered services. Additionally, we expanded our Behavior Supports by offering Sensory Assessments using the Pearson Adolescent/Adult Sensory Profile, empowering individuals and families with deeper insight and support. We are especially thankful to Sam Okel for becoming trained and fluent in providing these assessments.

This year also marked an important expansion of Supernova's services with the addition of Employment Services; Launching this program allowed us to further support individuals in building skills, exploring career interests, and achieving meaningful employment within the community. Seeing individuals take steps toward greater independence and workplace success has been one of the most rewarding highlights of the year.



# A Year in Review (contd.)

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Community connection remained a cornerstone of our work. We hosted successful events such as the Employment and Residential Client Mixer, participated in the Washington County BHDS Employment Fair, and proudly returned for our fourth year at Texas Roadhouse's Trunk-or-Treat. We also opened our doors to the community through our first Open House, creating opportunities for families, support coordinators, and partner agencies to learn more about the full range of Supernova services.

Finally, we took time to honor the people who make everything possible—our Direct Support Professionals. DSP Appreciation Week was a highlight of the year, and it was a privilege to celebrate such a dedicated, compassionate, and hardworking team. Your commitment does not go unnoticed, and Supernova would not be what it is without you.

As we move into the new year, we do so with excitement, pride, and optimism. This past year was filled with growth, resilience, celebration, and meaningful impact. Thank you to every staff member, individual, family, and community partner who made it possible. Here's to building on this momentum and making the coming year our best one yet.





# Happy Anniversary to our Supernova Employees!

THANK YOU FOR CONTINUING TO SHINE BRIGHT WITH US!

MEGHAN HALL

DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

STEPHANIE MADRID

DEC. 9<sup>TH</sup>, 2024

JOYCE AMOS

DEC. 13<sup>TH</sup>, 2021

CASEY BYERLY

DEC. 19<sup>TH</sup>, 2023

SEVERANCE MEGYESY

DEC. 23<sup>RD</sup>, 2019

ROYLEEN WILLIAMS

DEC. 29<sup>TH</sup>, 2021



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# Meet Our New Supernova Staff!



**Adrianna Williams**

DSP

**1.) What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I like to read books.

**2.) What is your favorite movie?**

This Christmas

**3.) If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be?**

Walt Disney World in Paris!



**Theresa Sedor**

DSP

**1.) What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I like to listen to worship music.

**2.) What is your favorite movie?**

The Goonies

**3.) If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be?**

Jerusalem!



**Danica Isenberg**

DSP

**1.) What do you like to do in your spare time?**

I love being with my kids; they are my world!

**2.) What is your favorite movie?**

The Grinch

**3.) If you could visit any place in the world, where would it be?**

Australia!

**WE ARE HIRING FULL/PART-TIME DSP'S \$18.50  
HOURLY. REFER FAMILY/FRIENDS FOR A ONE-TIME  
REFERRAL BONUS OF \$100 \*NEW STAFF MUST WORK  
3 MONTHS IN ORDER TO RECEIVE BONUS\***



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# Happy New Year!



AMY STROMBERG - HUMAN RESOURCES DIRECTOR

January is the month of new beginnings—a time to reflect on the past year and set intentions for the months ahead. Whether you're looking for motivation, reflection, or just a little winter inspiration, January is the perfect opportunity to embrace a fresh perspective; It is also the month to take time to recharge, refocus and set new goals!

## Shining a Light on C.L.

### 1.) What are you enjoying the most at your new home?

I like it, it's nice. I like my bedroom and it is decorated with cats!

### 2.) What is your favorite water activity and why?

Knee boarding on my family boat. We have a Master Craft boat!

### 3.) What is your favorite holiday and why?

Christmas because I get presents!

### 4.) What is your favorite animal?

I love cats because they are fuzzy. I have 2 cats named Lilly and Marina.



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# Reflections

HEATHER MILLER - DIRECTOR OF BEHAVIOR SUPPORTS

As we begin a new year, our department would like to take a moment to reflect on the past year and look ahead with intention. The past year brought growth, learning, and change. Through collaboration and commitment, we continued to move forward and support one another in meaningful ways. As we look ahead, the new year brings opportunities to strengthen our work, build on what we've learned, and continue growing as a team.

**New Year's Fun: Reflect on "Your vision for 2026"**

**In 2026, I hope to feel:**\_\_\_\_\_

**One thing I want to learn or try:**\_\_\_\_\_

**One goal I'm proud to work toward:**\_\_\_\_\_

**One word that describes my 2026:**\_\_\_\_\_



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# Washington's Christmas Parade

BRITTN HODINKO - DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMMING

Holiday cheer was truly in the air as Supernova Services proudly participated for the first time in the Washington Christmas Parade! It was a magical evening filled with joy, laughter, and community spirit. We could not have done it without our incredible individuals and dedicated staff who helped make the night so special.

After the parade, we were thrilled to host a cozy hot chocolate bar at Julian's Banquet Hall to warm up and continue the celebration. Thank you to everyone who played a role in making this such a memorable evening—we all had a wonderful time!



# Christmas Party at SNPJ

CHAD TAYLOR - PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Everyone had an amazing time at our bowling Christmas party at the SNPJ; here are some of the memories we captured!



# Christmas Party (contd.)





# Client Christmas Party

**MICHELE GRANDE - PROGRAM**

**SPECIALIST/RECREATIONAL THERAPIST**

Our annual Client Christmas Party was filled with tradition, laughter, and holiday cheer. We continued our favorite traditions of enjoying Chinese food and welcoming a special visit from Santa, while adding festive fun with bingo games and decorating Santa hats. This year's celebration was even more special as we welcomed our clients from employment, making it our biggest gathering yet. There is truly nothing better than watching friendships form and bonds grow. Christmas brings out the best in so many people, and we loved witnessing the magic of the season together.



# Client Christmas Party (contd.)



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# Cooking Corner

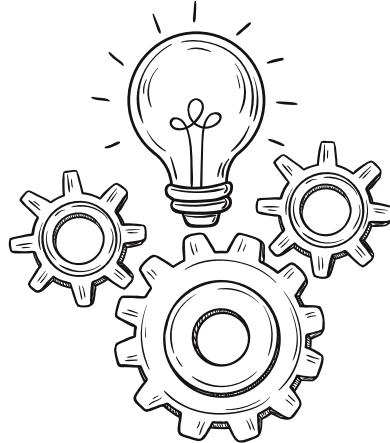
**MELISSA HITCHMAN - ASSISTANT RESIDENTIAL DIRECTOR**  
**MICHELE GRANDE - PROGRAM SPECIALIST/RECREATIONAL**  
**THERAPIST**

Our clients got into the holiday spirit by baking and decorating sugar cookies together. From colorful icing to festive sprinkles, the cooking corner was filled with creativity, laughter, and plenty of holiday cheer.





**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!**



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